



Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council Agenda

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Community Council will take place at **19.00** on Tuesday 19th December 2017 at **The Education Room at the Burgh Halls, Linlithgow.**

- 19.00 1. Attendance, apologies and declarations of interest.
- 19.03 2. Welcome and introduction of new members
- 19.10 3. Community Council Scheme, Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct
- 19.25 3. Approval of Minutes of the Community Council meeting of 28th November 2017.
- 19.30 3. Matters arising from the November meeting not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
- 19.35 4. Reports:
- a. Police
 - b. Planning - see written report for items to approve
 - c. Secretary - see written report
 - d. Treasurer - see written report
 - e. Chairman/Councillors
- 19.45 5. Report and discussion on action regarding the proposed closure of the Linlithgow Recycling Centre and the proposed withdrawal of the L1 and 31 bus services. See agenda notes.
- 20.15 6. West Lothian Council consultation procedures. See agenda notes.
- 20.25 7. Our priorities for the next 6 months. See agenda notes.
- 20.50 8. Questions from the floor & AOB
- 21.00 9. Meeting close. Next meeting 23rd January 2018.

For information: Dates of future meetings

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>
19 th December	23 rd January	22 nd May	25 th September
	27 th February	26 th June	23 rd October
	27 th March	No July Meeting	27 th November
	24 th April – AGM	28 th August	18 th December

Agenda Notes:

Recycling Centre: The Community Council has been unable to get a categoric response from West Lothian Council on the future of the Linlithgow Recycling Centre despite very direct questions. We know that West Lothian Council propose the closure of 3 of the 6 West Lothian recycling centres and we have reasonably sound evidence that the Linlithgow centre is being considered for closure. We also know from the Council's own report that the usage of the Linlithgow Recycling Centre has gone up over the past two years and we know that there is on average a new arrival every 2 minutes throughout the day on every day that the centre is open. We also know that West Lothian Recycling, a joint venture between West Lothian Council and CRH plc, had a net profit of only £5,559 for the year ended 31st Dec 2016 as opposed to £79,472 in the previous year but the reasons for this drop in profit is not explained. Any argument for the closure of the Linlithgow Recycling Centre would be difficult to understand. We are not aware of any impact assessment carried out by WLC.

L1 and 31 bus services: See November minutes. See also the "Delivering a Better Linlithgow Town Bus Service". Further information from Derek Halden includes the fact that the block grant to local authorities covers a host of local transport and non-transport services that need to be provided. The Scottish Government's funding for West Lothian is not ring fenced to identify any transport elements. The continuing decline in the proportion of the concessionary travel costs paid nationally (currently 53%) means that the proportion that needs to be paid by West Lothian Council has been going up. It is largely this increasing cost that the Council was unable to cover that led to the funding crisis for the L1 in Linlithgow. If Transport Scotland paid 100% of the fare cost of concessionary travellers then the services would be strongly commercial.

West Lothian Council Consultation procedures: Unlike many Councils in Scotland West Lothian Council has no consultation policy document. It has however issued to Community Councils and other "partners" guidance on how they should undertake consultations entitled "engaging communities toolkit: a practical guide to community engagement". The guidance is excellent. The question is how we should respond to the recent Transforming Your Council consultation. See feedback report.

Our priorities for the next 6 months: At the November meeting we listed some topics for discussion. These and those raised at previous meetings include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow lining & parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vennel redevelopment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WLC asset register & asset disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus service provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loch users group & loch water quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy on Glyphosate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Area Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social/Council housing construction, allocation and administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Development Plan & the Reporters statement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the new Planning Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Energy, solar co-operatives, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaison with West Lothian Council		

Any more to be added to this list?