

Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council AGM Tuesday, 26 January 2013 held in the Burgh Halls

Present: Chair – Bruce McCallum (BM), Eddie Cornock (EC), Nick Davis (ND), Clive Dyson (CD), John Kelly (JK), Jack Thompson (JT), Councillor Tom Kerr (TK) and 8 members of the public

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Taken as a true record of the meeting of Tuesday 28th February 2012
2. **Secretary's Report:** ND as secretary until December 2012¹ gave a brief summary of the events of the Community Council during 2012:
 - a. The Scottish Association of Community Councils closed on 30th April 2012 and was legally wound up on 1st August 2012.
 - b. The Community Council took part in the consultation on the proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill. The consultation process is complete. Scottish Government anticipates an enhanced role for community councils. A new election process has yet to be announced.
 - c. Constable Brian Reid, community police officer gave a brief introduction to the new Scottish police force at the January 2013 meeting of the Community Council stating that Chief Superintendent Jeanette McDiarmid will take command of the Lothians and Scottish Borders area. The Community Council maintains a watching brief on the developments in Fire and Rescue services.
 - d. The Community Council is engaged with the development of the West Lothian Local Development Plan.
 - e. The Community Council contributed to consultations from Scottish Government and West Lothian Council on a number of other matters including, delivering better outcomes, licensing, planning, housing and the environment.
 - f. There will be a consultation on the new licensing policy in summer 2013
 - g. Active support was given to the Marches and the Gala Day
 - h. The Community Council took the lead in the organisation of the Remembrance Day parade (the largest in recent years) and the Advent Fayre. The torchlight procession attracted record numbers.
 - i. The Community Council was pleased to contribute to Burgh Beautiful's success in the Britain in Bloom competition; Joy Davis planted the Community Council bed at the High Port.
 - j. JT stood down during the year as planning secretary. Jack's service in this and other roles in over 40 years as an elected member of the Community Council is gratefully acknowledged.
 - k. The Community Council also gratefully acknowledges the contribution of Robert Johnson, an active community councillor who resigned during the year.
3. **Treasurer' Report:** EC presented the accounts for the year ended Mar 2012 which were accepted by the meeting. The opening balance was £2206.48 and the closing balance £1711.48. The accounts were examined by A9 Partnership Ltd and certified correct. The assistance of the A9 Partnership was gratefully acknowledged.

¹ Nick Davis an elected member until December 2012 stood down as secretary following his role to integrate Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Councils over the past four years. Nick has agreed to continue as an associate member of the Community Council to aid the Council as new members take on their respective roles.

4. **Chairman's Report:** BM acknowledged that much of the work of the Community Council had been reported by ND (minuted above). BM wished to specifically identify the successful linking with other groups in the town and the success of the Advent Fayre and the Remembrance Day parade. Considerable work has been accomplished in representing the community's views on major planning applications including the holding of a successful public meeting in 2012.
5. **Election of Office Bearers:** BM handed the Chair to Tom Kerr for the election of office bearers. It was noted that this was to be a short term arrangement until the interim election and EGM in April 2013.

Position	Nominated & elected	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Bruce McCallum	JK	ND
Vice - chair	Clive Dyson	JK	EC
Secretary	John Kelly	BM	CD
Treasurer	Eddie Cornock	BM	JK
Minute Secretary	John Kelly	BM	CD
Planning Secretary	John Kelly	BM	CD

6. **Appointment of Associate Members:** BM resumed the Chair. BM had received notice that the following had indicated their willingness to serve as Associate Members until the interim election gave the opportunity for them to become full elected members of the Community Council.
 - Debbie Dow
 - Fiona Law
 - Lynne Aitken
 - David Tait
 - Mike Vickers
 - Ron Smith
 - Ian Kelly
7. **AOCB:** There being no other business the meeting closed at 19.25.

John Kelly
 26 February 2013
 Minute Secretary