

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held at 8 Pilgrims Hill 16th February 2017

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC, LCT), Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LCT, L&LBCC), Mike Vickers (MV), (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA),, David Timperley (DGT) (LCT), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC)
2. **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (LCDT, LLBCC), Martin Crook (LLBCC, TMG)
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2017:** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a. Community Led Plans. JK will contact Angus Hardy of the SCA to determine the SCA's view of the strategic fit with Places, People and Planning and the SCA's future thoughts. **Action JK**
 - b. JK contacted Lorraine McGrorty to determine the correct procedure for individuals or organisations wishing to speak at the Local Area Committee and the Development Management Committee. JK read Lorraine McGrorty's reply. **Action JK**
 - c. Craig McCorrison will attend the Community Council meeting on 28th February. Questions to be asked include:
 - i. What is WLC's vision for residential development in Linlithgow?
 - ii. With regard to Linlithgow Academy what is the current position at Westfield?
 - iii. With regard to Linlithgow Academy/Winchburgh Academy what is the current position at Winchburgh (including the identity of the third party contributor to Winchburgh Academy)?
 - iv. What is the expected programme of development in the Linlithgow Academy catchment area?
 - v. How are the LDP housing numbers to be achieved if there is no further development in the Linlithgow Academy catchment area? (Ministers' letter to Edinburgh City of 9th November relevant).
 - d. The administrator at DEPA has confirmed that the Plan for the Future has been received and available to the Reporter examining the West Lothian Council Local Development Plan. (Note at www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk the case reference is LDP-400-1).
 - e. Edinburgh Airport - consultation continues.
5. **Weekly Planning List:** Since the last Planning Forum meeting there have been no applications requiring consideration or comment.

6. **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. Initial comments included:
- a. NPF & SDP timescales better
 - b. Community planning is welcomed. However, a system of facilitated assistance should be available to communities without provable ability. It has to be accepted that not all communities will perform at the same level initially. Facilitation should be community to community not Local Authority down.
 - c. The cost of community planning/consultation should be acknowledged.
 - d. Periodic updates should be reflective of significant and identifiable changes in circumstances and the intention to make a periodic update should be approved by Ministers. This to prevent a rolling programme of small changes.

JK circulated a 9 page review and 4 pages of questions. It was decided to answer the questions with reference to the proposals. DGT answering “Making plans for the future”. RS answering “People make the system work” and JK answering the remainder.

Action JK/RS/DGT

7. **Place Standard:** MV circulated the re-worked Place Standard model. It was agreed to send the reworked model to Ian Gilzean.

Action JK

8. **Next meeting:** 23rd February 2017. Note that this will be a meeting with only Places, People and Planning on the agenda.

John Kelly
Convenor
19th February 2017.