

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held at 6 Springfield Grange 12th January 2017

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC, LCT), Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LCT, L&LBCC), Mike Vickers (MV), (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA), Martin Crook (LLBCC, TMG)), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC)
2. **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (LCDT), David Timperley (DGT) (LCT)
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 1st December 2016:** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a. Community Led Plans. JK has still to contact Angus Hardy of the SCA to determine what strategy the SCA proposes to maximise the impact/implementation of the report's recommendations. JK has still to contact West Lothian Council, the Scottish government chief planner and Fiona Hyslop commending the report. **Action JK**
 - b. A discussion took place regarding the West Lothian Council meetings at which members of the Community Council may speak specifically the Development Management Committee and the Local Area Committee. JK to contact Lorraine McGrorty to determine the correct procedure. **Action JK**
5. **Letter to Ombudsman:** A letter has been sent by Civic Trust to Graham Hope.
6. **Weekly Planning List:**
 - a. Since the last Planning Forum meeting there have been no applications requiring consideration or comment.
 - b. Craig McCorriston's email of 12th December implies that Winchburgh Academy is not expected to be completed until 2020/21. This negates any development in the Linlithgow Academy catchment area with an educational product until that time. This was considered unacceptable. Several questions remain notably; who is the third party from which funding is sought and what is likely to change within the Winchburgh Development area which will realise an increase in funding now that 550 houses have been or will shortly be occupied. JK to write again to Craig McCorriston to seek clarification. **Action JK**
7. **Edinburgh airport consultations:** Edinburgh Airport has a number of interlinked consultations namely:

- a. The “lets go further” consultation report has been issued but the answer to the question asked by Edinburgh Airport is not answered in the report. An email has been sent seeking clarification but there has been no reply.
- b. A six-week consultation on the Edinburgh Airport master plan was commenced on 11 November. A response has been made but there has been no acknowledgement/reply.
- c. Edinburgh Airport is seeking comments on its proposals for a Noise Management Board. As noise is a devolved matter, the UK government is not responsible for the noise mapping of Scottish airports. The noise management of Scottish airports is a matter for the Scottish government. The current noise action plan appears not to meet the requirements of the 2006 legislation. JK to contact Fiona Hyslop to enquire whether the action plan has been accepted.

Action JK

8. **Places, people and planning: a consultation on the future of planning in Scotland:** a discussion took place on the report available at <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/01/3486> A response is required by 4th April 2017. In order to fully understand the proposals it was suggested that the report be analysed by abstracting the recommendations under four headings namely; National Planning Framework (strategic issues), Regional Planning Partnership (the link between strategic and local), Local Development Plan and the way this is to be influenced by the Local Place Plan (the wishes of Community/Settlement). JK, RS and MV to liaise on a response.

Action JK/RS/MV

9. **Place Standard:** The Place Standard model produced by MV was discussed. It was agreed to send the reworked model to Ian Gilzean.

Action MV/JK

10. **AOB:** It was agreed that we write to the administrator at DEPA to enquire whether the Plan for the Future has been sent to the Reporter examining the West Lothian Council Local Development Plan.

Action JK

11. **Next meeting:** To be arranged.

John Kelly
Convenor
13th January 2017.