

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held at 6 Springfield Grange 1st December 2016

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC, LCT), Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LCT, L&LBCC), David Timperley (DGT) (LCT) Mike Vickers (MV), (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA), Martin Crook (LLBCC, TMG)), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC)
2. **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (LCDT)
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 6th October 2016:** All matters arising were covered by the agenda items.
4. **Community Led Plans:** The meeting discussed the research report commissioned by the Scottish Community Alliance (SCA) and undertaken by Steven Tolson. The purpose of the research was to develop a better understanding of why communities chose to produce local plans, how they went about it and the impact that these plans had in terms of bringing about change and improvements within their communities. It was concluded that the greater the involvement of the community the greater the community ownership. It was also concluded that the greater the support of the local authority the higher the likelihood that community representations would be included in the local development plan.

The actions recommended by the meeting were as follows:

- (i) contact Angus Hardy of the SCA to determine what strategy the SCA proposes to maximise the impact/implementation of the report's recommendations.
- (ii) Contact West Lothian Council, the Scottish government chief planner and Fiona Hyslop commending the report.

Action JK

5. **Letter to Ombudsman:** JK confirmed that he was in the process of revising the package of documentation for onward transmission by Civic Trust to Graham Hope. JK will liaise with DGT.

Action JK/DGT

6. **SESPlan:** JK confirmed that a representation had been sent to SESPlan in line with the previously circulated note and that receipt had been acknowledged.
7. **Weekly Planning List:** The following were discussed:
 - a. 0735/MSC/16 Construction of 8 Houses by Bellway Homes Block Q3B (Bellway) Land at Winchburgh. Although outside of the Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council area this development will have an impact on Linlithgow Academy.

- b. 0739/P/16 Residential Development of land adjacent to Bridgend Golf Club Bridgend. Although the Community Council had previously decided to await the detailed planning application before deciding whether to make an objection this development has the potential to have an impact on Linlithgow Academy.
- c. 0762/LBC/16 Installation of double glazed windows West Port House Linlithgow. The Civic Trust will ask for a condition to the planning permission specifying white painted timber Windows reflecting the existing.
- d. 0425/FUL/16 Change of use from Offices (Procurator fiscal's) Linlithgow High Street, to form 6 flats. This application was refused planning permission on the basis of the potential educational product resulting from this development. However, appropriately designed and in the hierarchy of acceptability, this development would have been preferable to the developments being considered at Winchburgh and Bridgend.

JK and DGT will respond for the Community Council and the Civic Trust'

Action JK/DGT

8. **Edinburgh airport consultations:** Edinburgh Airport has a number of interlinked consultations namely:
- a. The "lets go further" consultation on the airspace change program has completed the first stage and an interim report has been issued. The next stage of the consultation will commence in January 2017 when Edinburgh Airport comes forward with proposals for "lines on the map" flightpath routes.
 - b. A six-week consultation on the Edinburgh Airport master plan was commenced on 11 November. This describes the extensive expansion of the airport and its infrastructure.
 - c. Edinburgh Airport is seeking comments on its proposals for a Noise Management Board, a forum involving the airport, its neighbours and partners to ensure communities are involved, engaged and informed. 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.

JK will summarise the ongoing consultations and seek advice on the Planning Forum's response by email.

Action JK

9. **Place Standard:** it was agreed that we would evolve a place standard model for Linlithgow based on the headings advised by Ian Gilzean. However we would wish to enter a discussion on the place of subjects such as education. MV will produce a place standard model for the status quo and another based on the Plan for the Future for comment.

Action MV

10. **Report on the Scottish Government Planning Review Workshop:** Report to follow
Defer until next meeting.

Action JK

11. **AOB:** None.

12. **Next meeting:** 3.30pm on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 6 Springfield Grange.

John Kelly
Convenor
2nd December 2016.