

Linlithgow Planning Forum

Minutes of Meeting held 2nd May 2019 Springfield Grange

1. **Present:** Ron Smith (RS) Convenor (BB, LBT, L&LBCC), Joyce Hartley (LLBCC), John Kelly, (JK) (L&LBCC, LBT), Marilynne MacLaren (MM)(Chair LCT), David Tait (DT) (LBA, WLC), David Timperley (DGT) (LBT), Mike Vickers (MV), (LBT, L&LBCC & LBA).
2. **Apologies:** Fraser Falconer (LCDT, LLBCC), Sue Friel (SF) (Chair TL & L&LBCC), Máire McCormack (MMcC)(L&LBCC & TL).
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 4th April 2018:** Approved.
4. **Membership:** Gordon Smith was elected Chair of the Community Council at its AGM and should be invited to Planning Forum meetings in lieu of Martin Crook.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. Although not strictly a matter arising, the wildflower meadow at Rosemount Park and Beechwood play area was discussed at this point.
 - b. Vennel Participation. JK and RS represented the Community Council at a meeting on 26 March with Craig McCorriston in Livingston to discuss the participation of the Community Council in the Vennel project. The report is still awaited, JK to send a reminder to Craig McCorriston. **Action JK**
 - c. Templars Court. A number of actions are still outstanding:
 - i. JK has written to Virginia Sharp, Strategic Heritage Management Officer at HES to seek HES's opinion of the current gap sites in Linlithgow High Street.
 - ii. Craig McCorriston is awaiting information with respect to ground conditions from McCarthy and Stone.
 - iii. MMcC has contacted the residents of Templars Court to ascertain their understanding of the current position with regards to the frontage building. MMcC has a copy of a letter to one of the residents from McCarthy and Stone.
 - iv. McCarthy and Stone have undertaken to keep customers, neighbours and community representatives informed. It was decided at the recent Community Council meeting to commit more information to the website and involve the community in bringing pressure to bear on McCarthy and Stone to satisfactorily conclude the project. Any pressure brought to bear on McCarthy and Stone must be addressed to the company's headquarters in Bournemouth. Letters have not been sent to Martyn Day MP and Fiona Hyslop MSP; awaiting a response from HES. **Action JK**
 - v. A timeline for the project was produced from the available information but this lacked exact dates for the commencement of work and the commencement of demolition. MV asked that this be updated. **Action JK**
 - vi. The section 75 agreement has been received from the National Records Office and has been circulated. However, the section 75 agreement contains no information regarding the order of the construction work and specifically any conditions relating to the frontage building.
 - vii. DT and RS had met with a developer previously to discuss the commercial possibilities for the frontage building. The developer did not show much enthusiasm. The idea of contacting a housing association was discussed in

the context of the £90,000 paid by McCarthy and Stone as a commuted sum for the provision of affordable housing. It was agreed to progress this idea.

- viii. DT reminded the meeting that planning permission had been given for the technical stabilisation of the exposed party wall however, a planning application is awaited regarding the nature of the weathershield.
- d. Victoria Hall. Further to the query raised at the April meeting regarding when application 0591/FUL/18 goes to committee; JK confirmed that on 27 March 2019, planning permission was granted by officers under delegated powers. A further query was related to when a building warrant was issued and whether there is a contract with a builder. **Action JK**
- e. Shopfronts guidance. JK to circulate the supplementary planning guidance on shopfronts in Linlithgow High Street. **Action JK**

6. Planning List

- a. 0201/FUL/18 48 flats at Edinburgh Road. The reporter has decided that planning permission will be granted provided a section 75 agreement is made between West Lothian Council and Mactaggart and Mikel. **Action JK**
- b. 0340/P/19 housing development at Wilcoxholm farm. It was agreed that the objections raised in DGT's draft letter should also be sent by the Community Council. **Action JK**
- c. 1110/FUL/18 Boghall East. It was decided that a small group comprising JH, JK, DGT, and MV meet with Derek Lawson of Cala homes to discuss the issues arising from the West Lothian Council development and management meeting. JK to ascertain suitable dates and advise. **Action JK**
- d. 0313/FUL/19. There is a further planning application for an extension to Westport House. As members had not seen this application it was inappropriate to comment. Comments to be sent to JK and DGT to object if appropriate. **Action JK/DGT**

7. Plan for the Future second edition

	Section	Author	Status
a.	Environmental Sustainability	SF	expected
b.	Built/Architectural Heritage and Tourism	MV	Complete
c.	Business and Employment	DT	To complete
d.	Housing	JK	To revise
e.	Transport and Accessibility	DGT	Complete
f.	Retailing and Vennel	RS	Complete
g.	Community, Cultural & Sports Facilities and Open Space	FF/LCDT	JK to contact FF
h.	Education & Health Facilities	MV	Complete
i.	Funding	RS	To complete
j.	Implementation	JK	To complete inc MV
k.	Introduction	JH	To complete

In the review of the Plan for the Future second edition it was agreed:

- JK would write to Fraser Faulkner to determine whether Linlithgow Community Development Trust would take responsibility for the community culture and sports section. **Action JK**
- MC will contact Dr Boyle to ascertain whether he would be willing to contribute to the health facilities section. **Action MC**

8. **AOB.**

- a. JH agreed to provide a Black Bitch article on planning: how it works.
- b. An article is also required covering the functions of the Community Council, the Linlithgow Community Development Trust, and Civic Trust. It is perceived that residents find the functions of the various organisations confusing. Residents are welcome to join the Civic Trust and attend Community Council meetings.

9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on 6th June 2019 at 7.30pm venue to be confirmed..

Meeting closed at 17.24.

John Kelly, Secretary, 6th May 2019.