

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Mel Gray Centre on Thu 10 April 2014

- Present:** John Kelly, Chair (L&LBCC), John Aitken (LCT), Chris Long (LCT, BB), David Timperley (LCT), Ron Smith (BB, LCT & L&LBCC), Alan Brown (TL), David Tait (LBA, L&LBCC, Black Bitch Mag), Mike Vickers (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA) and Roger Livermore (LCAG).
- Apologies:** Clive Dyson (L&LBCC)
- Minutes** Minutes of previous meeting accepted
- Matters Arising** Linlithgow Civic Trust and Business Association have adopted the guidelines for the Local Development Plan (LDP). LCT will put £25 towards survey on the LDP.
- John Kelly sent out to Forum members LDP Questionnaire sets, Planning Forum Website document, and Linlithgow Planning Forum's 'A Plan for Linlithgow's Future 2015-2030 (revision 6)'.
- LDP & Timetable** WLC planners unable to attend meeting as finalising draft plan due over next few weeks with WLC planning scrutiny panel, possibly 15 May, papers should be available one week before via <http://coins.westlothian.gov.uk/coins/calendar.asp> Proposed 6-8 week consultation on LDP will follow executive approval in June. Expect WLC consultation with Community Councils and we will seek public meeting at the Burgh Halls. Seek councillor availability and invite to this Forum in four weeks time. **Action DT**
- We will continue to discuss LDP and assist in public consultation. Discussed question sets, use and possible street canvas of public views on LDP.
- A Plan for Linlithgow's Future (rev6)** John Aitken dealt with generality and revision including more on 'Sustainability' (section 4.7). Question asked of how natural environment issues addressed and contribution of interested groups. JA went through sections 6 "B" Built/Archaeological Heritage and Tourism and 6 "E" Business and Employment. On 6E suggested Stewart Ness of BID may wish to attend on Mill Road Business Park/Industrial Estate review, Stewart is copied in on the Planning Forum minutes. For next meeting Forum discuss sections 6H Housing, 6T Transport. **Action All**
- Questionnaire** Support for JK's questionnaire sets, good introduction and consider making single sheet. Possible approach of canvassing to identify town problems and town solutions.
- Springfield South** Invite Cala Homes to next meeting. How social housing provision and planning gain to be met. **Action JK**
- Website** John Aitken had further updated Forum's part of website linlithgowplanningforum.wordpress.com, and access for three authors, DT, MV, JK. JA to keep current with Planning Forum documents.
- Next Meeting** Thursday 24 April at 3:30pm in the Mel Gray Centre.