**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**30 - 03 – 21**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, D. Hull, G. Walker, B. Walker, S. Lee, P. Vaughan, I. Whyte, L. Mitchell, S.-A. Hunter, C. Waddell, Cllr. K. Lang and 3 members of the public
2. **Apologies** – Cllrs. G. Hutcheson, N. Work and L. Young
3. D. Buchananwelcomed all and especially the members of the public who joined us
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed by P. Vaughan and Seconded by D. Hull
5. **Matters Arising** – None
6. **Police Report – which see**

* N. Davidsonhas requested an update on the accident which occurred on Station Road when a mini hit the railings; I. Whyte was informed there would be a traffic survey taking place on Station Road in the Spring
* The Chair of E.A.C.C. is communicating with the Chief Superintendent about the inadequacy of the Police Reports now being presented to Community Councils; if he receives no satisfaction, he will escalate the enquiry to the Chief Constable
* Complaints were made about H.G.V.’s using Burnshot Road and, also, complaints about farm vehicles and the speed they are doing through the village; **N. Davidson** will raise the Council’s concerns about the above with the Police and with the Road Safety team.

1. **K.P.S.A. –**

* All pupils have returned with staggered start and finish times
* One class had to be sent home due to Covid issues
* Two P7 classes will go on to the High School this year
* There will be a virtual Easter Egg Hunt around the village; members of KCC offered to assist with advertising the event

1. **Friends of Pike’s Pool –**

* A successful AGM by zoom was held in December 2020 joined by members of the public including Maya Hidajat who is also attending the KCC meeting. (AGM Meeting notes attached).
* The Park continues to be well loved and well used by the community and has been a lifeline for many during lockdown and a space for exploring nature for all including nursery and primary school groups.
* It had been hoped, as a Friends Group, to be able to run an official clear up/community event this Spring but it has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions and the Group will tentatively plan for early Autumn.
* Planned repair works on path from Masson Close into Park by P1 Solutions/Edinburgh Council, planned for Jan 2021, did not go ahead due to weather and COVID-19 restrictions. There will be an update for the next meeting
* Attending the Edinburgh Green Spaces Forumwhen possible.
* Kirkliston has been chosen as one of four Edinburgh Park Friends Groups to be part of a Standard Life Aberdeen pilot scheme, which includes funding (£1,200),volunteer support and mentors to help with communications and fundraising. The first meeting was held last week with the two mentors. The pilot scheme has a focus on a “biodiversity project” in the Parks and it is something to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.
* Swans are nesting again on the Pond.
* G. Walker thanked for all her sharing of the Friends’ Facebook posts – there has been a marked increase in engagement across the village because of it.
* At the AGM the Group’s focus was prioritised in the light of COVID-19 (see AGM minutes for more detail):
* Maintenance (Park and paths needs some TLC from use)
* Community Engagement
* Community Events
* Engagement across three owners
* Funding
* Orchard
* Next FPPP Committee meeting is 29th April 2021. At this Committee meeting discussions will be around the “biodiversity project” priority of Standard LifeAberdeen, along with planning for a legacy project/initiative recognising how much the community has appreciated the Park during the pandemic.
* **D. Buchanan** to enquire about supplying crocuses via Rotary for the Park

1. **G.T.R.A.-**

* Thanks expressed to Cllr. K. Lang for his help on getting the poor road conditions in the estate brought to the attention of CEC; all are to be repaired within the next two years and will be passed to the Roads Team for maintenance
* Solar panelsare being installed and, should any private home-owners wish to have them, they can buy into the project for a small fee
* Hub – in order to finally get finished, Water Plushas demanded sight of Planning Permission; this was not originally required and now has to be applied for in retrospect; D. Delargy of CECis assisting with this; it is considered it should be a straightforward application and there should not be any problem; however, if there were to be a refusal there is an Appeals system. If the worst came to the worst, the Hub would have to be removed within thirty days of the refusal. The four City of Edinburgh Councillors and Kirkliston Community Council will support the Planning request

1. **Edinburgh Airport** – no Report as there has not been a meeting
2. **Secretary’s Report – which see**

* Bus Gate figures. From 23/9/13 -22/03/21, 17891 Vehicles £536,730. From 15/02/21-22/03/21, 163 Vehicles £4,890.
* **N. Davidson** to contact the Transport Dept. about the Bus Lane on the A89
* The barrier at the new crossing is with the blacksmith at British Road Services and awaiting a date to install.
* There is still a major problem with receiving replies from C.E.C.
* The Environmental Report was received whilst KCC was meeting and N. Davidson has circulated it

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* Community Council Acc. £813.46
* Builders Acc. £15897
* KCC approved a request to renew the Insurance from 1st May at a cost of £140.00
* The accounts have been approved and submitted

1. **Regional Transport Strategy –**

* This is being developed and Community Councils have been asked for their input
* **N. Davidson** to ask H. Turnbull if he would be willing to lead this on KCC’s behalf
* It was decided a Zoom meeting could be set up by **C. Waddell** and would include **S-A Hunter H. Turnbull,** and **D.Buchanan** to look at various issues e.g. Safe Routes to School, more people working from home, rail services, cycle paths

1. **Councillors’ Reports** –

* One was received from Cllr. G. Hutcheson –
* Attendance at Council meetings
* Flood prevention works should take place at Breastmill by the end of the month
* Surgeries have been postponed

1. **South Queensferry High School –**

* There will probably be a need for another High School in North West Edinburgh in four to five years’ time due to large numbers of additional pupils as a result of new housing developments within the South Queensferry area
* **D. Buchanan** to invite C. McGhieof theEducation Departmentto a meeting in April or May to inform KCC of the issues involved

1. **Almond Group Discussions with CEC –**

* There is a need for clearer communication paths
* P. Lawrenceis consulting with senior colleagues and taking matters raised onboard which embrace all the Community Councils within the City of Edinburgh
* It was pointed out to CEC that it must be held accountable to the communities it serves

1. **2030 Development Plan –**

* The above will be published September/October 2021
* CEC has been told to revisit brownfield sites

1. **Stirling Road –**

* The Officer to be responsible for developing the site has still not been identified. Wednesday 31st March is the closing date for this to happen. Should there be nothing then, **D. Buchanan** will be in touch with D. Wilson and P. Lawrence

seeking clarification on a starting date

1. **Planning – which see**
2. **A.O.C.B. –**

* S. Lee informed KCC that the website provided contract ends in May; **S. Lee** will look at alternatives
* **C. Waddell** will look into G. Crow’scompany offer of support/funding to the Primary school, as he has heard nothing back
* A message will accompany the log-in information that nobody should record a meeting, although KCC retains the right to do so when necessary.
* Cllr. G. Hutcheson requested the use of Microsoft Teams rather than Zoom for our meetings; **N. Davidson** to contact him

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 27th April; 7.00pm via Zoom**