

Secretary's Report

1. TTRO - Scottish Water road closure Wester Ochiltree 7th to 18th Sept. This will block the junction of the road from Kingscavil at Ochiltree.
2. TTRO – BT Overhead line works 5th and 6th October. Barrowstoun Road closed between A803 and Bonnytoun Farm. No parking for Loch Circular at this point.

Planning Report

1. **The Vennel**, See Report of PDSP.
2. **Scottish Planning Policy** – Housing consultation see paper.
3. **Planning (Scotland) Act 2019** Consultation paper relating to proposed changes to the existing requirements for pre-application consultation (PAC) with local communities on national and major developments. Closing date 6th November. Details <https://consult.gov.scot/planning-architecture/pre-application-consultation-requirements/>
4. **Planning Applications**
 - a. 0598/LBC/20 and 0597/FUL/20 8 Flats at the former police station
 - b. 0821/P/20 6 houses Clark Avenue
 - c. Preston Farm - notice from Cala of planning application – no details on council website yet.

Joint Forum of West Lothian Community Councils Report

1. Joint Forum of West Lothian Community Councils. For newsletters etc. see www.westlothiancc.com/downloads
2. Discussed at Joint Forum meeting 17th September
 - a. Upgrade proposed for Joint Forum website. Needed photos depicting Community initiatives in Linlithgow and text for a one-page descriptor.
 - b. Reports of dissatisfaction with current administration of Community Council responses to planning applications as a statutory consultee. Suggestion that planning matters be discussed at Local Area Committee. Action West Lothian Planning Forum to investigate, survey and report.
 - c. Drugs and law enforcement. Links to mental health and social problems. East Calder rep to investigate educational input through SQA qualification and personal development syllabus.
 - d. Refuse and recycling. Concern over lack of recycling at recycling centres and increasing end of road bin collections.
 - e. 2nd round of new Town Centre funding £658,000 to West Lothian. No details from WLC as yet.
 - f. Dissatisfaction at lack of permitted public attendance at online meetings. Highland Council is the benchmark. <https://highland.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>