



Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 8th January 2018 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Craig McBeth, Emma Herdman, Alistair Smith, Allan Pryde, Steve Aitchison, and Councillors David Parker, Kevin Drum and Tom Miers

Apologies received, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Judi Gunn,
11 members of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. There were none.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated. It was observed that some of the dates were not quite exact.

4. Minute of previous meeting. Point 8.1 – final sentence. The draft December minute was amended to read ‘This was for the Community Council’s information only as no planning application has yet been submitted’. It was noted from the floor that our constitution requires that the draft minutes be published.

5. Notification of items not on Agenda. None.

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. Alistair reported that the Lauder Paths Group will be reinstated. This had begun in 1996 and some of the original paths now need extra maintenance. The Committee will be restored with 2 Community Councillors as well as Alistair. The original Lauder Paths leaflet is being reprinted and the Criminal Justice Community Service Team will help to restore some areas. There were some volunteers to help from the floor. It was stated that the path from Harryburn to Newmill Farm has been blocked with locked gates and barbed wire. Alistair agreed to check this out.

8. Eildon Area Partnership. Alistair reported that he represented Lauderdale on this Committee and that there were 13 Community Councils in the area but only 4 had the opportunity to vote. David said that he would look into the remit of the Area Partnership.

9. Reports

9.1 **Planning.** – This was postponed until the other business had been concluded.

9.2 **Treasurer’s Report.** 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.

9.3 **Lauder Common Good.** David reported that the tree planting proposition on the Common is progressing after consultation with the Common Riding Committee. The Sheep Company will then be consulted and after that the plans will go to public to users of the Common. A question was asked about the type of trees and they will be native and mixed using advice from the Tweed Foundation and the Woodland Trust.

9.4 **Revitalisation.** – The Lego Club has held its first well-attended meeting for 2018.

- 9.5 **Lauderdale Community Council Outreach Meetings.** – Judi will report on this at the next meeting.

Councillor Tom Miers left the meeting.

10. Planning.

- 10.1 **Proposed tourism development comprising up to 500 static caravans, 50 touring caravans with associated facilities including retail, caravan sales and café on Land North West Of Garden House (The Ranch) Thirlestane Lauder Scottish Borders.**
- 10.2 David informed the Community Council that a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) and a Screening Opinion (SCR) for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) have been received. The object of these is for the developer to inform the planners that they may wish to carry this idea through and these are required for any major application. Comments have already been invited on the technical issues. No public comment is sought by the council at the Proposal of Application Notice stage. Any comments from interested parties would be made directly to the applicant or agent. If the PAN and SCR pass this stage, a Public Information Event will follow along with a formal planning application.
- 10.3 David also reported that there may be an input from the Economic Development Department in which the overall economic and tourism impact on the town would be quantified.
- 10.4 He also noted that this size of development would probably only be progressed in stages, not the whole scheme at once.
- 10.5 Comments from the floor. The question was raised about in which way the town can comment on the traffic, visual and population impact this development will cause. Also, eventually, would be land be required to be returned to its current status.
- 10.6 There was a further comment that not everyone in Lauder is against this proposed development.
- 10.7 **Erection of falcon breeding facility with chambers and quarantine (Phase 1) on Land North West Of Woodheads Farmhouse Lauder Scottish Borders**
- 10.8 This project was supported at this stage.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm.