
Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 9th March 2015 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



ITEM 1 – WELCOME ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance:

Jack Ponton (Vice Chairman)

Dave Cash (Treasurer), Anne Hogarth (Secretary), Graeme Donald, Ruth Mason, Judy Gunn, Ian Stevenson, Irene Thomson, Councillor Iain Gillespie

Apologies: Edward Maitland-Carew, Michael Middlemiss, Alistair Smith, Councillors David Parker and Jim Torrance PC Michael Norrie.

0 members of the public

Prospective Members: Cheryl Woodcock, Lorraine Crawford, Colin Chalmers

ITEM 2 – POLICE REPORT

This had been circulated previously. Ruth reported that the response from the Police when the shop fire/burglar alarm went off was most punctual. It was also noted that in a survey, the responses from the Central Police Call Centre was more efficient as most of the local stations were not always manned.

ITEM 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Signs, Broadband, Tapestry Building.

ITEM 4 – ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

This was approved by Ruth and seconded by Irene

ITEM 5 – REQUEST FROM GRAEME DONALD TO MOVE FROM CO-OPTED VOTING MEMBER TO CO-OPTED NON-VOTING MEMBER

It was agreed that Graeme become a non-voting member with responsibility for the Lauder Revitalisation Project.

ITEM 6 – PROPOSAL TO CO-OPT AS VOTING MEMBERS, CHERYL WOODCOCK, LORRAINE CRAWFORD AND COLIN CHALMERS

As had previously been discussed and the Constitution had been studied, the 3 new CC members were welcomed and invited to join the Community Council proposed by Jack and seconded by Ian.

ITEM 7 – MATTERS ARISING NTO ON THE AGENDA

7.1 Review on Constitution. Graeme will circulate the updated version of the Model Constitution before the next meeting as it has to be agreed before the AGM.

ITEM 8 – MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Arrangements for the Lauder Revitalisation Project Meeting. The first meeting is being held on Monday 16th March 2015 at the Town Hall. Graeme will circulate a project plan and the Agenda. He noted

that there were various options how to decide which way forward and it was agreed to discuss everything more on 16th March.

8.2 Website. Dave agreed that more material is needed for this but that there have been a fair number of hits so far.

8.3 Burn Mill Signage for more extension of parking for Lauder. A site meeting has been held mid-February to discuss this and Craig Blackie had taken back suggestions to SBC. Although there is no money from SBC for this, the Small Schemes may be able to help to fund some information signs. It was also noted that the Riggsyde and High Cross Lauder signs were painted and were waiting erection by SBC. Alastair will deal with this. It was also noted that the path to Blainslie was in use but that there were no signs and Iain agreed to look into this.

8.4 Community Resilience. Irene has met with Carol Turnbull and it had been agreed there should be a pilot scheme in Blainslie to kick this off before Lauder gets involved. It was agreed that with the A68 running through the Burgh, there was quite a lot of emergency back-up already in place.

8.5 Road Surfaces. Iain asked that any deep potholes be reported to SBC as their insurance policy means a response to fill holes has to come within 48 hours of notice. It was also noted by Cheryl that, although the Trabroun Road has been adopted there are large potholes and Iain agreed to report back.

8.6 Maintenance Project. This was discussed and agreed to be brought forward to the next meeting. Anne agreed to forward the Insurance Proposal for Community Council both to Graeme, Alastair and Lib for comment.

ITEM 9 – REPORTS

9.1 Lauder in Bloom (Lib). Ruth reported that arrangements were in place for a Burnmill litter pick in April and a basket filling demonstration in May. There were arrangements for a Garden Competition and it was noted that a cup had been promised from the CC for a prize.

9.2 Planning. It was agreed not to comment on an application for a house at Applecross, Pyatshaw. It was also agreed to let the Planners sort out the problem with contaminated land at Lauder Barns.

9.3 Treasurer's Report. Dave noted that LiB still have no bank account so LCC are still acting for them. The cheque books are being kept locally now that Dave has moved out of Lauderdale. He asked it to be recorded that a small payment will be made to cover his mileage to attend CC meetings. Anne reported that Joyce Cuthbertson had sent an insurance application to be filled in which she would forward to Dave, Graeme and Ruth.

ITEM 10 – LAUDER COMMON GOOD

Iain reported that the Common Good Fund had benefited from being reinvested into a different fund.

ITEM 11 – OTHER INTIMATED BUSINESS

11.1 The state of the plaque adjacent to the tree in the Churchyard the Queen planted will be brought forward at the next meeting.

11.2 Iain was asked his views on the placement of The Great Tapestry of Scotland at Tweedbank. He has seen the Tapestry at Stirling Castle and is most impressed. He thinks it will be an asset to tourism in the Borders although the building will be expensive and customers will be charged to view The Tapestry.

11.3 Speeding up of Broadband. It was noted that this may take quite a long time to reach Lauderdale.