

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Mel Gray Centre on Thu 24 April 2014

- Present:** John Aitken Chair (LCT), Clive Dyson (L&LBCC) David Timperley (DGT) of (LCT), David Tait (DT) of (LBA, L&LBCC, Black Bitch Mag), Stuart Ness & Andrew Muldoon (BID) and Roger Livermore (LCAG). Cala Homes (David Lawson & Craig Lyne)
- Apologies:** John Kelly, Chair (L&LBCC), Chris Long (LCT, BB), Alan Brown (TL), Mike Vickers (LCT, L&LBCC & LBA), Ron Smith (BB, LCT, L& LBCC)
- Cala Homes** Feedback given on the consultation, there will be a consultation report. Plans to be modified, 52 down to 48 units, larger open space, larger trees and improved landscaping to Blackness Rd. Discussed traffic, speeds and proximity of road junctions; volume, speed and visibility sufficient. Possible future roundabout if site to north developed. Still issues on LDP compatibility, cyclists and pedestrians access, change of land use from commercial. On social housing Cala offered land for 4 houses but WLC not allocate funding for Linlithgow housing (none since 1975). Fall-back is 4 medium houses built by Cala on the site.
- Minutes** Minutes of previous meeting accepted
- Matters Arising** On LDP, DT said councillors are available to talk to us, and that so too should be the planning officers, suggest ask again & go for inviting to meeting in about one month's time. **Action DT**
- A Plan for Linlithgow's Future (rev6)** John Aitken went through housing H and transport T. Housing: Discussing of recent proposals and Cala, lot of housing underway in WL but still pressure by developers on the town. May need to identify priority sites e.g. as 'K' and 'N', use existing infrastructure before needing new. Still waiting on secondary school places availability, Winchburgh school will free up places. Has been mixed message on health centre– probably working near capacity, build new centre or expand existing, centre needs modernisation. Transport: Relief roads – first complete junction 3 and make more use and sign junction 4 for traffic from Lgow Bridge. Relief roads problematic – much more expensive than jn 3, create problems elsewhere in town (e.g. Mill Road, Manse Rd) & dependent on large-scale housing developments. DGT to do comments & questions. **Action DGT**
- Questionnaire** Meeting in favour of the second version. Funding for questionnaire will be available from our groups, need c£120 – 5 x £25.
- AOB** Clive said that he expected that this would likely be his last meeting before moving.
- Next Meetings** 8 May, and 22 May 1530 at Mel Gray Centre, Linlithgow Canal Basin