

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held at 6 Springfield Grange 5th October 2017

- **Present:** Ron Smith Convenor (RS), (*BB, LBT, L&LBCC*), David Tait (DT) (*LBA*), Mike Vickers (MV), (*LBT, LLBCC*), Martin Crook (MC) (*LLBCC, TMG*), David Timperley (DGT) (*LBT*),
- **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (*LCDT, LLBCC*), Máire McCormack (*MMcC*) (*L&LBCC & TL*), John Kelly, (JK) (*LLBCC, LBT*), Marilynne MacLaren (MM) (*CT_Chair LBT*), Sue Friel (SF), (*Chair TL & LLBCC*)
- **Minutes of the meeting of 6th September** were approved
- **Matters Arising**
 - Consideration of Document 'Planning Forum Constitution – A Community Council View – by John Kelly
 - After some discussion the Meeting recommended that the Planning Forum approach agreed at its outset has worked well and should be continued with ie The Meeting agreed to Option 4.
 - Members should inform their parent organisations accordingly
- **Planning Matters**
 - Planning List items:
 - Noted that there would be an exhibition of Gladman's proposed Clarendon Farm development from 4pm to 7.30pm Tues 31st Oct at Low Port Centre
 - Planning Forum members will attend with a prime target as to how Gladman's present proposal differs from its two previous proposals. In particular we wish to know if Gladman has made any changes to the site access
 - 0426/FUL/17 – 6 Houses at Clarendon House – representations by 13th Oct
 - The Civic Trust has objected to the development following previous objections: it's premature, school limitations
 - 0781/EIA/17 – EIA scoping study Wilcoxholm Farm
 - Again, the Civic Trust has objected to the development; it is premature, school limitations; it has also objected on access though an unadopted cul de sac.
 - f. Templars Court. Front building to be replaced by what?
 - Understood that the developer has stated that the site cannot be developed because of unstable ground condition. Agreed this is unacceptable. WL Councillors are

due to meet with McCarthy and Stone tomorrow, Friday to better understand the Constructors' position

- **Plan for the Future: Update to Include Vennel Redevelopment**
 - Agreed that the Vennel redevelopment needs including in the current document
 - Accepted that the document would increase in size but this should amount to not more than 4 pages
 - All should review that current version to ensure that nothing else is out of date
 - Desirable if we can provide some ball park costings for Vennel development based on number of flats, retail shops, one hotel (sounds like Monopoly!)
 - DGT most concerned with getting a realistic cost for the proposed 3 level car park
 - Do we have the services of a Chartered Structural Engineer?
 - Target for the revised version is Christmas
- **Town Charrette**
 - Noted that the Scottish Government has launched a new Making Places funding. This initiative has grown from the previous Scottish Government Charrette grant scheme. The closing date for submission for funding is 13th October
 - Noted the Scottish Government is featuring deprivation, inequality which are not Linlithgow's main problem areas; ours are Tourism, South East Housing development, Affordable Housing; nevertheless, deprivation is around 40%
 - However, we do have the Futures Document which understood to be well received in the higher echelons
 - Though Time is short agreed that we need to put a bid in
 - Agreed to have a blitz in the Clarendon Base shed next Wednesday 11th at 2pm
 - 2017. More information can be found at: <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/making-places-initiative-2017-2018-prospectus-form/>
- **Victoria Halls**
 - Concern expressed on whether documents submitted by WLC have properly covered Section 75 matters and whether there is a 6 month time period for submission. RS to follow up with WLC.
 - See also email forwarded by DT from Wendy.McCorrison@westlothian.gov.uk on the status for approval for the demolition of the Victoria Halls 'shell'

- **Next meeting:** Not discussed but to be taken up after next week's Charrette Submission meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm