



Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council Meeting - Draft

Tuesday 27th January 2015 held in the Lounge at the Lowport Centre, Linlithgow.

Present: Chair- John Kelly (JK), Lyn Aitken (LA), Aileen Boyle (AB), Martin Crook (MC), Gill Fawcitt (GF), Brenda Galloway (BG), Mike Vickers (MV), Councillor Tom Conn (TC), Councillor Tom Kerr (TK), Constable Neil Drummond (ND).

Apologies: Ian Kelly (IK), Fiona Low (FL), Bruce McCallum (BM), Lesley Malone (LM), Ron Smith (RS), David Tait (DT).

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 16th December 2014, previously circulated, were corrected to attend to three errors. 1. Correction of the spelling of Gill Fawcitt's name. 2. MV corrected the reference under 4. Reports regarding WLACC to minutes stating that it 'didn't **always** have minutes', and 'only 8 Community Councils have ever **frequently** attended its meetings.' Once corrected, MV proposed acceptance of the minutes and JK seconded this.

1. **Matters arising.** JK confirmed that BM was willing to continue as Chair until the AGM.
2. **Constable Neil Drummond** described the situation regarding ongoing complaints re parking specifically at the Canal bridge and Strawberry Bank. There have been a few domestic housebreakings in the town specifically at Royal Terrace and Strawberry Bank. These have not just been in the early evenings. Members of the public are encouraged to be vigilant and report anything untoward to the police. As of March there will be 5 Community Police Officers at Linlithgow and one sergeant. They will be on foot and cycle patrols. The station is open 9am -5pm but police will be there all the time. JK commented that the 'no cold caller' stickers had been working, but around Christmas charity collectors had been active. TK asked for further clarification of the role of the 5 community officers. There was a discussion regarding parking with ND stating that Linlithgow is unique with narrow streets, and parking on double yellow lines. The police have tried to concentrate on zig zag lines where it's dangerous for pedestrians. Most complaints are regarding the town centre and Strawberry bank.
3. **Membership.** Formal appointment of Martin Crook. JK proposed this and AB seconded it. There is to be a discussion with DD regarding her membership of the Council as she has now been absent for six months.
4. **Updates from working groups**
 - i) **Planning and Development-** JK produced an updated written report. He drew attention to 5 points. 15 social rented houses are proposed for Linlithgow Bridge. The question of land for housing and planning for infrastructure support that proposed developments would need. The Partnership centre, the Victoria Hall and the Historic Scotland charrette.
 - ii) **Health and Social Provision.** VT produced an updated written report, and the Report and recommendations with addendum from the Public Health Consultation of 11th September 2014. VT is to meet health chiefs to discuss matters in the addendum to the Consultation. Dr Cochrane's patients are being transferred to Linlithgow Group Medical Practice on 1st April. There is a consultation regarding integration of Health and Social Care for West Lothian with feedback required by 20th February. LLBCC members will receive draft responses from Health and Social Provision on 9th February. VT and LA will meet with

Catriona Addy of Linlithgow Link to discuss matters relating to dementia care particularly in the early stages. Councillor TC mentioned Optima 5 day care centres with transport provided without requiring fundraising. VT wishes provision to be made in next year's budget for a talk to be given regarding addictions and overeating working with Angie Robinson.

None of the other groups gave reports. Housing and Social Housing JK seconded by AB proposed BG became the chair. The group re governance is meeting shortly. **Events** – DT not at the meeting so and update on communications and applying for a special projects grant is to be carried forward to the February meeting (**Action 011501 - DT**)

5. **Reports.** The Secretary and Treasurer provided written reports. It was agreed to ask Treasurer to provide budget forecast as well as monthly expenditure for circulation to all members in advance of each meeting (**Action 011502 – AB to engage with IK**). AB queried about the Advent Fayre amount that had been outstanding for over a year. TC/JK to liaise with Stewart Ness. Councillor Tom Kerr raised the issue of Bottle Banks being distributed in housing estates. MV stated that the West Lothian Association of Community Councils had been disbanded because there was no Chair, this means that Community Councils will not be represented on Community Planning Partnerships. After discussion it was agreed to meet at the Low Port Lounge in February but JK to pursue options for alternative rooms at The Burgh Halls.

Close of meeting 9.15pm

3rd February 2015

Brenda Galloway

Minute Secretary.

For information: Dates of meetings in 2015

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	28 th April (& AGM)	No meeting in July	27 th October
24 th February	26 th May	25 th August	24 th November
24 th March	23 rd June	22 nd September	15 th December