



**Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council Meeting on
Tuesday 23rd August 2016 in the Burgh Halls at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chair Martin Crook (MC), Pamela Barnes (PB), Ian Kelly (IK), John Kelly (JK), Maire McCormack (MM), Scott Oliver (SO), Ron Smith (RS), Verena Throp (VT), Councillor Tom Conn (TC), Councillor Tom Kerr (TK), Councillor David Tait (DT), Police Scotland – Andrew Murray (PB) and 11 members of the public.

Apologies: Lyn Aitken (LA) Fiona Low (FL), Des Martin (DM), Mike Vickers (MV), ,

Declarations of interest: no new declarations of interest noted.

(1) Minutes of previous meeting on Tuesday 28th June 2016. These were approved and proposed by MM and seconded by PB.

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

Ref:	Action and By whom	Current status
09/002	Contact WLC about any activity on traffic regulation orders or reviews of the High Street MC	MC has contacted WLC - no reply to date. Carry forward.
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.
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. August update – no information received as yet therefore keep action option. MC to contact Lorraine McGrorty.
1606/01	JK to investigate whether number plate recognition cameras and information boards breached the planning regulations. JK	JK has written to Chris Norman but has not received a reply. JK to follow up.
1606/02	JK to write to Edinburgh Airport to record our disappointment on the lack of consultation with regard to the Runway06 trial and to record the significant number of complaints received from residents. JK	Email sent and acknowledged. Item closed
1606/03	PB to convene first meeting of transport sub-group PB	Sub-group has met, a spotlight session will take place at the September CC meeting. Item closed

1606/04	Letter to be sent to Scottish public services ombudsman asking for a ruling on whether West Lothian Council breached its statutory requirements regarding consultation in the Local Development Plan process. JK & MC	Letter sent. Item closed
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(3) Spotlight Sessions

3a. Edinburgh Airport. JK introduced the discussion on the current Edinburgh airport airspace change program consultation by referring to his report circulated in advance of the Community Council meeting. JK discussed the airport's consultation document highlighting the significant number of factors which are either unknown or which are presented in a confusing manner.

Representatives of Blackness Community Council and Edinburgh Airport Watch gave a brief summary of the TUTUR trial and the changes which were currently in progress specifically the change in use of the existing flightpaths. It was considered that the public outcry over the TUTUR trial was effective and that a similar public meeting should be held with regard to the current consultation. There has been a community survey in Blackness.

A representative of Bo'ness Community Council shared information from Edinburgh Airport regarding the forecasted total flight figures per day in the future:

- 2016 - currently 336 Flights daily equating to 122523 movements
- 2021 - 377 daily equating to 137674 movements (without Air Passenger Duty changing)
- 399 daily equating to 145486 movements (with Air Passenger Duty reduction)

Other members of the public raised the following points:

- I. There is no information in the airport's consultation document with regard to night-time flights, specifically those flightpaths that would be used for night-time flights.
- II. Concern was voiced over the ground impact of NO_x emitted by aircraft flying overhead.
- III. There is no information in the airport's consultation document with regard to more effective ground management to reduce aircraft queueing.

The following actions were agreed:

- To write to Martyn Day MP Hanna Hannah Bardell MP with our queries requesting a reply from Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP Secretary of State for Transport.
- To keep Fiona Hyslop in the loop.
- To write to CAA regarding questions.
- To organise a round the table discussion with representatives of Edinburgh Airport
- To organise a public meeting.

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(4) Working Group Updates

- **Planning** – JK referred to the previously circulated planning report and highlighted the following points:
 - Weekly Planning List - The last Weekly Planning List received by the Community Council was 28th June 2016. The only planning application requiring the Community Council's attention was the resubmission of the planning application for the reconstruction of the Victoria Hall. It was agreed that an objection be raised regarding the additional storey and the detailing of the rear elevation.

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- The Planning Forum met on 18th August and discussed Edinburgh Airport and the Planning System review.
- MV has received a Pre-application notice (PAN) giving details of an intention to submit a planning application for a housing development at Wilcoxholm Farm, Edinburgh Road. The 12 week consultation period will begin as soon as the PAN is registered by West Lothian Council, which is expected within the next few days.
- There was a short debate on whether or not the description of the proposed development of Linlithgow in the Local Development Plan constituted a masterplan. There was no conclusion to the debate.

(5) Police Scotland Update – AM gave a brief summary of police activity over the past month including information on charity box thefts and car thefts. AM confirmed that the police station will move to the new partnership centre during April/May 2017. The parking problem in Linlithgow may be partially alleviated by the opening of the Laetare car park at St Michael's Roman Catholic church. The problem of drug dealing and antisocial behaviour at the Vennel flats prompted a lengthy discussion of a wide-ranging number of problems graphically described by two of the residents. DT invited TC and TK to join with him in a meeting with West Lothian Council housing department and the police in order to explicitly discover the nature of the problems and the cause. It was decided to raise the issue of housing policy at September's Community Council meeting.

(6) Treasurer's Report - IK requested additional cheque signatories now that Aileen Boyle is no longer a member of the Community Council. The Community Council agreed that MC and MM would be cheque signatories. The Community Council further approved the suggestion by IK that the Community Council account be changed to permit telephone banking.

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

- MC asked that all other matters of business on the agenda be referred to the September meeting. The three primary items on the September meeting agenda will be:
 - Housing policy. A representative of the Housing Department to be invited.
 - Linlithgow transport
 - Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) Paul Couper to be invited
- JK asked for formal recognition of the superb work being undertaken in the High St by Burgh Beautiful. Members unanimously agreed that the High Street does indeed look stunning and congratulated Burgh Beautiful on its efforts.

Meeting closed at 9.03 pm.