
Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 11th May 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), Colin Chalmers, Lorraine Crawford, Judy Gunn, Edward Maitland-Carew, Ruth Mason, Alistair Smith, Ian Stevenson, Irene Thomson, Cheryl Woodcock, Councillors David Parker and Jim Torrance, PC Michael Norrie.

Apologies: Graeme Donald, Michael Middlemiss, Councillor Iain Gillespie

3 members of the public

ITEM 2 – POLICE REPORT

2.1 Michael's report had been circulated. He noted that there were no incidents of indiscriminate parking in the area and that speed checks had been carried out on the A68, Stow Road and Crofts Road.

2.2 It was pointed out that many cars park with all 4 wheels on the pavement in West High Street and Michael asked for more information so that he could carry out an investigation.

2.3 He is going on a bike riding course this week and will then be able to use the Police bike.

2.4 Colin passed round photos of traffic at the Co-op and the entrance to Brownsmuir Park and Jim remarked that he had been present at a meeting of all parties 2 years ago and nothing has improved. David thanked Colin for his information and another meeting is being arranged with John Frater, the CC and Colin during which the pictures will be shown around.

ITEM 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sports Pavilion, Signs, Gate onto Stirk Hill, School.

ITEM 4 – ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

This was approved by Alistair and seconded by Ruth.

ITEM 5– MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

5.1 Opening of Blainslie Path. Jack and Judi will both attend.

ITEM 6 – MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Website. It was noted that Dave is doing a good job with the website .

6.2 Signage. The Lauder Town Sign has not been put back at Riggsyde and David will follow up. Also the Notice Board at the bus stop needs repairing and David will look into this. A further problem is that bits of the sign on the A697 south of High Cross have separated and Jim agreed to take this on .

6.3 Irene has a meeting of the Resilience Committee this week. She asked that it be minuted that the Tour de Lauder had been a great success.

6.4 Road Surfaces. Listed problems were outside the Public Hall, Kirkhill road, and West High Street. It was agreed that Colin would take over Graeme's job as liaison with AMEY and SBC. Attention was brought

to the flooded gully at the Lauderhaugh roadend where the crash barrier post had been pushed through the drain. Jim will deal with this.

ITEM 7 – REPORTS

7.1 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Ruth reported that the Hanging Basket demonstration had raised £400 and that more volunteers are needed. The CC need to pay LiB and the grass cutting on Crofts Road should be organised. The question was asked whether the beds at the Sports Pavilion were worth keeping up or whether they could be tarred over. This was agreed. The Flower Show will be on 29th August 2015 and there was a query whether the Piggery Field could be used as an Orchard if there was a grant available.

7.2 Planning.

7.2.1 The application for Longmuir Rig has been enhanced.

7.2.2 There is an application for a new house at Pyatshaw in front of the Old Schoolhouse and no objection was raised.

7.2.3 There has been a new application at Whitslaid for another 2 wind turbines and no objection was raised.

7.2.4 Coop has applied for interior alterations including a toilet block and no objection was raised.

7.3 Treasurer's Report. Dave apologised that there was no written report but noted that everything was in hand for the AGM next month. He was worried that cheque signatories still need sorted and informed the meeting that money had been set aside for a Community Event. There was a request from the floor about some help for the start up of a cycling club in Lauder. Jack asked for a specific proposal on this including a Business Plan which they agreed to provide.

ITEM 8 – LAUDER REVITALISATION

A letter had been sent out to the original Focus Group and replies are awaited.

ITEM 9 – A68 COMMITTEE

Councillor Stewart had initiated a re-start of this Committee and it was agreed that this could be a good thing.

ITEM 10 – REVISED CONSTITUTION

This was approved by Jack and seconded by Alistair and would be added to the AGM agenda for formal approval.

ITEM 11 – OTHER INTIMATED BUSINESS

11.1 Common Good Fund and Loan to build the Club House at the Golf Course. The Golf Club wants to pay off the loan early and in one lump. After varied discussion this possibility was agreed.

11.2 Irene reported that the new gate on the Whitlaw Road at the bottom of the Stirk Hill was brilliant

11.3 Discussion was held on parents' behaviour in Allanbank Gardens and at the School when dropping off children. The school gates have now been closed which makes some people think that this dropping off could be more dangerous.

11.4 The AGM will be held at the next meeting in June.

11.5 Cheryl will attend the Eildon Area Committee in place of Alistair who cannot attend.