



1. Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 11th September 2017 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Alistair Smith, Emma Herdman, Allan Pryde, Steve Aitchison, Craig McBeth and Councillors David Parker, Kevin Drum and Tom Miers

Apologies received, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Edward Maitland-Carew, and Judi Gunn

3 members of the public

2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were none apart from Tom being Chairman of the SBC Planning Committee.

3. **Police Report. This had been circulated.**

4. **Community Councillor Code of Conduct.** This has been signed by all members and forwarded to the Treasurer.

5. **Minute of previous meeting.** The July minute was proposed by Alistair and seconded by Irene.

6. **Notification of items not on Agenda.** These would be taken near the end of the meeting.

7. **Matters Arising.** – None

8. Lauder to Oxton Access Path

8.1 David reported that with funding from South East Scotland Transport Partnership (SEStran) Phase I of this programme had been carried out and Phase II from the pheasant pens to the Trabroun road would be tarmac with a grass verge for equestrians. This will happen towards end September. Maintenance will also be planned.

8.2 There was a complaint that the path at Harryburn has not been strimmed/mowed but Alistair had been in hospital.

8.3 The Harryburn path bridge has been repaired very well.

9. Reports

9.1 **Planning.** Tom, left during this discussion. Applications have been received for Plot 5 Whitlaw Road Industrial Estate, alterations and extension to 38 East High Street, internal extension and alteration to Thirlestane Castle, new windows for 32 East High Street, solar panels for 80 West High Street, alterations and extension at 25 The Row, removal of external signage and ATM at The Bank, new house north west of Hooley Cottage, East Mains, and outline permission for new house south and east of Schoolhouse, Blainslie. All these were considered as 'no comment' although LCC does not normally comment on outline applications. Anne was asked to write to the Bank of Scotland to request that the ATM not be removed.

9.2 **Treasurer's Report.** None.



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- 9.3 Lauder Common Good.** David reported on a application from the Sheep Company to plant trees on The Common. He has asked for plans and maps and noted that the public would be involved in the consultation.
- 9.4 Quality of Life Funding Outstanding.** David reported that there was still £1,233 outstanding for LCC. Requests were received for a new path between the Burn Mill and the Quarry with brass animals for rubbing which Lauder in Bloom would maintain and funding towards the Christmas Tree. These suggestions would be applied for at the October meeting.
- 9.5 Revitalisation.**
- 9.5.1** Irene reported that at last she had received permission to put a defibrillator up on the Police Station. Various other suggestions were put forward now that the permission from the Co-op is only for opening hours which is not feasible. They are the Health Centre, the Bowling Club and the Lauderdale Hotel. These will be pursued.
- 9.6 Lauder in Bloom and Keep Scotland Beautiful.**
- 9.6.1** Alistair reported that LiB's entry to Beautiful Scotland achieved 2 awards. 1st in Large Village Section and 1st in New Entrant Section. Lauder was also 2nd in the Floral Gateway Awards and got a special Environmental Award.
- 9.6.2** Plans for The Flower Show are under way and it has been decided that the Lauder in New Zealand Trophy will be presented to the keenest School Gardening Club member.
- 9.6.3** It was noted that sticking notices on the Perspex walls of the bus stops leaves a mucky mess and it was agreed that the various Notice Boards should be revamped to accommodate notices.
- 9.7 Lauderdale Community Council Outreach Meetings.** Judi reported that the parking opposite the chip shop had improved, helped by the judicious placing of some flower tubs but it was noted that there will no more bollards on that stretch of pavement.

10. Other Business.

- 10.1** It was agreed to ask Craig Blackie again about the litter bins being moved around.
- 10.2** Emma reported on an improvement in dog fouling and that an Eco Project on that subject will be introduced at the School.
- 10.3** There are now 2 street lights out at the Bank and Mid Row and David explained that the underground cable is faulty so it may be some time before they are fixed. He also noted that The Row improvements are on a list of SBC jobs but that also may take time.
- 10.4** Police Scotland has admitted that they have not the resources to check on the speed of lorries going through Lauder during the night which is a real problem. David will follow this up.
- 10.5** The Castle wall on Castle Wynd is considered dangerous.
- 10.6** A complaint was raised about the tradesmen's behaviour refurbishing the kitchens on Crofts Road and Anne agreed to write to SB Housing about this.



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Date of Next Meeting – Monday 9th October 2017 in The Black Bull at 7.30pm.