



Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 12th February 2018 in The Black Bull at 7.30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Judi Gunn, Craig McBeth, Emma Herdman, and Councillors David Parker, and Kevin Drum
Apologies received: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Alistair Smith, Allan Pryde, Steve Aitchison and Councillor Tom Miers

In attendance: PC Michael Norrie

10 members of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. There were none.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated.

- 3.1 Concern was expressed from a member of the Community Council about the anti-social behaviour of a certain individual intimidating members of the public.
- 3.2 Concern was expressed from the floor about the speeding on the A68 on the south side of Lauder. This raised a number of similar worries about vehicles overtaking while still inside the 30mph limit, narrowness of footpaths beside the A68, vehicles parking on dropped kerbs, the danger of mixing pedestrians and traffic around the War Memorial and vehicles double parked on the Whitlaw Road. There were suggestions about extending the south 30mph limit to beyond the Blainslie road, allowing cars to park on the pavement or roadside to slow down traffic, and the installation of a 3-2-1 warning system before the 30mph limit.
- 3.3 David reported that Transport Scotland (TS) is in charge of Trunk Roads but that he would set up a site meeting with TS, AMEY, SBC Roads and members of the Community Council to discuss these.
- 3.4 There has been vandalism to the leaflet holder at 1 Factors Park.

4. Minute of previous meeting. Point 9.2. The draft January minute was amended to read 'Lorraine passed round part of the signed audited accounts. Cash Book items which consist of 2 pages of cheque book entries, due to the Queen's Birthday celebrations are available to view if requested by members of the committee'. Point 10.4 Insert the work 'probably'. The minute was proposed by Emma and seconded by Craig.

5. Notification of items not on Agenda. There were several.

6. Matters Arising. – Emma said that Jacqueline Whitelaw of Green Dog Walkers was not able to attend this month but would be present for discussion next month.

7. Paths. The re-formed Paths Group is holding a public meeting in the Public Hall on Sunday 25th February from 2-4.

8. Eildon Area Partnership. Lorraine had attended this and will report to the next CC meeting.

9. Reports

- 9.1 **Planning.** – 3 applications in – a stables conversion in Blainslie, a footbridge at Scarcelaw Farm and a request to remove an overlarge sycamore at East High Street – no objection. It was noted that there will be an application from Persimmon Homes to build on the field north of the existing houses along with a Public Exhibition.
- 9.2 **Treasurer’s Report.** The annual grant has been received.
- 9.3 **Lauder Common Good.** David reported that the tree planting proposition on the Common is progressing. He noted that it will be financed 100% from Grants. The Sheep Company are being consulted and after that the plans will go to public consultation for Lauder in May/June. Planting is hoped to happen in Autumn. It was also hoped that the School would get involved.
- 9.4 **Revitalisation.** – There is a substantial uptake for The Lego Club.
- 9.5 **Lauderdale Community Council Outreach Meetings.** – Judi reported on similar concerns to Point 3 about the danger of the A68 running through the town and pedestrians crossing – some of her audience have asked for more crossings. There were comments about 20mph speed limits, the need for more speed cameras, matrix signs, the need for better pathways for the less mobile, the usefulness or not of opening the gates to Thirlestane Castle from The Avenue, thanks for the donation of tables and chairs to South Gardens and congratulations to David for answering Facebook comments so swiftly. He requested more tags as it is easy to miss a comment. It was noted that the Criminal Justice Team are working on the Thirlestane Drive/Piggery Field path and well as the Piggery Field to the A68.
- 9.6 Grateful thanks were expressed to Emma who has submitted her resignation due to pressure of other matters. She has been an active member in particular her work on Green Dog Walking.

10. AOB

- 10.1 A request to ban dogs from the Playing Fields due to fouling was received. This could happen but would be very difficult to enforce.
- 10.2 A request to check that the gritting went down all the way to the end of South Gardens and into the School Car Park.
- 10.3 Kevin agreed to check the loose handrail at the rear of the Leisure Centre and the Brownsmuir Park sign.
- 10.4 Anne was requested to write to the Police about cars parking on dropped kerbs and to the School and Coop about the huge problem of litter. Litter has been dropped around the Surgery, on the sides of the A68 before the Coop, broken bottles in the Play Park, in the School Wood and around the Leisure Centre. This could be connected to the campaigns against waste plastic ruining the environment.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 12th March 2018 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm.