

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held at 6, Springfield Grange 23rd June 2016

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC), Mike Vickers (MV), (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA), David Timperley (DGT) (of LCT),
2. **Apologies:** Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LCT, L&LBCC), Fraser Falconer (LCDT)
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 5th May 2016:** The minutes were circulated as an email as follows: There were two primary outcomes from the meeting of 5th May.
 - a. To ask Martin Crook to send the letter of complaint to Graham Hope.
 - b. It was agreed that we would undertake a Place Matters exercise using an amended version of Mike's model. We are looking at 5 diagrams
 - i. The primary issues as described in the Main Issues Report with our issues from the Plan for the Future as a subset beneath. These to be scored on the basis of how we see the current situation.
 - ii. The Plan for the Future scored against the same issues
 - iii. The Community response scored based on the questionnaire results
 - iv. Using the same model (as a. above) score the proposed Local Development Plan
 - v. The Community view of the Local Development Plan – this will be blank unless we get the Community response data from West Lothian Council.
 - c. David Timperley volunteered to have first shot of this.
4. **Letter to Ombudsman:** Craig McCorrison replied to the letter of complaint to Graham Hope. The reply was circulated. It was agreed that the response was unsatisfactory and a decision was taken to pursue with a complaint to the ombudsman requesting a ruling on compliance highlighting the fact that there was no response to the seven points of divergences with statutory requirements and guidance. It was also suggested that Fiona Hyslop should be kept in the loop. It was agreed that the letter to the ombudsman would be circulated prior to it being sent.

Action JK
5. **Weekly Planning List:** There has been nothing in the weekly planning list requiring attention since the last forum meeting. DT asked whether we were given notice of those planning applications which were decided under delegated powers. It was confirmed that the list circulated by West Lothian Council did include such planning applications.
6. **Edinburgh airport flightpath consultation:** it was agreed to contact Fiona Hyslop's office to determine the action currently being taken across the constituency and specifically to involve Newton Community Council in any meeting with Edinburgh airport.

Action JK

7. **Place Matters:** following the discussion at the meeting of 5 May DGT presented a table of scores under headings derived from the main issues report. After some discussion it was decided that JK would consider the headings issue.

Action JK

8. **AOB:** MK voiced concern over the reduction in manpower at Low Port Centre.

John Kelly

Convenor

19 August 2016.