

Secretary's Report

1. Joint Forum of West Lothian Community Councils. For newsletters etc. see westlothiancc.com/downloads.
2. Consultations generally.
3. Consultations: Police Scotland's and the Scottish Police Authority's Consultation on our refreshed Joint Strategy - 'Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland' A period of public and stakeholder engagement is currently underway and will run until 2 March 2020. We will be collecting feedback via the Citizen Space survey platform which can be accessed at: <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/policingforscotland/>
4. BBC Scotland's Debate Night is back and looking for audience members for our upcoming shows: 04th Mar – Ayr, 11th Mar – Stirling, 18th Mar – Edinburgh. Visit bbc.co.uk/debatenight and click 'Join the Debate Night Audience'. You will need to arrive for 18:30 to allow time before recording between 20:00 and 21:00. The programme will then be broadcast on the BBC Scotland channel at 22:30 that night.
5. TTRO's
 - a. High St near New Well Wynd, gas main works 9-10 March.
 - b. Back Station Road, drain cleaning, 7 March.

Planning Report

1. **Wilcoxholm** - Further information awaited to address issues raised by consultees. The case officer is retiring.
2. **Preston Farm** - application for an EIA Screening Opinion - 0060/EIA/20. It is the applicant's view that in terms of the relevant regulations, an Environmental Impact Assessment is not necessary. Should this view be accepted by the Council, it is vital that the application is accompanied by thorough assessments of the impact of development on the landscape setting of the site, wildlife/protected species, the historic environment. **Decision required**
3. **Annet House** - planning application - 1268/FUL/19 Change of use from museum (class 10) to house (class 9) and alterations, including formation of vehicular access. Access is through the wall to the south of the property. It does not appear to impact on the form of the Rigg itself, nor to encroach into too much of the garden area.
4. **Planning Guidance (PG) Planning for Nature: Development Management and Wildlife** - seeking Council approval consultation closed a while ago.
5. **The Vennel, Linlithgow** - recommendation to approve the draft guidance, and to undertake an 'initial soft market test... to ascertain the market viability to take any future development proposals forward. Once this is completed it is proposed that a report will be presented to the Council Executive outlining the findings and any intentions with respect to the site.'
6. **West Lothian Local Development Plan** - timetable for preparation, likely to be put back by a year whilst secondary legislation associated with the new Planning Act is prepared. No mention of Place Plans.