

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held at 8 Pilgrims Hill 18th August 2016

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC), David Timperley (DGT) (of LCT), Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LCT, L&LBCC), Roger Livermore (LCAG), Martin Crook (LLBCC, TMG)
2. **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (LCDT), Mike Vickers (MV), (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA),
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 23rd June 2016:** JK apologised for the non-circulation of minutes of the last meeting. All matters arising were covered by the agenda items.
4. **Letter to Ombudsman:** the letter to the Ombudsman was circulated for comment and subsequently dispatched unamended by MC.
5. **Weekly Planning List:** the only application requiring attention was the application for the reconstruction of the Victoria Hall. It was noted that the application drawings included a further storey comprising a glass clad penthouse flat. It was recommended that the community Council object to the rear elevation and the top storey detailing.

Action JK
6. **Edinburgh airport flightpath consultation:** JK confirmed that he had spoken to Fiona Hyslop's office (Allistair Tatton) to determine the action currently being taken across the constituency. JK tabled a report in which he made a recommendation for the invitation of representatives of Edinburgh airport to a public meeting, to take the form of an exhibition and questionnaire survey. After a lengthy and detailed discussion it was decided not to hold a public meeting since there were too many questions for which we had no answer. Instead it was agreed that representatives be invited to a roundtable discussion to which members of local Community Councils, particularly Newton CC, Be invited. Factors to be included in an amended report include:
 - a. the dilemma that we are unaware of the comments which are being forwarded by Linlithgow residents to Edinburgh airport in response to the consultation. How do we report a community view to Edinburgh airport?
 - b. This exercise has been overseen by the CAA many times previously. We are unaware of the standards and/or models are used in reaching a decision.
 - c. How is changed measured?
 - d. What instruments (physical and methodological) are used in the process?
 - e. What aspects of the Noise Attenuation Act apply to aviation?
 - f. What is the baseline, i.e. the before situation, and how has this been measured?

Those who would wish to be involved in a meeting with Edinburgh airport are: MC, DGT, RL & JK. DT will attend provided there is no conflict of interest in his position as Councillor.

Action JK

7. **Planning System Review:** RS introduced a discussion paper received by e-mail from John Walls which promotes a proactive approach to the assembly of land required for development, infrastructure and environmental purposes. The e-mail included a mock-up Act similar to the New Towns Act. The primary question was how can Councils be encouraged to come on-side. DT drew the meetings attention to the Chapelton development near Aberdeen. *Note: Developed by Elsick Development Company (EDC) Chapelton will be an 8,000 home, £2bn town with 40 per cent green space and a focus on sustainable community living. The Elsick Development Company has worked closely in collaboration with Aberdeenshire Council to ensure that this new town fits the needs of its new residents and creates a blueprint for similar developments in the future, prioritising infrastructure, facilities and open spaces.* After some discussion it was decided that DT make contact and arrange a meeting with the aim of understanding how the community successfully engaged with the local authority.

Action DT

8. **Place Matters:** JK has still to address the headings as described in the minutes of the last meeting.

Action JK

9. **AOB:** None.

John Kelly

Convenor

19 August 2016.