

# Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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, Edward Maitland-Carew, Ruth Mason, Michael Middlemiss, , Alistair Smith, Ian Stevenson, Irene Thomson, Councillors David Parker and Jim Torrance  
7 members of the public  
Apologies: Judy Gunn, Councillor Iain Gillespie, PC Michael Norrie.

## ITEM 2 – POLICE REPORT

This had been circulated previously. It was agreed to ask PC Norrie if there had been any follow-up as no-one had received leaflets about cold calling.

**ACTION**

Anne

## ITEM 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jim – Help Shape the future of Health and Social Work in the Borders.  
Public – Potholes back on Stow Road – Councillors will follow-up.

**ACTION**  
David/Jim

## ITEM 4 – ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

5.1 Bank Signatories. Replace wording with 'Meeting approved Jack Ponton and Ruth Mason as signatories'. Adoption of the minute was proposed by Ruth and seconded by Edward.

**ACTION**  
Anne

## ITEM 5 – CO-OPTIONS

A Notice of Motion proposing Cheryl Woodcock, Lorraine Crawford and Colin Chalmers to be co-opted members was found to lack proposers who are fully voted-on members so this item will be brought up again at the March meeting.

**ACTION**  
Anne and proposers  
and seconders

## ITEM 6 – MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was a complaint that the Bank was only opening on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The Secretary was asked to write to object to this.

**ACTION**  
Anne

## ITEM 7 – MATTERS ARISING

7.1 – Election of Chairman. It was agreed that Jack would stay on as Acting Chairman until the AGM in May and that the Officials would be organised after that.

<p>7.2 Lauder Town Planning. 2 papers were circulated (from Graeme and the Traders) on the Future of Lauder and it was noted that this subject would be discussed in full at the March meeting and a Special Meeting is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Town Hall. It was agreed that previous Town Plans have been successful in raising the status of Lauder and it was time to follow up on these.</p>	<p>Alistair</p>
<p>7.3 Website. It was agreed that the web address and the Facebook address would be added to LCC agendas and minutes. Dave asked for more information to add to the website.</p>	<p>Anne/Dave</p>
<p>7.5 Burnmill 24 hour car park signage. David informed everyone that SBC had no budget for signage to Burnmill for all day parking as well as shoppers car parking and asked that LCC pay for this which would cost approx. £1,500. After discussion on this subject, it was agreed to look into a SBC Small Scheme payment towards this cost. This would be brought up at the Eildon Area Committee and an Application Form would need to be sent in. David agreed that Kate Pearson would walk the Town with Graeme and Ruth to check what the problems were.</p>	
<p>7.6 Community Resilience. Irene has been in contact with Carol Murray and will report back.</p>	<p>Irene</p>
<p>7.7. Road Surfaces. It was advised to all that it did not need the Community Council per se to report back monthly on potholes. Any member of the public can do so to SBC Direct and the law states that SBC has to deal with this in 48 hours from notification.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7.8 Maintenance Project. 2 people have offered to take Peter Middlemiss' place and it was noted that there is some money left over from 2014. Alistair will discuss this and also arrange Grant money from Paths. Lauder Common Good Trustees need clarification and Graeme will circulate the original arrangement document before the March meeting.</p>	<p>Alistair/Graeme</p>

## ITEM 8 – REPORTS

<p>8.1 Lauder in Bloom. After a successful first year, LiB want to get involved with Lauder Flower Show and LiB wonder if a trophy could be accessed from LCC. This was approved and Ruth will take it forward. She also asked SBC Councillors if there could be a new class in SBC Floral Gateway for Newcomers as she felt that previous winners were so established that there was no chance for a new entrant. Also with an eye on Keep Britain Beautiful, she noted that the bins in the Play Park needed upgrading. She also asked if the present Notice Boards in Lauder were adequate and David reminded the meeting that the SBC Small Scheme Grant may be able to help on this. Another question was also asked whether LiB had adequate insurance cover and it was noted that as long as Lib was connected with LCC their insurance stood. Anne agreed to send the present insurance certificate to Ruth. It is minuted that LiB is a sub-group of LCC.</p>	
<p>It was noted that the present Constitution which is being upgraded would need 28 days before the AGM in May.</p>	
<p>8.2 Planning. Erection of house at Lauder Barns. After discussion on contaminated land it was agreed that this application would be sent back with 'no comment'.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>
<p>8.3 Wind Farm Planning. Girthgate. Michael reported that he had attended a Pre-examination meeting on Girthgate. It is a long process and the Public Enquiry on this application is not until September. Heriot, Fountainhall and Stow CCs have joined together to put their comments towards this and Michael recommended that Lauderdale join with them as long as LCC can see the answers to questions as Lauderdale and its Cultural Heritage will be significantly affected by this development. It was agreed that the CCs should join together but that Lauderdale keep a watching brief on any comments. It was also noted that LCC must be kept aware of every comment.</p>	
<p>Fallago Rig Extension Scoping Consultation. There is a proposal for more turbines on this site but LCC was not consulted on the first application as the developer felt there would be no effect on Lauderdale. However the present wind farm is highly visible from any upland ground in this area. So it was agreed to object to the scoping consultation for further turbines, especially as there are now sufficient turbines in Scotland to meet Scottish Government statutory need.</p>	
<p>8.3 Treasurer's Report. Dave spoke to his Report which had been circulated and David confirmed that Quality of Life, Small Grant Funding or some other funding will finance a new</p>	

<p>Notice Board in Lauder. He also reminded the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Opening of the Border Railway.</p> <p>8.4 Lauder Common Good Fund. The next meeting is in March and the Newton Investment Fund is performing well. Irene reminded the CGF committee that a new gate at the end of the Stirk Hill had been promised from the Property Budget and David agreed to follow this up.</p>	
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**ITEM 9 – OTHER BUSINESS**

<p>9.1 A joint meeting between NHS and SBC on Health Issues in the Borders is being held today.</p> <p>9.2 It was agreed that the Agenda should not have Gave Coluhoun's contact details on it.</p>	<p>Anne</p>
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b> Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.30pm: Lauder Primary School</p>	