

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Mel Gray Centre on Thursday 30 October 2014

1. Present: John Kelly, Convenor (L&LBCC), Chris Long (LCT, BB), Mike Vickers (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA), David Tait (DT) of (LBA, L&LBCC, Black Bitch Mag), Gill Fawcitt (LCDT), Ron Smith (BB, LCT, L&LBCC), Alan Brown (TL), Roger Livermore (LCAG),

Apologies: John Aitken (LCT), David Timperley (DGT) (of LCT)

2. Local Development Plan and Main Issues Report: 250 representations received. WLC to give feedback about Christmas but result and next stage Spring/Summer 2015. CL subsequently sent link to LCT response to MIR http://www.lct.org.uk/docs_pix_2014/LCT_MIR_response_2014.pdf

3. Weekly Planning Lists – not been significant issues, except potentially a ramp at the Peel. RS to check what this is. **Action RS**

4. Major Applications a) Burghmuir appeal continues, JK had been asked for more information (linked to Bathgate), but said no action needed. b) Springfield –no news

c) Clarendon Appeal Reporter hearing 29 October JK & CL reported, no indication of how it would go, repeat of the issues discussed at Burghmuir hearing. Mismatch of the numbers of houses said to be required for West Lothian and the actual private sector demand which leads to a lower supply. Reporter accepted JK submission of our MIR response as relevant Note: but subsequently refused to accept it. Clarendon area representatives met (Tony Daly main spokesperson) to continue main objections including no suitable access to site, no means of handling extra traffic, no safe route to school, requires works out -with the land owned. Still major confusion over schools and places available, Winchburgh school no firm date or funding arranged. Gladman argue that WLC should not allocate places to a particular development. d) Kettilstoun – no submission but report of Environmental Impact done.

5. 'Masterplan' We have JA and Forum draft/work on 'A Plan for Linlithgow (2015-2030)' Latest version sent out by MV after meeting. We also have Civic Trust's 'A Plan for Linlithgow's Future 2005-2015, CL similarly sent link to LCT Vision 2005-2015 http://www.lct.org.uk/planning/vision_final.htm Restate consensus view on what the town wants to be and what needs to be done to achieve it. Usual difficulty of getting a large response on this type of issue. Need for infrastructure developments and access to money, WLC, to deliver these. Need councillors to represent the town on this and the overall Plan. Suggest meeting of 3 reps from Forum (with agenda and papers) to meet 3 councillors. Arrange meeting with them **Action DT**

We all need to go through the plans, work through MIR headings and our own responses for coherence of actions. **Action All**

Next Meeting **Monday** 8 December 2014 1530 Mel Gray Centre, Linlithgow Canal Basin

Roger Livermore 01 November 2014