

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 12th December 2016 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, Edward Maitland-Carew, Anne Hogarth, Judi Gunn, Craig McBeth and Councillors David Parker, Iain Gillespie and Jim Torrance.

Apologies received: Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Alistair Smith, Mike O'Neill,

In attendance: None.

1 member of the public

2. **Declarations of Interest.** Jack asked if there any Declarations of Interest - there were none.
3. **Police Report.** The report had been circulated. There were no comments.
4. **Previous Minute.** The Code of Conduct signatures are complete. It was agreed that David, not Iain, is dealing with the puddle at the Co-op. With this amendment the minute was proposed by Craig and seconded by Edward.
5. **Not on the Agenda.**

5.1 Jack asked if the member of the public could come forward. John Connell, head of Lauder Fire Station reported that the indiscriminate parking around the Whitlaw Road Industrial Estate is compromising the speed and safety of the Fire Service getting out to an emergency. He produced photographs as proof including one taken very recently. The local businesses in that area are spilling out onto the road and many of the photos included lorries being loaded completely blocking the road to the Fire Station. Certain businesses have filled their own car park with units so have no more space left for parking. Craig, who is also a member of the fire service reported that this is the case for the fire service and would back up John's report. The 3 Councillors were extremely sympathetic and asked the Fire Service to write formally to SBC who could then get onto the Police and SBC traffic and very quickly sort out this life-threatening problem.

5.2 It was also noted that it is very difficult getting the Fire Engine round the streets of Lauder. It is a 12½ tonne Scania many of the turns are tight and streets are narrow.

6. Reports

6.1 There were no planning items.

6.2 Treasurer. Last year's accounts have been audited and are attached to the AGM Minute.

6.3 Revitalisation. There is an outstanding bill for the Lauderdale Hotel which will need to be paid. The Lego Club has received a large donation of lego and the Scouts offered help

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to sort it all. Internet Access is better in Lauder but still very poor in outlying areas.
Cycle paths are progressing and the Cinema Club is moving on.

- 6.4** Common Good and Quality of Life Funding. David agreed that between the Common Good Fund and QoL funding the Mountain Bike Facility, Gardening Club Potting Shed, Lauderdale Limpers head torches and defibrillators requests will be paid. Judi reported that her computer classes for the older people would start soon, possibly in South Gardens.

- 7. Lauder in Bloom Reception.** This will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 19th December.
- 8. Use of Police Station Facilities.** The Police have still to come back and Anne agreed to write to them for follow up.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 9th January 2017 in Lauder Primary School.