

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6, Springfield Grange 3rd March 2016

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC), Martin Crook (L&LBCC, TMG), Gill Fawcitt (LCDT), Roger Livermore (LCAG), Mike Vickers (MV), (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA), Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LCT, L& LBCC), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC, Black Bitch Mag)
2. **Apologies:** Chris Long (LCT, BB)
3. **Planning applications:** The following planning applications have been notified since the last PF meeting
 - a. LCDT Kettilstoun Mains - 0072/PAC/16 Notice of a Pre Application Consultation. Public consultation Low Port Centre 05-03-16 from 10:00 to 16:30.
 - b. Bridgend (Lochay Homes Ltd) - 0043/FUL/16 Erection of 32 houses with associated roads and landscaping. Land adjacent Willowdean, Bridgend. This is outside of our area but will impact Linlithgow Academy and potentially add to the parking problems of Linlithgow. Objection sent.
 - c. Westerlee 0023/FUL/16 Chris Long objection on website, Community Council objection is not on website but has been acknowledged.
 - d. Preston Farm 0896/ACT/15 Still no date for the public consultation.
 - e. Clarendon Farm - 0703/PAC/15 - A detailed planning application has not been received
 - f. Victoria Hall 0909/FUL/15 - Detailed planning applied for. No date for development management yet.
4. **L1 bus:** Brief discussion on the plans to reduce the L1 service. Ideas included a Community Transport venture run by Linlithgow Community Development Trust. Need for own facts and figures to enable a business plan. Research could be Leader funded (Liam McLachlan). Need for a separate Community Council group to be considered.
5. **Local Development Plan:** Following the failure to raise the issue of lack of consultation at West Lothian Council or Local Area Committee level it was decided to:
 - a. Investigate complaints procedures available to Community Councils in dispute with West Lothian Council. **Action JK**
 - b. Investigate procedures for pursuing a complaint of maladministration with the Local Authorities Ombudsman. **Action JK**

6. **Discussion with Chief Planner and Chief Architect:** It was decided to seek a meeting with the Scottish Government Chief Architect and Chief Planner suggesting dates of 11th, 21st, or 22nd March, Linlithgow (preferred) or Edinburgh, addressing the following:

- Consultation in the context of the local development plan process and the weight given to comments from Community Councils
- Linlithgow: Plan for the Future developed in part to inform our response to the proposed Local Development Plan consultation recognising that the period for responses was only 6 weeks.
- The local development plan is for a local authority administrative region. We have found difficulty in relating the generality of such a plan to a settlement. It would be useful to discuss whether community involvement would be improved if the local development plan were strategically directed by policy but founded on the settlement.
- It would be helpful to debate the place of the Charrette in the process and in this context discuss the funding available to communities to undertake a Charrette.

Action JK

7. **Whitburn Charrette:** MV has a hard copy of the Whitburn Charrette.

- a. MV to investigate means of distributing.
- b. GF has Market Towns report from which we may learn. GF to circulate.

Action MV

Action GF

8. **Vote of Thanks:** As this was GF's last Planning Forum the meeting wished to record its thanks for the hard work put in by Gill linking the Planning Forum with the LCDT. The meeting wished Gill and John every success and happiness in their new venture.

9. **Next Meeting:** To be arranged once the date of the meeting with the Chief Architect and Chief Planner is known..

John Kelly
5th March 2016