



Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council Agenda

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Community Council will take place at **19.30** on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** at **Burgh Halls, Linlithgow (check room on arrival)**.

- 19.30 1. Attendance, apologies and declarations of interest.
- 19.35 2 Approval of Minutes of the Community Council meeting of 28th January 2020
- 19.40 3 Matters arising not covered by the agenda
- 19.45 4. Linlithgow Peace Garden consultation. – see note 1.
- 19.55 5. Local Place Plans – see note 2.
- 20.05 6. New parking study – see note 3.
- 20.20 7. Vennel development – see note 4.
- 20.35 8. Community Council Scheme Review.
- 20.40 9. Standing Reports:
- a. Chairman; Visitor Information Centre
 - b. Secretary (see written report)
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Police
 - e. Planning (see written report)
 - f. Bus Group
- 20.55 9. Questions from the floor & AOB
- 21.00 10. Meeting close. Next meeting 24th March 2020

For information: Dates of future meetings

<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021*</u>	<u>2021*</u>
28 th January	No meeting in July	26 th January	No meeting in July
25 th February	25 th August	23 rd February	24 th August
24 th March	22 nd September	23 rd March	28 th September
28 th April - AGM	27 th October	27 th April - AGM	26 th October
26 th May	24 th November	25 th May	23 rd November
23 rd June	15 th December**	22 nd June	14 th December**

* Meeting dates for 2021 will be confirmed at the AGM 28th April 2020

** Meeting date reserved but meeting may not be held if insufficient business

Notes:

- 1. Linlithgow Peace Garden Consultation:** A consultation event will take place on 4th March 2020 from 7pm to 8pm in the Burgh Halls. The event will be followed by a two-week period where comments can be left at the Burgh Halls or made online via the Peace Garden Facebook page. The Community Council has consistently taken a neutral stance offering help only to facilitate engagement. It is proposed that the Community Council maintains its neutral position leaving individual members of the Community Council to make their own individual comments. It is proposed that the Community Council will not respond to the consultation.
- 2. Local Place Plans** The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 20 June 2019 and received Royal Assent on 25 July 2019. West Lothian Council is required to invite each community's "community-controlled body" to prepare a Place Plan. A community-controlled body is defined as a Community Council or a body within the definition given in section 19 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. A briefing note has been prepared (see papers for this meeting). The Joint Forum has suggested that Linlithgow be the pilot for the preparation of a Place Plan. It is proposed that this suggestion be accepted, and moves be made to liaise with West Lothian Council for the preparation of a Place Plan for Linlithgow which will inform a model Place Plan for other West Lothian Communities.
- 3. New Parking Study.** West Lothian Council executive meeting on 8 October 2019 determined that they would consider new initiatives to allow greater control over parking (on and off street) and discourage car commuting. This could include the introduction of charging for parking where space is in strong demand and introduction of more limited waiting times in town centre areas to ensure that shoppers and businesses can park conveniently while commuter parking is discouraged. On 5 February 2019 the executive ruled out introducing car parking charges in West Lothian until after 2022/23 the exception being the Vennel car park Linlithgow. In a paper to the Environment PDSP the head of operational services announced in a paper dated 11 February 2020 that Peter Brett Associates LLP, who are part of Stanec, will carry out a review of parking in West Lothian. It is proposed that the Community Council prepare itself to respond to this study. It is also proposed that as Linlithgow is the exception regarding parking charges that the Linlithgow be the exception in subsidising the L1 bus service to operate from early morning until early evening paid from the Vennel lease charge.
- 4. Vennel Development.** West Lothian Council executive meeting on 25th February 2020 are to consider a paper entitled "Planning Guidance: the Vennel, Linlithgow". A report on the draft planning guidelines was considered by the Development and Transport PDSP on 3 April 2017. The PDSP was supportive of the terms of the draft guidance and was agreeable to it being made the subject of public consultation with the outcome to be reported to the Council Executive. It is the report of this outcome that is being discussed today. Despite the extensive consultation undertaken by Linlithgow Planning Forum and the option appraisal exercise undertaken in September 2018 it has been concluded that relatively few changes have been deemed necessary to the guidance in response to the comments received. The land area however has been reduced. The revised proposals have not been resubmitted to a PDSP. The agreed conditions of the participation request have not been complied with by West Lothian Council.