

## Participation Requests – September 2018

WLC website ( <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/21540/Participation-Requests> ) states “Participation requests are part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Participation requests represent a new way that community groups can make a difference to their community and to have more say about services in West Lothian”. On the website is a participation request toolkit and an application form.

Notwithstanding the regrettable trend towards formalising through statute the approach to West Lothian Council it is proposed that we follow the example of Bathgate Community Council and use the participation request procedure to:

- Request to join and participate in the Linlithgow Local Area Committee with rights to suggest items for the agenda, have a place at the table and contribute to the discussion of topics of relevance to Linlithgow.
- Request to participate in the project group currently considering the re-development of the Vennel.

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