
Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 13th April 2015 in Lauder Public Hall at 7.30pm



ITEM 1 – WELCOME ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance:

Jack Ponton (Vice Chairman)

Anne Hogarth (Secretary), Colin Chalmers, Lorraine Crawford, Graeme Donald, Ruth Mason, Alistair Smith, Cheryl Woodcock, Councillor Iain Gillespie

Apologies: Dave Cash (Treasurer), Edward Maitland-Carew, Michael Middlemiss, Judy Gunn, Ian Stevenson, Irene Thomson, Councillors David Parker and Jim Torrance, PC Michael Norrie.

0 members of the public

ITEM 2 – POLICE REPORT

There had been no Police Report since the last meeting. It was noted that the Community Policeman had not been in attendance for some time but Community Officers have a lot of other issues to follow up. It was agreed the Secretary would ask the Economic Crime Unit if there could be more attention paid to Lauder. Also there have been complaints about dog mess and it was thought that if there was more presence this might help. The Secretary was asked to follow this up.

ITEM 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cut down on opening times of Bank of Scotland. Cornet's Pin.

ITEM 4 – ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

This was approved by Graeme and seconded by Ruth.

ITEM 5 – MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

5.1 Plaque on Tree in Churchyard – Graeme reported that this has been attended to.

ITEM 6 – MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Website. It was noted that Dave is doing a good job with the website but that it is a lot of work. It was agreed that unless someone else steps in it should be left as it is.

6.2 Signage. It was agreed to remove "Burnmill" from this item at the next agenda but to keep signage on.

6.3 Irene had reported that the next meeting with Carol of Resilience Committee is very soon and she will report back.

6.4 Road Surfaces. It was reported to Iain that Croft Road walkways were uneven for elderly residents. Iain also asked if everyone in Lauderdale could report back to Anne about the state of their road, and they would pass this on to the appropriate persons.

It was also noted that the Tour de Lauder on 25th April 2015 will attract over 9,000 people who will be travelling on the Lauderdale roads especially the Stow Road and it was hoped that they would be repaired for that day.

6.5 Meeting with AMEY. Graeme had met with AMEY that morning. His list for discussion had covered a lot of issues.

6.5.1 It had been agreed that Amey would fill in the potholes on the A68 before Tour de Lauder.

6.5.2 He added that his contact at Amey could attend at LCC meeting if given enough notice.

6.5.3 Perma-patching on pavements is planned.

6.5.4 There will be road closures in Lauder in order that resurfacing of the A68 can take place.

a. In May – Nursery to Lauderdale for 3 days

b. Later – road closure – nursery to end of East High Street.

c. This was noted to be in the peak tourist season and the question was asked if it could be changed to Sept/Oct because of the A68 being closed and the effect it would have on Traders in the High Street.

d. The route to the school would be kept open whatever.

6.5.5 Friction pads may be planned for the approaches to the Pedestrian Crossing.

6.5.6 AMEY's attention was drawn to the cars on the West High Street pathway with all 4 wheels on the pavement. The Secretary was asked to add this to the CC report to the Police.

6.5.7 The pathway from the Lauderdale Hotel to the tennis courts will be brushed and the mid-town pavements will be power-hosed.

6.5.8 A further question was asked about the Co-op and all the problems with Brownsmuir Park, parking, pumps and shoppers. It was agreed to put this on to the agenda for next month. It was also agreed to ask the AMEY contact to the July meeting.

6.6 Maintenance Project. There are 6 paths which need cutting or strimming including Castle Wynd to Chuckie Lodge and Blainslie School to Sawmill. It was agreed that the Paths Maintenance Grant should be used for the Blainslie area and that Lauder Common Good be asked to support the maintenance in Lauder. Alistair agreed to ask Joyce Cuthbertson about Public Liability Insurance as it may be possible that LiB take over the maintenance in Lauder.

ITEM 7 – REPORTS

7.1 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Ruth reported that posters were being circulated and that sponsorships were coming in well. LiB were leafleting announcing Floral Gateway competition and the Flower Show. Burnmill tidy will be held this week and on 9th May there will be a Hanging Basket demonstration. A new Community Council bed is planned and £200 will be put towards this. LiB are also planning a new bed at the Sports Pavilion.

7.2 Planning. SBC has turned down the Muircleugh application and there is an application for scoping at Longmuir Rigg which is the same site as Rowantree.

7.3 Treasurer's Report. Dave had circulated the latest report. Anne was asked to check if he had arranged an audit for the AGM in June.

ITEM 8 – LAUDER REVITALISATION

It was agreed to circulate the 2005 Lauder Report which the Development Trust had instigated. It was also agreed that a Focus Group be set up using the original people involved. Graeme and Jack will draw up an invitation letter.

ITEM 9 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This could be held in either May or June depending on the accounts.

ITEM 10 – REVISED CONSTITUTION

Graeme has been working on the Revised Constitution but there were not enough voting members present to approve this so it will come up again next month.

ITEM 11 – OTHER INTIMATED BUSINESS

11.1 Cornets Pin. Gaye has 2 pins left and it was agreed to ask Ian Middlemiss if it could be presented on Picking Night in May.

11.2 It was agreed to ask David to present on Community Planning Partnership at the July meeting.

11.3 Reduction of Bank Opening Hours. Cheryl has contacted John Lamont MSP about this but he said there had been no other comments. It was noted that wheelchair users cannot access the ATM.

11.4 There will be an Opening of the path to Blainslie on 26th May.

11.5 The question was raised as to which meetings should be held in Blainslie.