

Topics for the New Term

The following topics have been left unresolved over the past year and maybe should be revisited in our programme for 2017/18.

1. **Double yellow lines in the High St** - Discussed Sept 2016. MC has been informed that traffic studies are conducted on a community by community basis and Linlithgow is next. A consultant will be appointed to make recommendations on traffic management and those proposals will go out for consultation. Scottish Government will adjudicate any disagreements. Documents will be forwarded at the appropriate time and then a sub-committee will be formed. Nothing heard since.
2. **West Lothian Housing Policy** - Discussed Oct 2016. Discussed housing allocation, new build housing and anti-social behaviour. Many questions left unanswered.
3. **Air Quality Management Area** - Discussed Dec 2016 & Jan 2017. No representation on steering group. A large number of ideas submitted to steering group but no feedback on progress.
4. **Winchburgh Academy and further developments in Linlithgow** - Discussed February 2017 and highlighted the problem of Linlithgow Academy being oversubscribed in 2019/20 which means that a solution for Winchburgh is required now. The procurement of a Winchburgh Academy is progressing but the impact on Linlithgow not revisited.
5. **St Michael's Hospital** - Discussed June 2017. Contact NHS Lothian Board to seek explicit clarification that St Michael's hospital is not destined for closure in the foreseeable future. Further that the staffing situation will be regularised and that the health and safety reasons for the closure of 8 beds will be rectified. Finally, that hard FM maintenance work to the hospital and the ambulance station is expedited. Confirmed not to close but no movement on other matters.
6. **Communication** - Discussed Aug 2017 there are 3 elements to Community Council engagement:
 - Communication with West Lothian Council
 - Communication between members of the Community Council
 - Communication with the Community we representNeed for a communications strategy.

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