

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held at 6 Springfield Grange 1st June 2017

1. **Present:** John Kelly, (JK) Convenor (L&LBCC, LBT), Mike Vickers (MV), (LBT, L&LBCC & LBA), David Timperley (DGT) (LBT), Marilynne MacLaren (marilynemaclaren@btinternet.com) (Chair LCT), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC)
2. **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (LCDT, LLBCC), Martin Crook (LLBCC, TMG), Ron Smith (RS), (BB, LBT, L&LBCC), Máire McCormack (MM)(L&LBCC, TL)
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 2nd May 2017 and matters arising:** in order to expedite discussion of the Vennel this item was deferred until the next meeting.
4. **Vennel Development:** The Vennel Development was discussed by the WLC Development and Transport Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 3rd April and the content of the planning guidance approved. Actions already taken are:
 - a. RS has produced sketches of a potential layout.
 - b. MC/CL have re-booked the Low Port Centre Lounge for an exhibition and public consultation on 29th August.
 - c. CL has written a 2 page article for the BB magazine which has been published.
 - d. JK produced a questionnaire which was edited by CL to fit on a single page.

During a lengthy discussion the following programme of activity was agreed:

1. It was agreed that the proposed development gives an unprecedented opportunity to give physical form to the type of centre that most people in Linlithgow desire.
2. The commencement of the West Lothian Council 8 week consultation period has not been confirmed.
3. Activities associated with the redevelopment of the Vennel will be undertaken in the name of the Linlithgow Planning Forum.
4. A schedule of council meetings at which a deputation can be made is required starting with the Local Area Committee on Tuesday 6th June.

Action JK

5. The condition of the structure of the Vennel flats adjacent to the Cross is not known. DT will endeavour to determine whether a full structural survey is anticipated in order to establish the residual life of the flats.

Action DT

6. Liaison with Historic Scotland was suggested.

Action DT

7. Three public meetings are anticipated:
 - a. JK to discuss with MC whether the Community Council meeting on 27th June in the Burgh Hall could be focused on the Vennel development. An anticipated programme would be:
 - i. 10 minute introduction.
 - ii. A round tables discussion of the issues to be considered in the redevelopment of the Vennel. Each table to be facilitated .
 - iii. Completion of the 1 page questionnaire.
 - iv. Wrap up and next meeting
 - b. Burgh halls to be booked for end of July for second round table discussion with the purpose of picking up points raised in the first discussion with points answered.
 - c. Low Port Centre full day exhibition.
 8. Encouragement of members of organisations represented by the Planning Forum to attend the three sessions. Also contact with Transition Linlithgow.
 9. The displays at the Low Port Centre exhibition will follow the “Exhibition in the Low Port Centre draft” circulated by CL. JK suggested that we needed an outline developer’s budget to ensure that the aspirations were financially feasible.
5. **Next meeting:** A further meeting to may be necessary to confirm the arrangements for 27th June.

John Kelly
Convenor
5th June 2017