

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 9th January 2017 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman* Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Anne Hogarth, Judi Gunn, Craig McBeth Alistair Smith, and Councillors David Parker, Iain Gillespie and Jim Torrance.

Apologies received, Steve Aitchison,

It was noted that Mike O'Neill had tendered his resignation – he will be missed.

In attendance: PC Michael Norrie.

0 member of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. Jack asked if there any Declarations of Interest - there were none.

3. Police Report.

- 3.1 The report had been circulated and Michael asked for comments.
- 3.2 There have been reports of indiscriminate parking on East and West High Street during the month of December. A large number of vehicles have been issued with advisory notices. A further letter drop to all residents is planned in 2017 that will explain offences in relation to parking. Any vehicles that flout or ignore this advice and are clearly causing an obstruction will be issued with a fixed penalty ticket. Further patrols will continue to be carried out and any vehicles reported or seen parked illegally will be dealt with robustly.
- 3.3 The pedestrian trial coming from the church onto Mid Row has been partially successful. It may be that only one side is utilised in the end. There has been feedback from residents which has been mixed and concerns have been raised surrounding the barriers placed on the Church side of the junction and how vehicles manoeuvre. The Council are still keen to improve the set up for pedestrians at the junction but need to take in to account the difficulties some large vehicles have had when turning with barriers on both sides of the road. As a result of these difficulties the trial will be extended until the middle of March and the barriers on the Church side of the junction will be removed.
- 3.4 David reminded the meeting that the Head of Lauder Fire Station has not yet written to explain to the Council about the problems with parking up beside the Industrial Estate blocking the fire engine getting out. PC Norrie agreed that the Police could help with this. It was noted that there are usually about 20 cars parked on one side of the road making it single track.
- 3.5 It was also noted that bird flu is still a risk and that avian owners should be aware that they cannot let birds outside.

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4. **Minute of previous meeting.** This was proposed by Judi and seconded by Edward.
5. **Notification of items not on Agenda.** There were several.
6. No matters arising.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1 **Planning.** Extension to Cottage at Whitlaw. No comment
 - 7.2 **Treasurer's Report.** There is £2,938 in the bank. Lorraine reminded members that LCC must use some money before April. Lauder in Bloom is owed some, Revitalisation is owed some and the Maintenance Grant needs to be applied for. Lorraine and Alistair will sort this.
 - 7.3 **Lauder Common Good.** It was agreed that the Common Good, which has already paid for some trees for planting at the Burn Mill would pay for some more.
 - 7.4 **Revitalisation.** It was noted how useful Mike O'Neill's contribution has been and Craig will liaise with him for the future. It was agreed to have a further Revitalisation meeting before the next CC meeting and a date will be arranged. The Lego Club has inherited a huge amount of stock and Jack asked for help as this has got too big for one person to handle!
8. **Lauder in Bloom Reception.** David offered a vote of thanks to Alistair and Wendy Lyle for making the evening such a success.
9. **Use of Police Station.** This is not ready for public use yet.
10. **Any Other Business**
 - 10.1 **Eildon Area Committee.** It was agreed to ask Shona Smith to talk about Community Empowerment at the March Meeting. Her presentation will need a projector.
 - 10.2 **A68 meeting.** It was agreed to ask AMEY representatives to come to a special meeting and the February agenda will invite suggestions for discussion.
 - 10.3 **Signage.** This is progressing through Kate Pearson from SBC and Iain and Alistair.
 - 10.4 **SBC Surgery.** Salt boxes have been requested for the School car park.
 - 10.5 **Vennel beside Golden Bannock.** Jim reported that it was dangerously uneven.
 - 10.6 **Lauder in New Zealand.** Jack and Alistair are progressing this.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13th February 2017 in Blainslie Village Hall.