



Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 12th March 2018 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: , Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Craig McBeth, Alistair Smith, and Councillors David Parker, Kevin Drum and Tom Miers

Apologies received, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Allan Pryde, Steve Aitchison, PC Michael Norrie

5 members of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. There were none.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated.

4. Minute of previous meeting. Point 9.1 It was noted from the floor that the Community Council does not approve planning applications. 9.1 will be changed to 'no objection'. Point 9.4 - the word 'huge will be changed to 'substantial'. The February minute was the proposed by Craig and seconded by Judi.

5. Notification of items not on Agenda. None.

6. Matters Arising.

6.1 David reported on real progress on traffic calming on the A68 throughout Lauder. AMEY has agreed to hold a Full Safety Audit on the A68 in the SBC region. Christopher Bell from AMEY will conduct a site visit in Lauder at the end of March early April. It was agreed that Pathhead is a good example with traffic islands and other calming measures. Seven points of vehicle tracking have been set up in the town but it was noted from the floor that there were none between the Chip Shop and 29 East High Street. However it was agreed that this area was probably the most congested and least likely to cause speeding. The meeting thanked the Councillors for this progress at last.

6.2 It was noted from the floor that the minutes and agenda had not been published on Facebook within the time specified in the Community Council Constitution. The Chairman responded that publication was constrained by the availability of voluntary assistance which in practice could not be guaranteed. He also requested that any complaint be put to him in writing.

7. Paths. An Open Meeting had been held in the Public Hall on 25th February with at least 30 attendants. There were offers of help and at least 14 suggestions for improvement. It had been agreed that the Burn Mill paths should be prioritised especially since the floods following melting snow and also the path from Lauder to the Cemetery. The Councillors were asked for some tar planings which could be dumped in the Burn Mill Car Park. Grants were being applied for from Paths for All, Quality of Life Funding and SBC Small Schemes. The Criminal Justice Team will be helpful but some of the work needs mechanical equipment. The funds that Lauder Paths Group hold will pay for updating the paths signage and the Paths Booklet. The Earlston Paths Team has been very helpful.

8. Eildon Area Partnership. Lorraine had attended the first meeting and found it useful with workshops covering different local subjects.

9. Reports



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- 9.1 **Planning.** – There were 2 applications for alterations and extension at Upper Loan Park and Blainslie Schoolhouse. There was no objection to either.
 - 9.2 **Treasurer's Report.** Approval was received for £230 to be paid to the paths clearer.
 - 9.3 **Lauder Common Good.** Nothing to report although the Committee are awaiting comments from the Sheep Company on the planting proposals.
 - 9.4 **Revitalisation.** – nothing to report.
 - 9.5 **Lauderdale Community Council Outreach Meetings.** – The South Gardens residents are very grateful for the help they received during the March snowstorm and for the donation of benches and will host a tea/coffee afternoon to thank the volunteers. There was not enough salt at certain times but all is stocked up now. The computer courses will now re-commence and the Teenagers Adventure Cycling with Trevor Bryant has been a great success. There were some comments on potholes and dog fouling.
- 10. Other Business.**
- 10.1 The voluntary clearing of lying snow at the Primary School had been admirable and a lesson in community spirit. The amount of snow moved was massive and all cleared by hand
 - 10.2 There was a query from the floor about refuse pick-ups during adverse weather.
 - 10.3 SBC was asked to look into the 2 potholes on Castle Wynd, nothing to do with bad weather.
 - 10.4 The dog fouling issue had magnified during the snow as owners would not pick up in deep snow.
 - 10.5 The Lauder in Bloom (LiB) are hosting a Litter Pick on Saturday 17th March 1-3pm at the Sports Pavilion. LiB also noted the damage to their planters during snow clearing.
 - 10.6 Repairs to the Castle wall on Castle Wynd. It was agreed to notify Edward about this.
 - 10.7 A portacabin is being delivered from Duns for the Mens Shed scheme. It will be sited at the rear of the Leisure Centre.
 - 10.8 Weekly meetings have been arranged on Thursdays from 1 till 3pm at the Leisure Centre for people who have been affected by strokes, Parkinsons or any other disabling illnesses.
 - 10.9 It was agreed to find out from the Coop when the pumps would be back in use. (*Post meeting note: around the end of April*).
 - 10.10 The next meeting is during the Easter Holidays and Anne was asked to see if the Black Bull was free.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 9th April 2018 at the Black Bull at 7.30pm.