**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**29 - 06 – 21**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, D. Hull, G. Walker, S. Lee, P. Vaughan, S-A Hunter, L. Mitchell, , Cllr. L. Young and 5 members of the public
2. **Apologies** – I. Whyte, H. Turnbull, B. Walker, C. Waddell, Cllrs. G. Hutcheson, N. Work
3. D. Buchananwelcomed all and especially the members of the public who had joined
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed by S.-A. Hunter and Seconded by G. Walker
5. **Matters Arising –**

* Community Garden – the problem mentioned at the previous meeting of KCC has been successfully resolved – **CEC** will install new fencing as far as the boundary; residents are pleased with the resolution; D. Black has taken over as Co-ordinator of the Garden and the newly formed Kirkliston Conservation Group has indicated its willingness to assist in the new year
* Planning – no action yet re Crown Grove Garage signage; **Cllr. L. Young** will follow this up; the parking issue is now resolved

1. **Police Report – which see**
2. **K.P.S.A. –**

* The Covid issue at the school has been resolved and was not as bad as first feared; it did, however, have a huge impact initially – NHS rules state that the whole class has to isolate, but through NHS Protect it was accepted that only a handful of pupils need do so. **Cllr. L. Young** will write to A. Cole-Hamilton regarding the issue

1. **Friends of Pikes Pool -**

* Path from **Masson Close** into the Park has now been repaired by Edinburgh Council/P1 solutions (at no cost to FPPP) with the addition of drainage under and alongside the path to reduce water damage.
* On 21st June held on-site meeting with Standard Life Aberdeen and Edinburgh Council Park Rangers to discuss plans. Agreed the following:
* Standard Life Aberdeen will work directly with the park rangers to set up two initial volunteering days for SLA staff. These will take place on weekdays and follow their H&S guidelines.
* SLA will promote existing volunteer days to their staff. These are as per last month’s report: Saturday 15th August for a clear up and Saturday 30th October (day before Halloween) for a clear up and pumpkin party and competition. Both events will be from 1-3pm
* With the funding from SLA progress the orchard with planting of around 30 native/heritage trees in the Autumn this year.
* Engage the nursery and primary schools and potentially other groups for discussion, with a project supported by Edinburgh Council, to build wildlife habit – owl and bat boxes.
* Purchase annual public liability funding.
* It was agreed that it would be a good idea to set up a fundraising page on myparkscotland outlining the orchard project and how it will be used for years to come and will add an additional type of habitat for wildlife. **SLA** felt their staff who volunteered would be likely to help raise funds as well and that the aim is to match funding the amount SLA is giving which could allow for a total of around £2,500 by November 2021.
* Discussion took place re the paths needing either construction or repair and agreed that **Edinburgh Council Rangers** would obtain quotes/estimates for the work which would enable us, the Friends Group, with help from SLA, to apply for funding.
* Dates for FPPP next committee meetings: Tues 6th July at 6.30pm; Tues 7th September at 6.30pm
* **Kirkliston Conservation Group** would be pleased to meet with FPPP to see if and how they could work together

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* **Hub** – It will be the start of August before anything is known about the success or otherwise of the Planning Permission application
* Eighteen applications have been sent off regarding road drainage problems; KCC will write in support of these works
* Grass cutters are now at work in Gateside

1. **Edinburgh Airport Advisory Committee –**

* D. Hull advised that the information he recently sent out is well worth the read
* There is an increase in flight traffic

1. **Secretary’s Report – which see**

* Bus Gate – 98 vehicles in the recent period at a cost of £2940; since 23rd Sep. 2013 – 18239 vehicles at a cost of £547170
* N. Davidson has asked for a map of all double yellow lines in the village – **Almondhilll Road** has been measured and **Newmains Road** is also on the list; nothing back yet re the school entrance
* **Cllr. L. Young** to enquire about the railings being finished on Queensferry Road
* N. Davidson sent the Community Council’s objection to the new Foxhall development; others have agreed to do likewise
* Footpaths leading from the village will be investigated by CEC as part of the Action Plan work – **N. Davidson** will then be contacted
* Grass near the entrance to **Almondhill Road** has now been cut and will be added to CEC Works’ Rota; mention had been made of removing the fence surrounding this, but KCC felt there would be a Health and Safety risk if this was done
* **N. Davidson** received a reply re the Tour do Forth event stating that there was nothing CEC could do as it is “in effect, cyclists riding on open roads, which they have every right to do.” **N. Davidson, D. Buchanan and S.-A. Hunter** will compose a letter to be sent higher up the chain, and will include the charity concerned and the Police

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* Developers’ Account - £15897
* Treasurer’s Account - £490 – Scotways has been paid

1. **Councillors’ Report –**

* Items discussed have covered Cllr. L. Young’s Report
* It was noted that it is disappointing that **Cllrs. G. Hutcheson** and **N. Work** are not coming to the meetings of KCC

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* **D. Buchanan** has attended two Almond Neighbourhood Network meetings
* An Officer from the Cof E Council S**ean. Gilchrist,** has been appointed to be the lead for the work on the Stirling Road; this has to be registered as major roadworks and will not happen until the October break; **D. Buchanan** has asked for the final plan
* The street lighting project on Bowling Green Lane is still an ongoing project, with an estimated cost of £15000

1. **Planning – which see**

* **S. Lee** will make comment about a license for the shop in Liston Road; **KCC** does object to this license

1. **Christmas in Kirkliston –**

* The Committee had submitted a request for funding from the KCC. It was proposed they receive £2500 from the Developers’ Fund to help with lighting this Christmas in 2021 **N. Davidson** proposed and. **D Buchanan** seconded; it was unanimously agreed by all the members present of the KCC

1. **A.O.C.B. –**

* **Gateside Community Garden** – there is no start date at present
* P. Vaughan is dealing with the Link Housing Association regarding the mess around some of the doors in Gateside
* **Kirkliston Conservation Group –** this newly formed group are looking for some funding and **A. Waghray**, who leads it, was advised to write to **KCC** explaining exactly what they are looking for; the group would be interested in becoming a local Interest Group affiliated to **KCC,** however, because of the number of groups permitted, clarification needs to be sought firstly from the **Scouts** as to whether they wish to be represented.

1. **Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 31st August via Zoom at 7.00pm**