

Planning Forum – Meeting 9 April 2015

Agenda

1. Planning Applications
 - a. Edinburgh Road
 - b. Avon Viaduct
2. Master Plan
 - a. John Kelly - Unfortunately I am not going to make the meeting on Thursday. I am currently recuperating in the caravan in Derbyshire having had a bad episode of food poisoning at the weekend. The purpose of the meeting was to begin to collate the updating of the LCT Vision. We did say we would reference back to the MIR but retain the Vision headings
3. AOB
 - a. Visit by Marco Biagi - Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment

Notes on the Meeting

1. Just three of us made it: David Tait, Jill Fawcett and myself. Apologies from John Kelly, Chris long, Brenda Galloway and Alan Brown
2. The Edinburgh Road supermarket, we understand, is back on the agenda as the WLC had misinterpreted the automatic rules of the H&S and they now consider there is no H&S hazard.
3. Masterplan
 - a. We agreed that the priority is to get the Masterplan, based on the Civic Trust's Vision 2010 – 2030, available for further discussion by the wider Linlithgow community.
 - b. Mike had been through the Vision and identified texts that need updating or replacing. He had also inserted reference to paragraphs in the MIR, The updated version is attached (with a few minor tweets following the meeting)
 - c. We agreed the following topics need adding or amending in addition to the points already identified in the Red-lined text
 - i. The Masterplan is holistic – it is not just about planning. This will be key if the plan is just lost in the WLC Planning Department's in-tray (*Section A: Introduction*)
 - ii. Working with Historic Scotland towards a charrette (*In relation to Section B: Section 1 - Linlithgow Palace*)

- iii. There is nothing about the Victoria Hall development (*end of Section B: Section: Section 1 - Tourism*)
 - iv. Partnership Centre needs bringing to the fore (*Section A: Section 2 – Loss of County-wide Administrative Functions*)
 - v. The Tourist Information Centre – which we all consider essential looks to have got lost as there is no way it can be restore to the Burgh Hall Basement (*Section B: Section: Section 1 - Tourism*)
 - vi. The section on Business is weak and makes no mention of BIDs (*Section B: Section2*)
 - vii. The potential sale of Annet house needs real emphasis with the potential loss of the riggs behind.
 - viii. Educational capacity plays a crucial part in housing development in the Town but this does not come over in the text (*Section B: Section 6 - Education*)
 - ix. Likewise Youth provisions need to be expanded and taking account of the work being undertaken by the Community Development Trust (*Section B: Section 6 - Youth Provision*)
 - x. Nothing is said about Air Quality and Water Pollution.
 - xi. We understand that Clarendon House is now sold; if this is correct then the related text should be removed (*Section B: Section: Section 1 Tourism - Proposal B8*)
- d. We are fully supportive of the paragraph in Section B: Section 8 of the need to provide a steering committee to see through the masterplan but feel that it is inappropriate to the Masterplan itself. Rather the Project to progress forward the Masterplan needs to have its own document.
- e. We had hoped to divi out the work identified above to members of the Planning Forum but felt that, as we were less than half the forum, we could not do so sensibly. We believe that diving out should be a priority of our next meeting.

4. Marco Biagi visit

- a. Marco Biagi is visiting Linlithgow on 30th April and will find 1 ½ hours to hear our concerns on the Community Empowerment Bill. We believe it essential that the discussion be very focused if we

are to make any impact on the Scottish Government re
Community Democracy and our relationship with the Community
Planning Partnership. The minister's mind of course may well be
elsewhere being so close to the General Election.

- b. There will be a preparation meeting next Wednesday at West Port
10am.