

## Linlithgow Planning Forum

### Minutes of the Meeting held at 6, Springfield Grange 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC), Mike Vickers (MV), (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA), , David Timperley (DGT) (of LCT), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC, Black Bitch Mag)
2. **Apologies:** Roger Livermore (LCAG), Chris Long (LCT, BB), Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LCT, L&LBCC)
3. **Matters arising: Perpetuation of Planning Permission.** Ron forwarded the following web references relating to the perpetuation of Planning permission.
  - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/8/section/27>
  - <http://www.gillespiemacandrew.co.uk/news-views/latest-news/2014/keeping-your-planning-permission/>
  - <http://www.practicalconveyancing.co.uk/content/view/7672/0/>

It was decided to seek guidance from Craig McCorriston on the West Lothian Council legal position.

**Action JK**

4. **Complaint to West Lothian Council:** It is necessary to exhaust the complaints procedure of West Lothian Council before approaching the ombudsman. It was agreed to write a short letter to the West Lothian Council's Chief Executive enclosing:
  - a. The 7 points of planning law / regulation that we believe have been contravened.
  - b. The table of responses to our Main Issues Report submission which were subsequently ignored.

**Action JK**

5. **Feedback from the meeting with the Chief Planner and Chief Architect:** The meeting was held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6 Springfield Grange. The notes of the meeting were circulated. After discussion it was decided that:
  - a. A charrette is only worthwhile/credible if the motivation for the exercise is sponsored by West Lothian Council. This appears unlikely in the short term. The Whitburn Charrette was referred to which is available at [http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/media/10774/Placemaking-In-Whitburn-Final-Report-8-December-2015/pdf/Placemaking In Whitburn Final Report 8 December 2015.pdf](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/media/10774/Placemaking-In-Whitburn-Final-Report-8-December-2015/pdf/Placemaking%20In%20Whitburn%20Final%20Report%208%20December%202015.pdf)  
We did consider that the Futures Document was a good start to a charrette.

- b. We should follow up the Place Standard Tool available at <http://www.placestandard.scot/#/home> and described by Ian Gilzean.

Specifically we should seek guidance from Ian Gilzean:

- i. Who has used this tool and is it possible to review the results
- ii. Whether it is possible to observe a place standard workshop in operation
- iii. Whether there is assistance available should we decide to run a place making workshop.

Other issues discussed included whether or not performance measures are in existence and whether we should consider alternative or additional headings for example learning/education and health/care.

**Action JK**

6. **Clarendon residents meeting:** Many of the issues raised at the meeting have been previously discussed. However, two points are worthy of exploring further:
- a. Can West Lothian Council reject the application on the basis that it has been submitted within two years of its previous refusal?
  - b. The Manse Road bridge specifically the lack of inter-visibility between traffic, the heritage value, the environmental issues and the safety of pedestrians specifically children. It was decided to e-mail Councillor Tait.

**Action JK**

7. **Victoria Halls:** Concern was expressed at the changes to the plans submitted to West Lothian Council for the Victoria Halls and the point at which these changes prompt a new planning application. It was decided to email Ranald Dods to seek clarification.

**Action JK**

8. **Next Meeting: 3.30pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8 Pilgrims Hill**

John Kelly  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2016