



Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 2^{3rd} June 2015 in the Burgh Halls at 7.30pm - ~~Amended~~.

Present: Chair Martin Crook (MC), Aileen Boyle (AB), Ron Smith (RS), David Tait (DT), Mike Vickers (MV), Councillor Tom Kerr (TK), Councillor Tom Conn (TC); Police Scotland - Darren Cook and Niall Drummond and one member of the public (Scott Oliver).

Apologies: Gill Fawcitt, John Kelly, Ian Kelly, Verena Throp, Lyn Aitken, Fiona Low, Lesley Malone, Councillor Martyn Day, ,

No declarations of interest from attendees.

1. Minutes of previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2015 previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting Proposed by MV and seconded by DT.

2. Reports from working groups and discussion.

Planning and development. There was a discussion regarding the Fish Van proposal. Facts about licensing rules, Police Scotland views were all obtained. A vote was taken at the meeting and it was agreed that the Chair would write to the Council objecting to the proposal (**Action 06/001 – MC**).

Supermarket in Edinburgh Road – MC advised that he was surprised by the approval of this planning application. It was noted that none of the elected Councillors were able to be at the meeting.

—it was noted that Tom Kerr had to excuse himself from the committee due to potential conflict of interest with his role at BIDS. MC to discuss with JK on his return from holiday (**Action 06/002 – MC**).

Mill Road Application – This is due before the committee on 1 July. TK and TC will not be able to make this meeting due to holidays. Any objections have to have good planning reasons. It was noted that there has been no progress on the appeals for LLBCC area that are with the Scottish Minister.

TK provided an update on the **Common Good Fund**. It was noted that JK had already written to request funding for the remaining balance of the cost of the Town Seal. It was noted that the Executive Committee would be w/c 30 June 2015.

Police Scotland Update: Police Sergeant Darren Cook introduced himself to the committee. It was mentioned that 3 housebreakers from Edinburgh were recently caught in Linlithgow in an operation involving a Police Helicopter. There has also been a break-in at Hallorans. There are now 5 officers in the Community Policing Team. There was 1 arrest at Linlithgow Marches. It was noted that there has been a couple of bogus calls relating to roofers. Police Scotland is focusing on parking offences. They are also aware that Scottish Government Air Monitoring readings are due shortly. Police Scotland had been advised about improvements to the station and possible extension to platform. TC asked Police Scotland to engage with him about this.

MC raised a concern about the Disabled spaces at Tesco which do not belong to WLC and whether the signage should be reconsidered

TK provided an update that WLC has taken over the Funeral office in Vennel – this will be a temporary Visitors Centre and Office for BIDS Manager. There may be some delays due to IT constraints but it will be temporary until Partnership Centre opens.

The parking fines at Regent Centre for parking overnight was discussed and it was agreed that MC would write on behalf of the Community Council (**Action 06-003 MC**)

Vennel Car Park – it was mentioned that the newly introduced charging structure has been overturned. DT advised that the next consideration is for a Community company to take over. TMG and BID have previously been in discussions about this.

Planning concerns and LLBCC – it was agreed for Martin Crook to engage with the Chief Executive of WLC to discuss local plan and planning issues and the Community Council. (Action 06-004 MC)

Health and Social Provision. Neither VT or LA at meeting. It was agreed to carry forward: 2 actions:

- **Action 05/001** – LLBCC members to provide ideas to VT about places to site poster regarding the public talk on Eating Disorders.
- **Action 05/002** – VT's proposal about a Health Surgery.

Housing and Social Housing Update on Action 005-003 – AB advised that she had linked with Brenda Galloway but there is no change to her decision to resign from the Community Council. No update on Housing and Social Housing was made at this meeting. It was noted prior to the meeting that TK had enquired about the houses in New Well Wynd (Action 005/004) and activity was now progressing. Both actions now complete.

Youth facilities, youth groups and education. No update as FL not at meeting.

Communications DT reminded everyone of the opportunity to keep on writing relevant articles for the Black Bitch magazine.

Events - no updates on Remembrance Day or Advent Fayre events. It was noted that MC and AB had attended the Perambulation of the Marches, the Deacons Court procession on Saturday 13th June and the Deacons' Breakfast on Marches Day. As LLBCC attendees did not attend for the full date – the cost is reduced from previously budgeted. A cheque has been requested from IK. MC/AB to link with Deacons' Court about next year.

LLBCC governance sub-group – It was agreed to carry forward this action to the next meeting. AB to circulate template to all working group members to enable the template to be completed. This is to enable us to have a governance document demonstrating how we operate. (**Action 005/005**).

3. Reports.

- None from the Chair .
- **Secretary:** Nothing specific from Secretary.
- **Treasurer:** No update as IK not at meeting. Action 005/006 (JK) to be carried forward to next meeting. This relates to the outstanding £350 owed by Stuart Ness..

AOB. DT raised the question of a need for LLBCC members to meet to discuss amongst ourselves about the purpose of the community council. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th July at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Secretary

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