



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 27th October 2020 online**. Members of the public will be participating in this meeting.

- 19.30 1. Attendance, apologies, and declarations of interest.
- 19.32 2. Welcome to members of public attending.
- 19.35 3. Approval of Minutes of the Community Council meeting of 22nd September 2020.
- 19.40 4. Matters arising not covered by the agenda
- 19.45 5. Vennel Redevelopment report and further action – see paper
- 19.55 6. Smoke detector replacement – see note
- 20.05 7. Springfield trees and open space – see paper
- 20.15 8. Town Centre funding – see paper
- 20.25 9. Standing Reports:
- 1) Chairman
 - a) LCDT AGM 12 November
 - b) Tourist information signage
 - c) HES Loch user group meeting
 - d) Remembrance Sunday arrangements
 - e) Community Council AGM
 - 2) Secretary. See report.
 - 3) Treasurer.
 - 4) Police.
 - 5) Planning. See report
 - 6) Bus Group
 - 7) Joint Forum of Community Councils in West Lothian. See report
- 20.45 10. Public participation feedback, questions and replies
- 20.55 11. AOB
- 21.00 12. Meeting close. Next meeting 24th November 2020.

For information: Dates of future meetings

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

* Meeting dates for 2021 will be confirmed at the AGM.

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

Secretary - LLBCC

Notes:

1) Smoke detector replacement The Scottish Government had planned to introduce new standards for fire and smoke alarms in all homes from February 2021. This is likely to be delayed by 12 months that is from February 2022. The new rules mean the standard which currently applies to private rented property and new-builds is being extended to all homes in Scotland.

From this date, every home must have:

- a smoke alarm in the living room and in circulation spaces such as hallways and landings
- a heat alarm in every kitchen
- all alarms ceiling mounted and interlinked
- a carbon monoxide alarm where there are fixed combustion appliances such as boilers, gas fires and wood burners. This need not be interlinked with other alarms.

This will mean the disposal of many thousands of smoke detectors all of which contain radioactive material: this means they cannot be disposed of as general waste or recycled with other items of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). The radioactive element must first be removed by a specialist contractor. Following this, the detector can be sent to an Approved Authorised Treatment Facility for WEEE recycling. Will West Lothian Council have a dedicated recycling bin for smoke detectors?

Further the cost of installation in a traditional 2 bedroom house is cited as being around £220 plus labour. Will grants be available for those who cannot afford such an outlay?

John Kelly
23rd October 2020