
Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 8th June 2015 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



ITEM 1 – WELCOME ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance:

Jack Ponton (Chairman)

Dave Cash (Treasurer), Anne Hogarth (Secretary), Colin Chalmers, Lorraine Crawford, Graeme Donald, Judy Gunn, Alistair Smith, Ian Stevenson, Irene Thomson, Cheryl Woodcock, Councillors David Parker and Jim Torrance,

Apologies: Edward Maitland-Carew, Ruth Mason, Michael Middlemiss, Councillor Iain Gillespie

5 members of the public

ITEM 2 – POLICE REPORT

It was agreed that there is not enough police presence in Lauder and that the monthly reports did not reflect the actual position. Colin will draft a letter to the Chief Constable which, when approved, will be sent on behalf of the CC.

ITEM 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resilience and parking on the footway.

ITEM 4 – ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

Item 6.4 Flooded gully at the Lauderhaugh roadend had been dealt with by Jim. Subject to the change the minute was approved by Lorraine and seconded by Irene.

ITEM 5– MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 6 – MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Signage. David informed the meeting that for visitor information it is up to the CC to produce a list where signs are needed and Ruth and Graeme will provide this. The Notice Board at The Avenue needs repaired and this will be added to the list. The tourist sign is up at Thirlestane Farm but the one at Riggsyde is not. Alistair and David will deal with this. The yellow glass has not appeared for the Burgh Signs but it was agreed that some yellow paint might be a temporary solution and Cheryl contracted to do this.

6.2 Road Surfaces. Stow Road and Lauder Common Road are in bad repair and also from Newmills to the A68. The entrance to Brownsmuir Park is very rough as is the road from Upper Blainslie to Jeanniefield and David and Jim will attend to all of these. There was a comment that when the convoy system was operating during the re-surfacing of the A68 in Lauder, there was only a tape between the footway and the work operation. Graeme asked for comments on the A68 to be sent to him as Emma from AMEY is coming to the July meeting.

6.3 Coop/Brownsmuir Park. Colin reported that the situation has not changed. David said there is a planning application approved for changes by the Coop and he will contact Colin about this and also invite

him to meetings with John Frater. There was a comment from the floor that if the bins are out and cars are parked on the footway, residents have to walk on the main road and as previously stated, it was agreed to send a letter to the Chief Constable asking about police views parking and obstruction.

ITEM 7 – REPORTS

7.1 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair reported that 2 new planters had been sponsored and that an invoice for £200 had been sent to the Community Council. 2 beds had been laid out at the Sports Pavilion but they did not last long. David reminded that now LiB is separate, insurance is needed and he agreed that SBC could get the best rates. It was noted that the bark round the play park is scattering everywhere.

7.2 Planning. 45 East High Street Conservatory. No objection. 41 West High Street window. No objection.

7.3 Treasurer's Report. Dave had reported fully to the AGM. The only expenditure this month will be £200 to LiB for the CC bed and that there is £2,236 in the bank.

ITEM 8 – LAUDER REVITALISATION

There has been very little response to the letters sent and Jack, Graeme and Ruth will re-think this.

ITEM 9 – A68 COMMITTEE

Councillor Stewart had initiated a re-start of this Committee but nothing more has happened since last month.

ITEM 10 – LAUDER COMMON GOOD

David drew attention to his email stating that the redecoration and recarpeting of Lauder Town Hall will be complete by the Common Riding.

ITEM 11 – OTHER INTIMATED BUSINESS

11.1 The Community Council congratulated Edward on the birth of his son and a card will be sent.

11.2 There are signs for Old School Place but, for delivery drivers outside the area, there is no sign for Crofts Road at the Factors Park junction. Jim and David will attend.

11.3 The Scotts Road/The Orchard sign is very faded.

11.4 At a meeting with Blainslie Hall Committee, it had been agreed that Blainslie will join the Resilient Communities.

11.5 The Communities Service Group (previously Criminal Justice Group) are available for jobs like litter picks etc.

11.6 Potential Event. It was agreed to plan ahead and that suggestion boxes and a notice encouraging ideas for this in the Lauderdale News were a good idea.

11.7 Lorraine was welcomed as Treasurer replacing Dave Cash.