

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held 9th November 2017

1. **Present:** Ron Smith (RS) Convenor (BB, LBT, L&LBCC), John Kelly, (JK) (L&LBCC, LBT), Mike Vickers (MV), (LBT, L&LBCC & LBA), Martin Crook (LLBCC, TMG),
2. **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (LCDT, LLBCC), Councillor David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC), Marilynne MacLaren (MM)(Chair LCT), Máire McCormack (MMcC)(L&LBCC & TL), David Timperley (DGT) (LBT), Sue Friel (SF)(Chair TL & L&LBCC)
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 5th October 2017:** Approved.
4. **Clarendon Farm:** Gladman Developments Ltd held an exhibition on Tuesday, 21 October at Low Port Centre to display proposals for the Clarendon Farm development as part of the 12 week consultation following their pre-application notice. The submission was identical to that previously displayed. JK, MV and DGT attended. It was confirmed that there was unlikely to be a planning application before the end of 2018 and unlikely that work would proceed before the Winchburgh Academy situation is resolved. Gladman were relying in this application on the fact that Clarendon farm is included in the Local Development Plan. As previously the Planning Forum is broadly supportive of this development provided a link road between Edinburgh Road and the south of Manse Road is provided. Whether or not this road is constructed at the time of the development, the planning of the site should be such that a link can be carried through to this road at a future point in time.
5. **0426/FUL/17 – 6 Houses at Clarendon House:** Planning permission has been granted with a restriction on the number of houses built per year. It was stated that the receipts from the land sale and commuted sums payable by the developer for social housing should be put into a local fund for the common good. Burgh Beautiful are confident that the water supply and the space for the laying out plants on delivery will be facilitated by the developer.
6. **Templars Court:** It was noted that McCarthy and Stone have commenced work on the site although the Planning Forum is not aware of a revised planning application. JK to contact Wendy McCorrison to determine the current situation. **Action JK**
7. **Victoria Hall:** The number of signatories in support of the redevelopment of the Victoria Hall is now close to 1000 signatures. It is proposed to contact Scottish Government.
8. **Town Charrette:** No news on the application. JK to contact Scottish Government at the end of the month. **Action JK**
9. **Lamp posts at County Buildings:** The situation with regard to the listed lamp posts at County buildings was discussed. It was decided to contact Fiona Hyslop asking for advice on the best person to contact within HES. **Action RS**

10. **Assets in the common good:** The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places new duties on local authorities in relation to common good property. The act states that assets held for the common good are owned by local authorities, having been passed down from former Burghs following local government reorganisation. The Act places new duties on local authorities in relation to common good property including a duty to establish and maintain a register of property which is held by the local authority as part of the common good. Local authorities must engage and consult with their local communities in setting up registers. Although sections 102 and 104 of the Act relating to common good property have not been enacted they will be shortly. The Architectural Heritage fund has grants available for feasibility studies for the future use of historic buildings. A report was undertaken in respect of the British Linen Bank building. It is thought that John Aitken may have a copy of this report. **Action JK**

11. **Update of Linlithgow: A Plan for the Future:** the following members of the Planning Forum would be asked to review, revise and/or update sections of the Plan for the Future with RS being in overall editorial control.

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| a. Environmental Sustainability: | MC |
| b. Built/Architectural Heritage and Tourism: | MV |
| c. Business and Employment: | DT |
| d. Housing: | JK |
| e. Transport and Accessibility: | DGT |
| f. Retailing and Vennel: | RS |
| g. Community, Cultural & Sports Facilities
and Open Space: | FF/LCDT |
| h. Education & Health Facilities | MV/AT |
| i. Funding: | RS |
| j. Implementation | JK |
| k. Introduction | JK |

RS will circulate a WORD version of the Plan for the Future.

Action RS

It was decided to review the allocation of work at the next meeting, review progress at the January meeting and aim to have sections complete by the February meeting.

12. **Next Meeting and Future meetings:** It was decided that we should meet on a regular basis at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of every month. Venue to be confirmed in the agenda. The next meeting will be on 7th December. 2018 meetings will be as follows:

4 th January	5 th April	5 th July	4 th October
1 st February	3 rd May	no August meeting	1 st November
1 st March	7 th June	6 th September	6 th December

John Kelly,
Secretary,
10th September 2017