
Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 13th July 2015 in Blainslie Hall at 7.30pm



ITEM 1 – WELCOME ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance:

Jack Ponton (Chairman)

Lorraine Crawford (Treasurer), Anne Hogarth (Secretary), Graeme Donald, Judy Gunn, Ruth Mason, Alistair Smith, Ian Stevenson, Councillor Iain Gillespie,

Apologies:

Colin Chalmers, Edward Maitland-Carew, Michael Middlemiss, Irene Thomson, Cheryl Woodcock, Councillors David Parker and Jim Torrance, PC Michael Norrie

0 members of the public

ITEM 2 – POLICE REPORT

- 2.1. Michael has been seen regularly in Lauder both on bike and patrolling.
- 2.2. Colin will be asked to draft a letter to the Chief Constable about parking on the pavement.
- 2.3. It was noted that Police call centres have been a disappointment.
- 2.4. The Chairman will have an informal chat with an ex Assistant Chief Constable.
- 2.5. There was discussion about Police Scotland over the M9 case whereby an accident had been reported but was not investigated for 3 days.

ITEM 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEM 4 – ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

This was approved as stood by Alistair, seconded by Judi.

ITEM 5– MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 5.1. Anne will re-send insurance and Joyce to Ruth and Alistair.
- 5.2. LiB are not keen to take over paths maintenance.
- 5.3. Edward had offered his gardener to help after hours but if not, the position will have to be advertised.
- 5.4. Iain will talk to Joyce about LiB insurance cover.

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION WITH AMEY

- 6.1. The representative from AMEY could not attend but various items were brought forward for Graeme/Colin to pass on.
- 6.2. The flooding on A68 at Lauderhaugh was mentioned.

- 6.3. Streets and pavements were requested to be swept before Common Riding and judging of Floral Gateway.
- 6.4. A question asked about building of the bus stop on West High Street.
- 6.5. There is a drain outside Mason's 4/6 Market Place which is blocked and floods when it is raining.
- 6.6. Ruth asked that AMEY be praised for helpfulness during A68 re-surfacing, also noted that Mrs Landell's hedge has been trimmed, road to tennis court swept and manholes and gulleyboxes levelled. Anne and Graeme will send appreciative comments.

ITEM 7 – MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Signage. Still no sign of yellow glass in Burgh signs.
Riggsyde sign will be erected after harvest.
Alistair will follow up on town centre bus stop sign.
Trees have obliterated the south end Burgh Sign. AMEY asked to attend.
Sign to The Orchard on Scott Road is missing. The lamp posts are being reviewed and Iain will make sure the sign comes back.
There was a query about who owns the triangle at the speed camera?
- 7.2 The gully box outside the Riddell's house in Blainslie is overflowing and Iain will report back.
Graeme requested a list of road maintenance which is being planned so that he knows what to chase and what not.
- 7.3 Co-op and Brownsmuir Park. This was postponed until the next meeting when Colin would report.

ITEM 8 – REPORTS

- 8.1 Lauder in Bloom. Ruth reported that the next 6 weeks will be very busy. The Flower Show entries are coming in and the Floral Gateway judging is 28th July.
She asked if special attention could be made to the grass cutting and grass picking for this and Iain will ask but explained that no grass gets picked up anywhere else.
The Eagle is looking very unkempt.
The Community Council flowerbed is at Old School Place and a plaque will be erected.
- 8.2 Planning.
Alterations to the Garden Room at Thirlestane Castle – no comment.
- 8.3 Treasurer's Report
Lorraine's mandate had not come through yet but there are enough signatories to be going on with.
Expenditure was £200 to LiB and £30 for hire of Blainslie Hall. Income was the grant from SBC.
It was noted that as the Bank is only open 2 days a week and there is a backlog of paperwork.

ITEM 9 – WIND FARM FINANCE

- 9.1 There is only one member of the Wind Farm Finance Group on the CC and it was noted that more members would be nominated when necessary.
- 9.2 Rowantree has re-submitted under the name Longmuir Rigg.
- 9.3 Girthgate has been withdrawn without explanation.
- 9.4 Muircleugh has gone to appeal in September.
- 9.5 Long Park extension seems to be having problems with noise levels.
- 9.6 Solar energy was discussed.

ITEM 10 – LAUDER REVITALISATION

Jack and Graeme agreed to discuss this.

ITEM 11 – LAUDER COMMON GOOD

Iain will forward a summary of account which will include the donation from the Muircleugh wind company

ITEM 12 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 A question was asked about who maintains the path from the Industrial Estate to the Trabroun roadend and Iain agreed to take this on.

12.2 The question was asked about who maintains the path through the Churchyard as a lady had fallen on it and it floods after rain.

ITEM 13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Date of Next Meeting. It was agreed that there would be no meeting in August and that any business would be discussed by email.

ITEM 14 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The old maintenance contract will be circulated