**Kirkliston Community Council**

**28 - 05 - 24**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, G. Crow, A. Hancock, A. Rothney, R. Bentley, Cllr. L. Younie and five members of the public
2. **Edinburgh Airport Representative –** Aaron McKeen, Sustainability Manager

1. **Apologies –** J. Richardson, S-A. Hunter, Police, A. McKay, P. Vaughan, Cllrs. K. Lang, L Young and N. Work
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Noted with the amendment that Apologies from S. Lee were not put forward in the February Minutes, nor the March ones
3. **Matters Arising – None**
4. **Police Report –**
* Hand-held speed radar has been utilised, especially targeting the problem areas in the village; school is a priority addressing the issue of road safety
* A.S.B./Youth Disorder – abusive youths at the Leisure Centre; potential cannabis smoking at Stillhouse Loan; youths on the roof of the primary school
* Vandalism – graffiti on rear wall of Leisure Centre
1. **G.T.R.A. - No Report**
* **P. Vaughan** **and D. Buchanan** to walk around the village with C.E.C. representatives
1. **Scouts – No Report**
* Preparations ongoing for the Gala; 40 children and 9 adults will be walking
* Over 80 on waiting list
* **Leaders needed**
1. **KCCV –**
* Fridge consistently saving over 1000kg of food going to waste each month with 250 – 300 visits; work to build the new space for the Fridge has started – this will make it more accessible
* Community Garden – no update
* Planters/Barrels/Railing Planters – all planted
* Litter Pick – 2nd June; 10.00 – 12.00
* Promotion of KCCV, the Community Garden and the Fridge at the Conifox Gala Event
* Guides sowing wildflower bed on Stirling Road on 2nd June
* Flower Bed on Queensferry Road – a lot of hard work but it is hoped to be planted soon
1. **K.P.S.A. – No Report**
2. **Edinburgh Airport –**
* **A. Rothney** attended a meeting on 6th May
* Noise Levels – A. Rothney waiting to hear about Fixed Noise Monitors in Kirkliston
1. **Kirkliston Heritage Society –**
* Opened an interest-paying Society Savings Account
* **History Book** - count to take place
* **Cookery Book** – looking to Festive period for release
* Application to Edinburgh 900 Community Fund for £5000 towards Art signage and a possible Street Fair unveiling – flexible with date
* **Edinburgh 900 Community Fund** – received links to Kirkliston Heritage Blog and the story of the First Scottish Parliament
* Application to CEC has been completed for signage dependent on validation from Historic Scotland with regard to supporting the Tourist Sign Route; small installation charge may be requested
* Local history walk for the Scouts helping them towards their History Badge
* Society to attend the Isobel Award at Carlowrie on 30th May
* **Making enquiries to 121 George Street about the development of the Church building**
* **D. Buchanan** to forward the e-mail contact of the Principal of St. Andrews University
1. **Secretary’s Report –**
* Bus Gate – 23rd Sept. 2013 to 28th April 2024 – 21986 vehicles - £659580; 1st April 2024 to 28th April 2024 – 40 vehicles - £1200
* **Caithness Slabs** – being laid at present
* Written to CEC Project in connection with the Lochend Road pavement buried under vegetation – waiting for an answer
* Railings on Stirling Road – there has been a site visit and signs may be put in place; however, it is felt this is not good enough; it does not adhere to the Jacobs Safety Consultants Report of 2010; a copy of that report to be sent to Cllr. L. Younie; **K.C.C.** to present a strong front on this issue as safety is paramount; D. Sinclair and the Executive of CEC will be contacted – **D. Buchanan and N. Davidson**
* It was felt there was a problem with vegetation on the footpath on **Stirling Road** if the **railings** were to go ahead as it is very narrow; this would need to be seen to
1. **Treasurer’s Report –**
* A. Rothney has now taken over as Treasurer; **D. Buchanan** to inform C.EC.
* Development Fund - £10535
* K.C.C. Account - £413.40
* K.C.C. insurance due to be paid - £140
* Gala Committee to be paid £25 for announcement in Gala Programme
* **Cllr. L. Younie** to let A. Rothney know of a contact at C.E.C. re advice for asking for funds for specific items
1. **Cllr’s Report –**
* Reminder of getting a postal or proxy vote for the forthcoming Election if going to be away; I.D. required at Polling Stations
* **Cllr. L. Younie** now on the **Children’s, Families and Education Committee;** there is a meeting to decide on urgent issues to push through before the **Election**; the **High School** should be one of these issues
* **High School** – the cost of purchase, infrastructure and building all need to be taken into account; four options should be available – the use of Leisure Centre land, landowner willing to release land, purchase of land by C.E.C. with no housing allowed and lastly, a landowner willing to lease with a right to purchase in the future.
* Council tenants advised to get in touch if there has been damage due to the torrential rainfalls; leaks at the Community Centre were reported by A. Rothney – **Cllr. L Younie** will get in touch with the relevant department
1. **Friends of Pikes Pool – No Report**
* **KCCV Committee** voted unanimously to accept the proposals of taking over the above group, so plans are progressing
1. **Chair’s Report –**
* **D. Buchanan** reported to **C.E.C**. a lack of notice on the Burnshot Road from the Kirkliston side and cars were, therefore, travelling along it only to have to turn back. **C.E.C**. has apologised
* **Almond Partnership Funding Panel – D. Buchanan**, who chairs this, hopes to see some applications from Kirkliston
* **D. Buchanan** to speak with **A. Field** at the above meeting re the Section 75 money
* **D. Buchanan** would welcome a mix of pupils at the new High School, and not simply **Kirkliston students**
1. **Edinburgh Airport Representative –**
* The Airport has been purchased by **Vinci** and it is seen as a positive move
* **Community Fund** has reopened
* **Runway upgrade** will be happening over the next few months
* There will be a **Community Council Day** at the Airport
* Noise Action Plan available at the end of the year
1. **K.C.C. Recruitment –**
* No date as yet for Community Council Elections
* **Ten Elected Members** are allowed and at the end of **June** there will only be **four;** a suggestion was made that remits could be drawn up so that people knew what to expect
* There is a need to publicise what is done by **K.C.C**. to attract interest; **K.C.C.** needs to market itself
* Newsletter would help; **R. Bentley** is happy to take this on as this is his background; he had already sent ideas and samples; this would take too long to discuss at a normal meeting, so it was thought the meeting in August could commence at 6.00pm and at 7.00pm move on to the normal business
1. **A.O.C.B. –**
* **Children’s Playground in Allison Park** is a disgrace and needs to be completely renovated; **D. Buchanan** will raise the issue at the **Almond Partnership**
1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25th June; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**