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Editor's Introduction

Ron Smith, Newsletter Editor

This is the first Newsletter of the Linlithgow Burgh Trust, the new charitable organisation or 'SCIO' (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which encompasses the aims and activities of both Linlithgow Civic Trust and Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow.

We have kept the familiar general format of the old Linlithgow Civic Trust newsletter but changed the theme colours and typefaces to reflect the organisational change. In addition, we have divided the bulk of the content into three sections, firstly covering the parent Linlithgow Burgh Trust and followed by news and comment from Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow and Linlithgow Civic Trust.

We hope that you approve of the changes, but any feedback is welcomed! Of course, any assistance with any of the Burgh Trust's activities is always extremely welcome, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to help in any way!

LINLITHGOW BURGH TRUST NEWS AND COMMENT

Chairman's Report

Chris Long, Chairman

The benefits of travelling overseas over the summer include the opportunity to see how other places tick. I am always amazed at how effortlessly the French integrate car parking below town squares across their country, from Bordeaux to Chartres to Avignon. Our recent visit to Avignon confirmed my previous observation of how easy it is as a tourist to park your car in the three-level car park concealed beneath the square in front of the Popes' Palace – which is exactly where a tourist wants to arrive (see photograph above).



Could we achieve this seamless integration in the proposed redevelopment of the Vennel in Linlithgow? Another impressive structure in Ghent, in Belgium, was what is called the market hall, nicknamed the 'sheep shed', in the heart of the town. It is a large, open-sided, timber, roofed structure which permits many community activities to flourish outside but under cover. In the redevelopment of the Vennel, could we envisage a market-type roof structure that could house a range of activities from Advent Fayre events, plant sales, farmers' markets to folk festival musicians and carol services?

Linlithgow has been a bonny wee town over the summer due to the energy of Burgh Beautiful. Well done to all Burgh Beautiful members and volunteers for winning the cup for the best medium-sized town in the Beautiful Scotland competition!

I look forward to meeting you at the Canal Tearoom on Saturday 18 November 2017 for the AGM of Linlithgow Burgh Trust. After the AGM, there will be a Members' Social with refreshments and food. There will be a charge of £10 for this. I acknowledge the substantial efforts of all the trustees who are working so hard to make a success of charitable status. Please remember to support Burgh Beautiful and Linlithgow Civic Trust on Saturday 25 November at this year's Advent Fayre at the Burgh Halls and outside at The Cross.

Membership

John Aitken, Secretary, Linlithgow Burgh Trust

Everyone who was a Full Member of Linlithgow Civic Trust became a Member of Linlithgow Burgh Trust on 29 April 2017. Former Life Members of Linlithgow Civic Trust became Life Members of Linlithgow Burgh Trust and Joint/Family Members of Linlithgow Civic Trust became two separate Members of Linlithgow Burgh Trust.

We would like to encourage those who were Burgh Beautiful volunteers, who were Volunteer Members of the former Linlithgow Civic Trust, to apply to join Linlithgow Burgh Trust as Members, thus contributing towards newsletter, website and other costs, but they can, of course, continue to assist as volunteers, without joining, if they so wish.

Annual subscriptions of £10 per Member became due in September and those whose subscriptions are due for 2017-18 will have received a reminder (or two in the case of former LCT Family Members) with this newsletter.

Where two or more members share the same postal address, we will deliver only one copy of the newsletter, unless you ask for more.

We are keen to improve our ability to get in touch and every person who is on our database will be sent a printout showing the information that we currently hold. Even if it is correct, please return it to us as confirmation. Please let us know about any errors and missing data, particularly missing email addresses, phone numbers and Gift Aid consent.

The Trust is keen to recruit new members, so be sure to tell your friends and neighbours about us and encourage them to join. Application can be made online at <http://lbt.scot/about-us/membership>, you can email membership@lbt.scot or phone me on 07753253555.

Website

John Aitken, Secretary, Linlithgow Burgh Trust

The new Linlithgow Burgh Trust website at lbt.scot is now well established and replaces the old Linlithgow Civic Trust website. If you spot any errors, or if you'd like more information to be included, please email webmaster@lbt.scot and we'll try to make it better.

BURGH BEAUTIFUL LINLITHGOW NEWS & COMMENT

Burgh Beautiful's Eventful Summer

Jean Long, Secretary, Burgh Beautiful

It is a truth universally acknowledged that the volunteers at Burgh Beautiful contribute a great deal to the town through their hard work and commitment. Add to that the national recognition the town won with its results in the Beautiful Scotland competition and 2017 can go down in the records as a very successful year.



Serpentine Bed, between Linlithgow Loch and the High Street.

The planters, flower beds and hanging baskets make a powerful impact on the appearance of the town, as the photographs show. The serpentine bed above took twelve volunteers about four hours each to plant out: Burgh Beautiful's members were augmented by some from the Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange. The beds at Learmonth Gardens involve two adult groups of members with the front beds being planted up by Guides.

Some of the flower beds go beyond the High Street and this year Ron Smith produced a booklet called *Linlithgow Floral Trails* which leads you along routes showing all the beds with which Burgh Beautiful is involved, including the less well known. If you have not seen a copy, it is available online at http://lbt.scot/images/BBL/Documents/Floral_Trail.pdf. We have some stunning and fascinating beds in the High Street and beyond which include the



Learmonth Gardens – worth a look!



Guides planting begonias at Learmonth Gardens in early June.



Lamppost floral containers at 'Guyancourt Vennel'.



Transition Linlithgow 'Save our Peatlands' Bed at the Vennel.



Bee at work on a Springfield bed.

Transition Linlithgow bed at the Vennel which demonstrates the importance of peatlands, to the almost secret bed near Springfield Primary School (at Dovecot Park) rescued by Kirsten Lamb, a local resident and Burgh Beautiful member.

As well as our adult volunteers, Burgh Beautiful is supported by young people in the town including Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Beavers and classes of school children. We also receive practical support from adult groups in the town such as the Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange and Transition Linlithgow. Retailers too are very supportive with their own flower displays and willingness to participate in initiatives such as Beautiful Scotland's Birds, Bees and Trees Campaign. There are also a number of community gardeners with whom you will be familiar: Eileen Murray, Tommy Peake, Dianne Lamont and Audrey Simpson. We can now add the community of Riverside Court Garden Project at Linlithgow Bridge led by Susan Bundock, a Burgh Beautiful member, a group which is in the process of creating a highly inventive entrance to the scout hall area.



Participants in the Riverside Garden Project.

Fund Raising

Furthermore, the community of Linlithgow really steps up to the mark with financial support in the form of donations and sponsorship which comes from individuals, groups and businesses as well as practical work. Becoming a charity with its Gift Aid facility has enabled Burgh Beautiful to increase the value of much of its income. What has been additionally evident this year in particular is the help we have received from people allowing us to access water near flower beds for whose support and generosity we are very grateful. Then there is the huge amount of work done by our volunteers without whom none of this would happen and who are delighted to receive acknowledgements of their efforts as they are working.

In terms of donations, Janet and John Carswell gave most generously and imaginatively when they opened their garden to raise funds for Burgh Beautiful. This was accompanied by afternoon tea and, to crown all, the sun shone. A glorious event which raised £700.

Our annual plant sale was well supported both in terms of donations of plants and in the purchases made by townspeople, raising £732.20. Our thanks go to Diana Marchant who organised it. The bag-packing day at Tesco raised over £500 and allowed Burgh Beautiful volunteers to talk to townspeople about our work. This event was organised by Averil Stewart for whose initiative we are grateful.

Beautiful Scotland Competition

Then there are the prizes from Beautiful Scotland: the trophy for “Best Medium Town”, a “Gold” certificate and the RHS “Overcoming Adversity” award. The latter recognised our successful “Bye Bye” campaign, initiated by Ian Orr, which was instrumental in meeting the challenge posed by West Lothian Council’s withdrawal of all planting. The force behind our entry to the competition was the quartet of Averil Stewart who led the group, Shona Robertson, Jean Aitken and Ron Smith. Entry to the Beautiful Scotland competition requires an astonishing amount of preparatory work; they worked with energy and enthusiasm throughout the preparatory period. It is not just horticultural achievement the judges want – although they certainly want that. They require a portfolio demonstrating what Burgh Beautiful has done over the past year – this can be viewed at:



http://lbt.scot/images/BBL/Portfolio_2017.pdf. Take a look. It is an absorbing document. They are also looking for evidence of environmental responsibility from biodiversity to management of street furniture – the latter being a bit out of our area of responsibility! Community participation is another target where they want to see proof of support from a range of sections such as children, community groups and businesses. Yet there is little doubt that the community is aware of Burgh Beautiful's efforts. When the Beautiful Scotland prizes began to be announced and were highlighted on Burgh Beautiful's Facebook page we attracted 9,894 visits – a measure of the interest in the town as well as the power of social media. A fuller account of the Beautiful Scotland judging and awards ceremony was published in the October edition of the 'Black Bitch' community magazine.



And Finally...

This report would not be complete without drawing attention to the new banners in the station. This highly creative work is that of Linlithgow and District's Embroiderers' Guild. Their work is sensational. Commissioned by Burgh Beautiful and funded by Scotrail, the textile art displayed on these banners is a tribute to the artists involved.



The new embroidered banners at Linlithgow Railway Station.

LINLITHGOW CIVIC TRUST - NEWS AND COMMENT

Events Programme

John Mason CBE, Programme Co-ordinator

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 16 January 2018 - Behind-the-Scenes Tour at the National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh



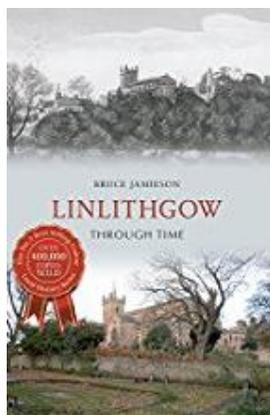
This will be an opportunity for a free behind-the-scenes tour of the National Library of Scotland at George IV Bridge in Edinburgh. It will be at 2.30pm and include a visit to the reading rooms and book stacks (where NLS store the books) and will also provide information about exhibitions and events, how to use the library and how to access the collections.

The tour will last about 40 minutes and there will then be an opportunity to view the current exhibition at the National

Library. There is an excellent café at the venue. There is an upper limit of 10 people for the tour. Please contact John Mason at u102526@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Thursday 22 February 2018 – Linlithgow Civic Trust Annual Lecture

An unmissable date for your diary! Bruce Jamieson will be giving the Civic Trust annual lecture for 2018. His illustrated 80-minute talk will be on "Linlithgow Lore and Legend - debunking and reinforcing Linlithgow's history." The talk will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 22 February 2018 in the Education Room of the Burgh Halls with space for about 45 folk. The event is free, with refreshments available for a donation. More details will follow on the Linlithgow Burgh Trust website. All welcome.



Tuesday 17 July 2018 - Visit to Carmichael Mill, Lanarkshire

A visit at 2pm to Carmichael Mill near Lanark when the riverside gardens surrounding Clydesdale's only remaining workable water-powered grain mill

will be at their best. There are archaeological remains of medieval grain mills from circa 1200 and of foundry, lint mill and threshing mill activity within the curtilage of the category B listed building. Also there are diverse plant habitats, from saturated to bone dry, allowing a vast range of trees and shrubs, both ornamental and fruit. A vegetable garden, herbaceous perennials, annuals, biennials and an ornamental/wildlife pond complement the landscape.



We will be given a guided tour by the owner Ken Fawell. Members are welcome to bring their own refreshments and snacks to eat on site. There will be a charge of £5 per person with a donation being made to Scotland's Garden Scheme beneficiaries. Please contact John Mason at u102526@gmail.com if you would wish to go.

Other Visits

I am currently exploring two other visits for Burgh Trust members to the headquarters of Scottish Canals in Glasgow before the end of 2017 and to Jupiter Artland in May 2018. Please keep an eye on the Linlithgow Civic Trust's website Programme page for details of these and other possible visits in between Newsletters.

Events since the Last Newsletter

Saturday 29 April 2017 – 46th Annual General Meeting at the MacKinnon Hall, Linlithgow Bridge.

The first Members' General Meeting of Linlithgow Burgh Trust took place immediately after the conclusion of the last AGM of the Linlithgow Civic Trust, marking an important milestone for the Trust.

Wednesday 7 June 2017 – Perambulation of Linlithgow's Marches.

The annual perambulation of Linlithgow's old parliamentary boundary took place on 7 June. It was well attended and (as usual!) blessed with good weather.

Friday 9 June 2017 – Visit to Riddles Court, Edinburgh.

Linlithgow Civic Trust made a further visit to view the completed restoration work at Riddles Court, Edinburgh. This beautiful sixteenth century 'A' listed building, hidden down a pend leading from the Lawnmarket at the top of the Royal Mile, is not known to many people, yet it is of outstanding historical and architectural value spanning 400 years of Scottish history. The project will open shortly as the Patrick Geddes Centre, accessible to the public and forming a basis for learning, using the ideas of Geddes, known for his innovative thinking in the fields of urban planning and sociology, who used to live and work at Riddles Court.

Saturday 26 August 2017 – Visit to the Engine Shed, Stirling.

Further to the Civic Trust Lecture in February 2017 given by Dorothy Hoskins, Technical Outreach & Education Manager, Historic Environment Scotland, a visit was made to the newly opened Engine Shed in Stirling which showcases conservation work in Scotland.

Saturday/Sunday 9/10 September 2017 – Doors Open Day

Linlithgow Civic Trust provided a varied programme once again in 2017, including the Regal Community Theatre and Blackburn House in Bathgate, Canal House and Crossview Studios in Linlithgow, and a number of ecclesiastical properties of interest including St Michael's Parish Church in Linlithgow and Abercorn Parish Church. Of particular interest was the chance to see Annet House and Garden for the last time before it closes its doors and the museum moves to its new home at the Linlithgow Partnership Centre. Bruce Jamieson, Linlithgow's eminent local historian, also provided a ninety-minute walking tour of Linlithgow Cemetery at Braehead.

Sunday 24 September 2017 – Visit to Colzium Lennox Estate, Kilsyth

A successful trip took place to the Colzium Lennox Estate, Kilsyth, attended by eleven members and friends. We visited the museum which told the history of the estate and area which was unfamiliar to many of us. We enjoyed an excellent tour by North Lanarkshire gardener and volunteer Jim who showed us round the profusion of shrubs and trees in the walled garden. Originally used to grow vegetables, fruit, flowers and exotic species for Colzium House, the garden displays a magnificent collection of plants from across the world. The visit was finished off with refreshments in the excellent new café.

Vennel Redevelopment – Community Consultation

Ron Smith, Newsletter Editor and Convenor, Linlithgow Planning Forum

During this summer, West Lothian Council conducted a nine-week consultation on its draft 'Planning Guidance' for the redevelopment of the Vennel. In response to what the Civic Trust considered to be an inadequate brief, Linlithgow Planning Forum, of which the Civic Trust is an active partner, conducted an exhaustive public consultation exercise, including two survey questionnaires and an exhibition.



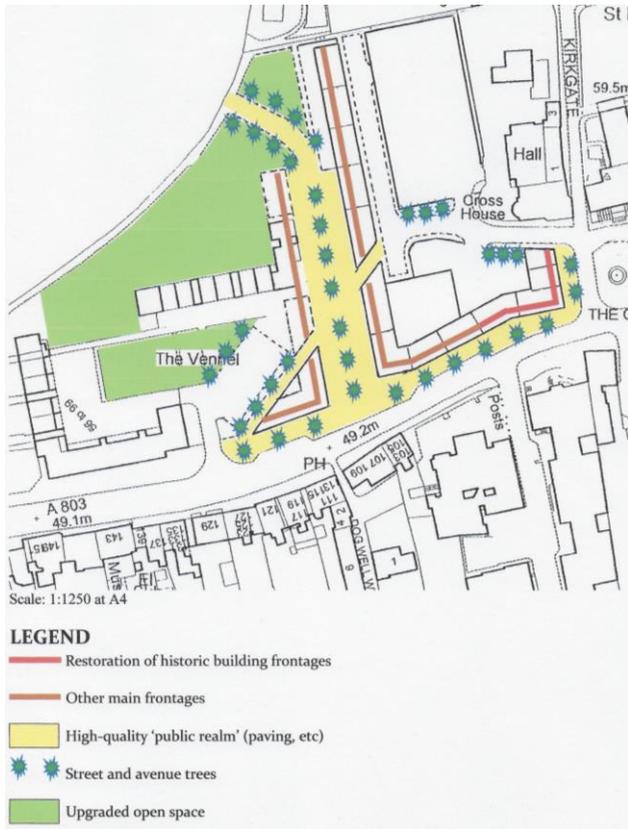
The west side of the Cross in 1994, just before refurbishment about 20 years ago.

The Planning Forum's consultation was carried out in two main phases, supplemented by leaflet distribution at the Cross on two Saturday mornings, a barbecue with Vennel residents and a door-to-door survey of Vennel residents. Phase 1 was an online and paper-based initial survey of preferences for the site, administered by the Community Council, which received 259 replies.

These activities and responses all informed the content of Phase 2 – an exhibition of possible development ideas (see page 14) at the Low Port Centre on 29 August 2017, prepared by Linlithgow Civic Trust, attended by about 150 visitors and accompanied by availability of a more detailed questionnaire which was completed by 120 people. The development ideas were not intended as a definite development proposal, only as a stimulus to public response; however, they were supported by 89% of respondents.

Andrew Taylor of :That Studio, Architects, kindly produced, free of charge, the ten exhibition boards which formed the basis of the Civic Trust's contribution to the consultation exercise. He also produced three sketches to give an idea of the form (not the architectural design) that the redevelopment might take. We are very much indebted to him.





Possible Landscape and Townscape Framework

One of the plans in the Vennel Redevelopment Exhibition, produced to stimulate public comment and debate. These are included in Linlithgow Civic Trust's full response to West Lothian Council which can be found on the internet at <http://lbt.scot/civic-trust/planning>, along with the full results of the accompanying questionnaire.

In summary, the main findings from the public response were:

- It was felt that this is a rare opportunity to substantially improve the centre of Linlithgow.
- 95% wish to see a design in sympathy with Linlithgow's traditional buildings in terms of built form and building materials, and there is similar support for new/attractive links between the High Street and the loch, making the area more attractive to tourists, upgrading the quality of existing open space and preserving important views across the site.
- There is 90% support to extend the redevelopment area from the Council's selected area around the library/toilets to as far as the west side of The Cross.
- 81% support at least a quarter of the houses in any redevelopment scheme being social-rented and 91% would like to see housing for younger people such as first-time buyers. Room sizes larger than the minimum standard are supported by 82%.

- 83% want more car parking than at present, 92% want public toilets included in the scheme and 88% would like existing shopkeepers to be given new shop units on site.
- There was lesser, but still substantial support for: housing for the elderly (60%), a small hotel/restaurant overlooking Linlithgow Loch (67%), shop units for specialist/tourist-related businesses (62%) and a 'business centre' or similar (61%).
- In both survey questionnaires, over 80% of respondents wanted the Linlithgow community to be actively represented throughout the development of the project brief.

In its own response to the Council, Linlithgow Civic Trust stated that the 90% public support to extend the development area as far as The Cross should be recognised in the Council's future plans. Including the added area at this stage would give an obvious opportunity to rehouse/relocate residents and businesses within the site – an opportunity which would not be available once the area currently identified by the Council has been redeveloped.

We also emphasised that the redevelopment of this nationally-important site should be carefully considered and recognise the very strong wish of the Linlithgow community to actively participate in all stages leading up to and including the formulation of the Development Brief and masterplan for the redevelopment of The Vennel site and its extension towards The Cross

Planning Report

David Timperley, Linlithgow Civic Trust's Planning Spokesman

Our significant involvement in the Vennel Redevelopment consultation is covered in Ron Smith's article above. However, I would like to bring to your attention the following typical comments received:

On the general principle of the redevelopment:

"There is an opportunity to create the best tourist town in central Scotland here. We should demolish the Cross flats and recreate a high-quality town centre full of character and which reflects the town's history. Views of the loch, church and palace should be maximised from all locations".

On the need for community involvement:

"I absolutely do mind how the new development looks, but I'm not an expert. I would like an architect to work closely with the community to come up with some designs for consideration. In terms of the Vennel flats, it is important to involve residents in any decision about their homes. Overall, I feel strongly that any

development ought to be part of a broader future vision for Linlithgow Town Centre, including any improvements to air quality and town centre vibrancy”.

Planning Applications

Responses on the following Planning Applications have been sent by the Civic Trust to West Lothian Council since the last newsletter.

Erection of six houses on land at Clarendon House, Linlithgow

The Civic Trust gave eight reasons for objecting to this application including a conflict in policy with the Local Development Plan and the limited capacity of Linlithgow Academy, together with detailed objections regarding access and road safety issues. A decision is still awaited.

Conversion of former Procurator Fiscal’s office to six flats at Stuart House, High Street, Linlithgow

The Civic Trust commented that there was no objection to this proposal despite the potential impact on the capacity of Linlithgow Academy. This stance was taken because the Civic Trust recognised that the proposals would make use of an existing building which has remained empty for some time. A decision is still awaited.

Erection of two dwelling houses west of Drover’s Bank, Pardovan Farm Steadings, Philipstoun, Linlithgow

Objections have been raised by the Civic Trust for this application on the policy issues of potential increased demand on the limited capacity of Linlithgow Academy and the development of residential properties which are not specifically designated for agricultural use, for example occupancy by farm workers. A detailed objection was raised because the access did not meet the required standards for an access which would, by its nature, be a public road. This application is also awaiting a decision by the Council.

‘Householder’ and Listed Building Consent applications for the extension of West Port House, High Street, Linlithgow

This application was in effect a proposal for a new dwelling on the east end of West Port House which is a category ‘A’ listed building; it was also adjacent to 293-5 High Street which is category ‘B’ listed. The Civic Trust objected to the proposals because the architectural style, form and materials would have been alien to the surroundings and completely unacceptable in the context of the adjacent listed buildings and the Outstanding Conservation Area in which the proposed new house would lie. According to the West Lothian Council’s records, these applications have been withdrawn.

Update on Cross Frontage of Templars Court

Members will be aware that there has existed, for well over two years now, an ugly gap site in Linlithgow High Street on the site of the old bus station (SMT) offices and in front of the McCarthy and Stone residential development at Templars Court. The planning permission granted to McCarthy and Stone included the redevelopment of the frontage for shops and flats, as shown in the illustration below. Some subsidence of the adjacent property occurred when the SMT building was demolished, hence the installation of an ugly timber shoring reminiscent of a Second World War bomb site. Since that time, McCarthy and Stone have been involved in protracted negotiations with the owner of the affected property and the Civic Trust have persistently been asking McCarthy and Stone to conclude these negotiations and complete the development which they are obliged to do as part of the Planning Permission.

The agents for McCarthy and Stone have recently informed the Civic Trust that they have purchased the property affected by the subsidence, but claim that they cannot complete the frontage development as planned because of ground instability, even though the previous SMT premises stood on this site for many years. McCarthy and Stone wish to negotiate an amendment to the planning permission which effectively would leave a gap site at this very important location in the town.

The Civic Trust is strongly opposed to this and will do everything it can to ensure an acceptable outcome, reflecting the continuous building frontages which are traditional to this ancient Royal Burgh. The Linlithgow Civic Trust Committee looks to Burgh Trust members for their support.



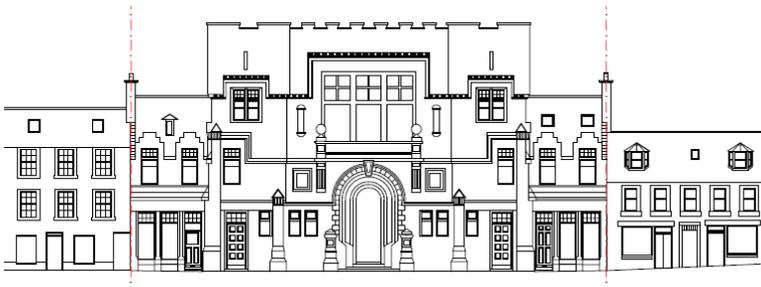
Victoria Hall Redevelopment Update

Ron Smith, Newsletter Editor

Although, at the time of writing (13 October), Montreal Property had not received planning permission for the redevelopment of the Victoria Hall site nor consent for the demolition of the existing building, there had been some on-site evidence that demolition was about to begin, with notification published that partial closure of the pavement would take place over the next few months.

These conflicting messages were compounded by the fact that, although a building warrant had been granted for the demolition, no warrant application for the new replacement construction had been submitted – and an intended planning condition will prohibit any start on demolition before contracts have been let for the redevelopment, to prevent a gap site being created.

If the redevelopment does take place, it will consist of two retail units on the ground floor and 16 flats above (14 one-bedroom and two one-bedroom). It will be interesting to see the impact of the glass-walled top-storey which the Civic Trust and other groups felt to be out of keeping with the conservation area, particularly when viewed from the east.



EXISTING



PROPOSED

'Before' and 'after' drawings of the Victoria Hall site.

Many of the objectors to the planning application expressed concern about the loss of potential for a community arts centre/theatre/cinema on the site, as advocated by the Linlithgow Victoria Hall Trust which is still working towards a community 'buy-out' of the property if the landowner fails to go ahead with its development proposal. At the very least, the Hall Trust may claim some success in expediting the redevelopment of the site.

Looking Forward ...

Marilyne MacLaren, Chair, Linlithgow Civic Trust

It is a great privilege to be the new Chair of the Linlithgow Civic Trust Committee, and especially at such an exciting time when the parent Burgh Trust has become a charity, and the new organisation has led to closer links with its sister group Burgh Beautiful. Chris Long, the previous Chair, is a hard act to follow, and I am very lucky to have him still around guiding and supporting me - I'll get the hang of things sometime!

I am determined that the Trust will continue to raise its profile in the town, and represent the views of the community in the future planning and strategic vision of Linlithgow. I hope that Linlithgow Civic Trust will be able to participate in the discussions this coming autumn, in the Scottish Parliament, around the new Planning Bill which, it is predicted, will give more powers to communities.

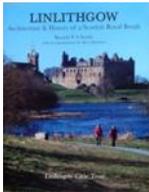
Please come and join us, and ensure that Linlithgow remains not only a beautiful place to live, but also a vibrant and successful place in which to work.

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	<p>Linlithgow - Architecture and History of a Scottish Royal Burgh Retail price: £8.00</p> <p>Linlithgow Civic Trust has published a generously illustrated 64-page book, based on the Architectural and Historical Guide first published by the Trust in 1974, but revised and greatly expanded.</p> <p>The book contains around 170 photographs, plans and other illustrations, mostly in colour and never previously published, giving a comprehensive account of the architecture and history of Linlithgow. It has been produced to a highly professional standard, with full annotations to each photograph, an original historical overview and an index.</p>
	<p>Walks around Linlithgow</p> <p>Retail price: £7.00</p> <p>This popular book by local Rambler John Davidson covers 27 walks, each of which has colour illustrations and an Ordnance Survey based map</p>
	<p>Linlithgow Street Plan</p> <p>Retail price: £2.00</p> <p>Ronald P A Smith's excellent street plan of Linlithgow is now available from Linlithgow Civic Trust.</p>
	<p>Street Names of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge</p> <p>Retail price: £2.00</p> <p>A fascinating and entertaining account of the origins of Linlithgow's street names by local historian Bruce Jamieson.</p>
	<p>Teatowel Retail price: £6.50</p> <p>This quality tea towel is illustrated with key images of Linlithgow. It makes a good memento or a gift for anyone with a connection to the town.</p>

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