

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 13th February 2017 in Blainslie Village Hall at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman* Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Judi Gunn, Craig McBeth and Councillor Iain Gillespie.

Apologies received, Alistair Smith, Steve Aitchison Councillors Parker and Torrance

3 members 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. Minute of previous meeting.

This was proposed by Judi and seconded by Irene.

5. Notification of items not on Agenda.

There were several.

6. Matters Arising.

6.1 A member of the public, Stuart Hollywood, Managing Director of Kinpars drew attention to item 5.1 in the December 2016 which stated that '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.'

6.2 Stuart asked that these photos be forwarded to his email address. He also noted that some of the parking problems were caused by members of the public and not his company. He also told the meeting that a delivery company who had occasionally parked indiscriminately was not being used by Kinpars any longer. He also reiterated that it seemed a bad idea that the vehicle charging station below Kinpars was on a blind corner. He also thought that the car parking as it is, could be useful for slowing traffic down and that congestion in central Lauder is far more dangerous. He was disappointed that the Fire Service had not contacted him direct.

6.3 Iain reported that a meeting had been held at the Fire Station on 8th February 2017 with the police, the fire service and the Council roads department. They had noted that most of the Kinpars official car park was filled with storage and building materials therefore the staff had to park on the road. He said that commercial users on the road to the Fire

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Station would be notified about the problems and yellow signs saying 'Keep Clear' would be installed at the Fire Station entrance and exit.

- 6.4 It was emphasised that the timing for the Fire Service to attend with the defibrillator was very short.
- 6.5 Another 2 members of the public who both live on the very narrow part of East High Street requested that the speed camera to the South of Lauder be moved to within the 30mph limit and noted that Pathhead and Earlston both have regular visits from the static Police Camera vehicle but it does not come to Lauder. Iain agreed to ask for help on this and Anne will contact the Police.

7. Results of Meeting with AMEY

- 7.1 Iain reported that he and David had met with a representative from AMEY and had walked the whole length of East and West High Street. They were waiting to hear from AMEY.
- 7.2 Irene brought up a point from residents of Manse Road that on Saturdays the parents of visiting football teams block Manse Road and do not realise that there is ample parking at the School which is just as near. Anne will contact the Football Club about this.

8. Reports

- 8.1 **Planning.** None.
- 8.2 **Treasurer's Report.** Payment will be made to the Cycling Club and Paths. The website provider has asked for an amount for the next 3 years and there will be a look around for alternatives.
- 8.3 **Lauder Common Good.** Nothing to report.
- 8.4 **Revitalisation.** An updated progress report from Irene was handed round divided into columns. The Achieved column was remarkably well filled and Irene asked for future suggestions to be emailed to her. It was noted that the Arts & Crafts group were meeting on Tuesdays in the Church Centre. There was discussion about nets at the tennis courts, wrecked cars in Mid Row and a request for the Stow Road to be made safe for cyclists before the Tour de Lauder at the end of April.

9. Other Business.

- 9.1 Dog fouling in Lauder. This was raised as the problem is getting worse and worse. There are 2 wardens in the region who can fine up to £80 on the spot including if the person has a dog but no poo bag but they cannot be around regularly. Lauder needs more poo buckets at strategic places and needs more information from the public including photographs.

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- 9.2** The problem of bird flu is still ongoing and it was noted that no birds can be kept outdoors till the end of the month.
- 9.3** 2018 is the Year of the Youth and Judi suggested we arrange from anyone between the age of 8 and 22 be organised to shadow anyone who is part of the Lauder community.
- 9.4** South Gardens was wondering if it would be possible to ask for some funding and who they should contact. Iain suggested the South Gardens contact SPC Councillors directly. Judi will pass this on.
- 9.5** Defibrillators. The Co-op has agreed that one can be sited at the front of the shop and Alan is to train the staff. The Blainslie Hall one has been moved to the wall outside. Irene was asked to go ahead and purchase one for the Police Station to cover that end of the town. The CC will pay for and the Common Good Fund the second.
- 9.6** Anne agreed to pass the Lauder New Zealand carving to Lauder in Bloom.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13th March 2017 in Lauder Primary School.