



## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Alistair Smith, Allan Pryde, Steve Aitchison, Judi Gunn, Craig McBeth and Councillors David Parker and Kevin Drum

Apologies received: Councillor Tom Miers and PC Norrie

6 members of the public

2. **Declarations of Interest.** Irene explained that her husband may be involved in the Community Shed.

3. **Police Report.** This had been circulated. Jack asked for any items concerning the Police.

3.1 The report states that there has been no information on indiscriminate parking. However, at the north end of the Town, there are abandoned and broken vehicles parked in the Industrial Estate. There was also a comment about an industrial unit using the surrounding area as an extension of their own car park. Irene said that this was already being looked into.

3.2 David reported that he was expecting the results of the Traffic Survey very shortly and would convey the information as soon as it was in. The pedestrian survey is still continuing.

3.3 The Safety Camera vehicle was suggested as being a robust control on speeding (seen often in Earlston and Stow) but the rules about where it can park are very strict and Lauder is not a suitable area.

4. **Minute of previous meeting.** Addition to 10.4 – The Thirlestane Castle Trust is aware of the need for repair. After this amendment, these were proposed by Edward and seconded by Craig.

5. **Notification of items not on Agenda.** There were several.

6. **Matters Arising.** – None.

7. **Paths.** Last week the walkway was repaired by the Paths Group at the Burn Mill and the path was strimmed from the Castle Wynd to the Chuckie Lodge. There is another day of maintenance planned and more wood is needed. It was suggested that the grant for paths maintenance go straight to the Paths Group and not to the Community Council. Judi hoped the Blainslie path could be extended from the Old School to the village. David reminded the meeting that the Criminal Justice team can be requested to help out. The path on the old railway line has been tarred so far but permission is needed from landowners before it can be taken further.

8. **Eildon Area Partnership.** The next open meeting is 21st May at 6.30 in the Galashiels Exchange.

9. **2018 Annual General Meeting.** It was agreed to hold this at 7.15 immediately before the June Meeting.

### 10. Reports

10.1 **Planning.**

- 10.1.1 There were 2 applications this month – Replacement dwellinghouse at Briarlea, Upper Blainslie. An extension of time will be requested as this application has only just come in and the plans will need more studying before comment. Alterations to 61 West High Street – no objection.
- 10.1.2 There has been no more information about the proposed Persimmon development or Public Exhibition on this.
- 10.1.3 2 Public Exhibitions are proposed to consult on the projected application for tourism development on Land North West of Garden House (The Ranch) Thirlestane Lauder. The 1<sup>st</sup> is arranged for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in the Public Hall. Both these Public Exhibitions will be held in advance of the planning application and after the planning application is submitted, the Community Council will hold a Public Meeting to assess public opinion.
- 10.1.4 Noted from the floor. Confirmation that the first Public Exhibition will be before the actual planning application? This was agreed and it was expected that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Exhibition would be more than a month after the 1<sup>st</sup> to allow account to be taken of comments.
- 10.2 **Treasurer’s Report.** Lorraine handed over the signed Audited Accounts.
- 10.3 **Lauder Common Good.** There is a Meeting this week and SBC is still awaiting the Sheep Company’s response to the proposed tree planting.
- 10.4 **Revitalisation.** – Irene reported that the Bowling Club has offered to house the defibrillator outside the clubhouse – this replaces the one proposed at the Co-op. Some of the older defibrillator models are being maintained and upgraded.
- 10.5 **Lauderdale Community Council Outreach Meetings.** – South Gardens are hosting a ‘thank you’ for benches etc. and a review of the Royal Wedding on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May between 11.30 and 2pm. Computer classes are starting up again and the teenagers are very happy with their Adventure Riders classes.
- 11. **Lauder in Bloom (LiB).** The Floral Gateway competition has been entered to be judged in July. The hanging baskets will arrive very shortly along with bedding plants from SBC and LiB would like everyone to take control of their own area rather than relying on the SBC.

## 12. AOB

- 12.1 The Shows have arrived and their artics are parked in Castleriggs. Have they permission? This seems very early and their notices are all through Lauder.
- 12.2 Lauderdale Community Shed. This has arrived from Duns and the question was asked if LCC could pay for the Planning Application and Building Warrant for it to be settled into the Car Park on Factors Park. It was agreed that the application would come from the CC.
- 12.3 At800 is still affecting a few Freeview users but the filter on each set is working well.
- 12.4 It was noted that the handrail needed at the Leisure Centre should be supplied by the Leisure Centre itself.
- 12.5 The new bollard to make pedestrians safer at the Kirk/Mill Wynd junction does not look very strong.

- 12.6 Request for co-option to the Community Council. Stephen Potts, who has attended all Community Council meetings in 2018, has requested to become a co-opted member. He noted that his family were based in Lauder, his children at the Primary School and that already he has achieved an understanding that the Castle Wynd walls are very unsafe and should be repaired. He has received a communication from SBC saying they will contact Thirlestane Castle Trust on this matter. He also noted that his main aim on joining the CC is to oppose the proposed application for tourism development at land north west of Garden House, Thirlestane. David mentioned that, Stephen Potts, having stated his dissent to this proposal, should not be included in any Community Council discussions on it and quoted the Community Councillors Code of Conduct.
- 12.7 It was agreed to add a Notice of Motion for Stephen Potts' co-option to the June agenda and that he be proposed by Craig and seconded by Stevie.
- 12.8 Anne was asked to put a Notice on Facebook about which Community Councillors are full voting members and who is co-opted.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Lauder Primary School at 7.15pm commencing with the Annual General Meeting.