



**Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council Meeting on
Tuesday 22nd November 2016 in the Burgh Halls at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chair Martin Crook (MC), John Kelly (JK), Fiona Low (FL), Des Martin (DM), Ron Smith (RS), Councillor Tom Kerr (TK), Councillor David Tait (DT), Police Scotland – Andrew Murray (AM), and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Pamela Barnes (PB), Fraser Falconer (FF), Ian Kelly (IK), Maire McCormack (MM), Scott Oliver (SO), Mike Vickers (MV), Councillor Tom Conn (TC),

Declarations of interest: no new declarations of interest noted.

(1) Minutes of previous meeting on Tuesday 25th October 2016. These were approved and proposed by RS and seconded by DM.

(2) Actions from previous meetings not covered elsewhere on the agenda

| Ref: | Action and By whom | Current status |
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| 1602/02 | Town Coat of Arms JK | The Cost of Arms has been received. Arrangements for the formal handing over of the Arms have yet to be made. Item carried forward to December meeting. |
| 1603/01 | JK suggested applying for a 'Special Project Grant' for West Lothian Council to support the cost of the survey – Action 1603/001. MC | Special Project Grant has been submitted to Lorraine McGrorty. Late update – 1 st December cheque for £750 received. Item closed |

(3) Spotlight Sessions

3a. **Police Scotland Youth Volunteers.** FL introduced PC Darryl MacAulay. PC MacAulay gave a presentation describing the aims and activities of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV). The PSYV is a uniformed organisation for young people between the ages of 13 and 18 which aims to give an insight into policing in Scotland and inspiring young people to volunteer for stewardship activities at local and national events. Formed in 2013 the PSYV has a structured training programme and operates in a number of locations throughout Scotland. PC MacAulay works with the Bathgate group. Applications to join the PSYV significantly outnumber the places available. An opportunity to expand the number of groups is limited by a lack of funding. Established groups must aim to be self-sufficient within the next few years. PC MacAulay would be keen to hear of any interesting volunteering opportunities within the Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council area. Darryl.macaulay@scotland.pnn.police.uk

(4) Working Group Updates

- **Planning** – JK referred to the previously circulated planning report and highlighted the following points:
 - **Weekly Planning List** - The Development Management Committee decided in favour of the planning application for the reconstruction of the Victoria Hall at its meeting on 26 October 2016.

0739/P/16 Application for planning permission in principle for the erection of a residential development on land adjacent to Bridgend Golf Club, Willowdean, Bridgend. Indicative drawings show a residential development of 25 one bedroom bungalows. It was decided to await the detailed planning application before making any comment.

- **Edinburgh airport flightpath consultation:** The situation with regard to Edinburgh Airport has become more complex:
 - The report on the “lets go further” consultation on the airspace change programme has been delayed. *After meeting note: issued 25th November.*
 - On 11th November Edinburgh Airport launched a six week consultation on its new Masterplan. This, in the main, describes the extensive expansion of the airport and its infrastructure.
 - Early in 2017 Edinburgh Airport will come forward with proposals for flightpaths as “lines on the map” which will be put out to the public as the next stage of the airspace change consultation programme.
 - The CAA has indicated that they have no power over the decision by Edinburgh Airport to use the GOSAM flightpath (over Linlithgow) as the principle flightpath for jet aircraft departures. This is a change from the previously used TALLA flightpath. It was decided to investigate further the regulations regarding changes to the use of airspace and to pursue a complaint based on the fact that the change was instituted without consultation

Action JK

 - Martyn Day MP has raised the issue of strategic noise mapping with the Secretary of State for Transport and has been advised that as noise is a devolved matter, the UK government cannot answer questions on noise mapping for Scottish airports. Noise management of Scottish Airports is a matter for the Scottish Government. It was decided to investigate further.
- Action JK**
- **SESPlan:** The consultation period for commenting on the forthcoming South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan ends on Thursday 24th November. This 20 year plan becomes operational in 2018. The plan is wide ranging and has implications for Linlithgow.

(5) Police Scotland Update – AM gave a brief summary of police activity over the past month. Of particular concern were:

- (a) A serious assault on Preston Road now a CID inquiry.
- (b) Complaints regarding speeding traffic on St Ninians Road. TK suggested a traffic survey.
- (c) Vennel flats; another resident has been bailed to stay out of Linlithgow and therefore cannot return to his flat.
- (d) The McNicol suspected fire-raising has been referred to CID.

(7) Any Other Business and questions from the floor - the following points were raised.

- Paul Couper will attend the December meeting to talk about air quality.
- SEPA and the Ranger Service are to conduct testing of the water in the Loch; testing to take place at 8 day intervals. Volunteers are being sought to be trained to use water testing kits. A morning practical demonstration and an afternoon meeting in the Burgh Halls will take place on 8th December. RS stated that he believed that he had a report on a previous testing exercise with recommendations on how pollution might be mitigated. RS to circulate.

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Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

John Kelly
2nd December 2016