Lauderdale Community Council



Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on Monday 12th January 2015 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm

ITEM 1 - WELCOME ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In the absence of the Vice Chairman immediate Past Chairman Alistair Smith welcomed all to the meeting. In Attendance:

Dave Cash (Treasurer), Graeme Donald, Judy Gunn, Edward Maitland-Carew, Ruth Mason, Michael Middlemiss, Alistair Smith, Ian Stevenson, SBC Councillors Iain Gillespie, David Parker, and Jim Torrance 4 members of the public

Apologies: Anne Hogarth, Jack Ponton, Irene Thomson,

ITEM 2 - POLICE REPORT

This had been circulated previously. Reference was made to the inclusion	n in the report of a street ACTION
name not recognised as a street in Lauder. It was noted that some of the	
and November 2014 which may require to be updated. Secretary to follow	rup.

ITEM 3 - NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Part closure of Bank of Scotland and Community Buy Out of The Eagle Hotel to be considered at Item 10.	ACTION

ITEM 4 - ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

The Chair proposed that the election of Chairman be left on the table until the Annual General Meeting in May when office-bearers were elected and that the present Vice Chair continue in the role of interim Chairman until then. The meeting agreed to discuss the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair at the February meeting when the Vice Chairman would be present	ACTION Jack/Anne
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ITEM 5 - BANK SIGNATORIES

ITEM 6 - ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

Add to paragraph 7.4 The meeting agreed that once 'Lauder in Bloom' had its own account setup	ACTION
remaining funds held by the community council should be transferred to 'Lauder in Bloom'. RM noted that this should be completed soon. Paragraph 8.1. Change the number 14 to 140+.	Ruth
With these amendments the minute was approved on a proposal by RM seconded by EMC.	

ITEM 7 - MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None	

ITEM 8 - MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Lauder Town Plan: The meeting agreed to convene a special meeting on Monday 16th March in the Town Hall at 7.30pm to discuss the suggestion that a Town Plan for Lauder be drafted with assistance from SBC Councillors, officials and others. RM reminded the meeting about the need to re-vitalise Lauder in many ways and to mobilise residents to participate in the running of events and occasions.

ACTION

Jack/Anne/Alistair

- 8.2 Tour de Lauder/Community Event: The meeting continued to support the idea of a community event; however, there were no volunteers from the Community Council or Lauder Church to organise or co-ordinate this event.
- 8.3 Website: DC confirmed that the website was now unlocked and available to the public. Material is required to populate the webpages. If in line with data protection requirements a copy of the minutes could be posted. The meeting noted that the minutes continued to appear on the Town Hall notice board. Secretary to continue the practice of copies being made available for the public during monthly meetings.
- 8.4 Burnmill Signage: This remains work in progress with costings to be in hand for the February meetina.
- 8.5 Community Resilience: No further information available. IT to contact Carol Turnbull of SBC. 8.6 Road Surfaces: IG provided a helpful update on the maintenance of certain roads as discussed in December. While concern continued about the nature of potholes, particularly on Stow Road, the meeting recognised present difficulties in arrangements for patching. Councillors to keep a watching brief on road maintenance and to add the road to Jenniefield to the list. There was discussion on improvements to Stow Road once the railway opened, including the need or otherwise for fencing to protect sheep. MM confirmed that Lauderdale Sheep Company was not planning to request fencing along any part of the Stow Road.

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ITEM 9 - REPORTS

9.1 Lauder in Bloom: RM reported that a planning meeting for 2015 is to be held on 13th January from which a full report of plans will be reported to the February meeting of the Community

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- 9.2 Planning: MM agreed to represent the Community Council at the Pre Examination meeting on 9th February for the propose Girthgate Windfarm. There was no information on any related community fund.
- 9.3 Treasurer's Report: A full statement had been distributed prior to the meeting. The statement was approved. DC agreed to have in place for the February meeting a note of the funds to be set aside for projects. Use of the Maintenance Grant to be included in the February agenda.

Dave C/Alistair

9.4 Lauder Common Good Fund: No meeting held since last month

ITEM 10 - OTHER BUSINESS

Bank of Scotland: Secretary to write to Bank of Scotland intimating the disappointment of the community and community council on the reduction in opening days from March this year and to seek assurance that the bank in Lauder will remain open for business. Eagle Hotel: There was discussion on the possibility of a community buy out of the Eagle

Anne

this thought to be included in discussion during the proposed Town Planning meeting. Street Sign: IG to look into the possibility of the damaged Harryburn street sign being replaced. JT to

lain/Jim

the removal of tree cuttings on Mill Wynd. Co-options: The meeting noted that there were vacancies for membership of the Community Cheryl Woodcock and Lorraine Crawford offered their names as co-optees. Secretary

Anne

progress co-option with an agenda item for the February meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 10th February 2015, 7.30pm: Lauder Primary School