

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 10th November 2014 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



ITEM 1 – WELCOME ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance:
Jack Ponton (Vice Chairman) welcomed all present.
Anne Hogarth (Secretary), Graeme Donald, Judy Gunn, Ruth Mason, Alistair Smith, Ian Stevenson, Councillors David Parker and Jim Torrance
2 members of the public
Apologies:
Gaye Colquhoun (Chair), Dave Cash (Treasurer), Edward Maitland-Carew, Michael Middlemiss, Irene Thomson and, Councillor Iain Gillespie

ITEM 2 – POLICE REPORT

This had been previously circulated and there was no comment.	ACTION
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ITEM 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was a question from the floor as to the results of the survey announced in Lauderdale News about creating a wildflower meadow in the Piggery Field. It was noted that 19 responses had been received supporting the Wildflower Meadow, 1 supporting the skatepark and 3 asking for a swimming pool in Lauder.	ACTION
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ITEM 4 – ADOPTION OF THE MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting dated 13 th October 2014, in Blainslie Village Hall, was adopted as a correct record by all present; proposed by Graeme, seconded by Ian.	ACTION
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ITEM 5 – MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jack reported on the Ceremony in Lauder Town Hall for 4 Honorary Burgesses and 1 new Burgess to sign the Burgess Roll. He recommended that it be minuted to thank Michael for the work he had done to make this occasion such a success.	ACTION
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ITEM 6 – MATTERS ARISING

6.1. Burnmill Signage. Iain was not present to report on this. However the subject of the Lauder signs at Riggsyde and High Cross was raised and Alistair will report back at the next meeting. 6.2 Resilience Application This will be reported on at the next meeting. 6.3 Quality of Life Funding Iain was not present to report on this.	ACTION Iain Alistair
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<p>6.4 Road Surfaces Attention was drawn to the Blainslie road and also the white lines at the end of the village, the Old Boon road and Croft Road and Factors Park.</p>	Councillors
<p>6.5 Industrial Estate A question was asked about takers for the new units beyond the Fire Station which is lit and surfaced. David said he would report back. This led to a discussion on the future of Lauder. There is no employment, too many FOR Sale signs – should there not be a plan to raise the status of the town. Ruth asked SBC councillors what the LCC can do to alter this state of affairs. David said tourism was important, and support for new businesses. What about a HUB in central Lauder not just Thirlestane Castle.</p>	
<p>It was noted that the EHA scheme at The Orchard had been an Industrial Estate but no businesses arrived. There is nothing for the Arts and Lauder Trading Post did not last. Could the Town Hall be a HUB. Existing businesses are not expanding. David reported that Melrose has a Group that arranges events to bring people to the Town but it is unlike Lauder in that it has no trunk road running through the middle. It was agreed to put Lauder Town Status on the next agenda. It was suggested that Lauder needs Traders and Business People as well as CC – and that the Tour de Lauder committee has been a model.</p>	ALL
<p>6.6 Update on Town Hall Graeme reported that following receipt of an email to South of Scotland Energy from Scottish Borders Council on Friday 17th November he received a telephone call from the Manager of the SSE Community Sustainable Development Fund to advise LCC that, given the lack of support from the Trustees of the Town Hall, SSE rescind their offer of grant with immediate effect. This decision by SSE came almost a week before the date for the Common Good Sub Committee meeting when the proposed Town Hall Project was formally considered by the Common Good Sub Committee under the heading Any Other Business'.</p>	

ITEM 7 – REPORTS

<p>7.1 Lauder in Bloom Ruth reported that much is going on with tidying and planning, including a large project for the Burn Mill and a proposed entry for the Floral Gateway competition. There is a meeting next week and she will report to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>7.2 Walking Festival This will be reported on at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>7.3 Joint Venture with Church – Tour de Lauder This will be reported on at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>7.4 Planning Turbine at north east of West Mains. The planning committee has still to discuss this one. Replacement Garden Shed at 9 The Row – no comment.</p>	
<p>7.5 Wind Development – nothing to report</p>	
<p>7.6 Lauder Common Good David reported that the Newton Fund has been a successful investment for LCGF and he also informed the meeting that an application for funding by the Leisure Centre application has been withdrawn. The library had requested funding towards running costs which should be approved because of the success of the Newton Fund investment.</p>	ACTION
<p>7.7 Treasurer's Report – it was agreed to ask Dave to remain as a co-opted member and a Notice of Motion would be presented at the next meeting. Jack proposed him and Judi seconded. It was agreed to ask him to come to next meeting and fully explain his report. Alistair has the cheque book for the time being.</p>	

ITEM 8 – BUSINESS

<p>8.1 Accountability of Common Good Fund Management. Jack raised a point on which he needed clarification. The CGF should be for the benefit of Lauder but how does Lauder tell CGF management what it wants? It was explained that Alistair is a representative on the CGF Committee and our 3 Councillors are the main trustees but all councillors can discuss Lauder CGF business. There has been tension on issue of Town Hall which belongs to LCGF and the Chairman will be discussing this with the 3 Councillors. Now Access Agreements are being discussed between CGF management and Girthgate and Muircleugh developments. Both have been objected to by LCC but CGF have agreed to provide access over The Common at a fee. David explained that the planning system is quite separate from LCG which has nothing to do with</p>	ACTION
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<p>planning although there are Councillors on both. Obviously financial benefits are much needed by LCGF.</p> <p>Tennis Club – Graeme reported that discussions with the Tennis Club are ongoing.</p> <p>Lauder Town Strategy – Whole Town Plan and Future of Lauder will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
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ITEM 9 – BUSINESS RAISED

<p>Bus Shelters A member of the public reported that ‘no smoking’ signs in the bus shelters had been requested in April but were still not in place. David and Jim agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>Street Lights The street lights in Manse Road/Croft Road have been on 24 hours for the past fortnight. David agreed to look into this.</p>	<p>ACTION Councillors</p>
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<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 8th December 2014, 7.30pm: Lauder Primary School</p>
