

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 11th June 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 Tom Miers

Apologies received: Councillor Kevin Drum and PC Norrie

8 members of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. None at present.

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

3.1 Anne was asked to contact Michael to check how serious was the breach of firearms offence and whether the public should be made aware.

3.2 David reported on the results of the Traffic Survey which did not highlight excessive speeding. However owing to roadworks both north and south, there will be a further speed monitoring exercise in case this was not a typical result. The present findings are not yet available for posting on Facebook. As yet there is no result from the Pedestrian Survey.

3.3 From the floor it was noted that there is a contradiction in terms of speeding and if 10% were over the limit that was still too many, particularly in the Police Station to Town Hall area. Also the question was asked about improvements to the A7 and the answer was there will only be resurfacing.

4. Minute of previous meeting. Additions to 12.6 – ‘Stephen has received a communication from SBC saying they will contact Thirlestane Castle Trust on this matter.’ and the insertion of ‘Community Council’ before discussions. After these amendments, they were proposed by Stevie and seconded by Irene.

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

6. Co-option to Community Council. Stephen Potts was welcomed as a member of the Community Council proposed by Craig and seconded by Alistair. A Notice of Motion would be added to the July Agenda asking Gaye Colquhoun to join, proposed by Judi and seconded by Irene.

7. Matters Arising. – Edward reported that Thirlestane Castle Trust has received 2 quotes from local masons for repairs to the wall on Castle Wynd and are awaiting a 3rd before commencing the work.

8. Paths. Alistair reported that there are 2 evenings work planned in June to maintain the Burn Mill path. He has asked volunteers to bring a shovel, wheelbarrow and hammer. Stephen offered his services. SBC has provided all the materials. He noted that the grass will be cut from the Old School at Blainslie up to the Sawmill. He requested for volunteers to walk each path around Lauder and Blainslie and look at them critically as well as noting the GPS position and report back to the Paths Committee. Irene reported that Jimmy McLean’s benches up the Whitlaw Road had been used from the moment they were placed.

9. Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to Report.

10. Reports

- 10.1 **Planning.** Tom left the room for item 10.1.1
- 10.1.1 There were 3 applications this month – Internal alterations at Cottesbrooke, 6 Mill Wynd – no objection, approval of matters specified in conditions pursuant to planning permission at Applecross, Pyatshaw – no objection, alteration to dwellinghouse Byres House, The Row – no objection.
- 10.1.2 Alistair, in applying for planning permission for the Community Shed, is finding the system difficult. Tom asked if he could be involved to help out.
- 10.2 **Treasurer's Report.** Lorraine recorded that this year's accounts are finalised and with the auditor.
- 10.3 **Lauder Common Good.** The Sheep Company has not accepted the proposed tree planting and negotiations are continuing.
- 10.4 **Revitalisation.**
- 10.4.1 Irene reported that the defibrillator is nearly ready at the Bowling Club and that the School are raising money for one which is suitable for paediatric and adult use. She is trying to make sure that all Lauder defibrillators are the same brand to make maintenance and access to spare parts easier. Training on their use was discussed and will be organised shortly.
- 10.4.2 The 2018 Bonfire is planned to go ahead.
- 10.5 **Lauderdale Community Council Outreach Meetings.** Judi reported on the last meeting. She has been asked to raise the point that some members of the public get very anxious during bonfires and fireworks and asked if notices could go up round Lauder stating when and where they might happen. It was reported that there are young trees growing out of the cemetery wall which Alistair will sort and that there was concern about grass cutting reduction. She was pleased to report that there are certain teenagers helping with LiB.
- 11. **Lauder in Bloom (LiB).** Two competitions will be judged in August and Alistair hoped that the SBC grass cutting would take note of this as they have reduced the cutting from 10 days to 20. SBC has donated 1,200 bedding plants but this is the last year. He asked if members could bring forward to the July meeting which areas are in need of cutting and he will pass the details on.

12. AOB

- 12.1 Gaye noted from the floor that the handrail at the Leisure Centre was loose and could be dangerous. David and Tom said that she should speak directly to the Leisure Centre.
- 12.2 Alistair asked if there could be another bollard on the church side of the Mill Wynd/Mid Row junction but was informed that this is not possible.
- 12.3 There is a bad piece of road between the Brownsmuir Park entrance and the back Coop car park and David and Tom will check this.
- 12.4 Alistair asked how much was left in the Quality of Life fund. David reported on approximately £1,333 but £500 would be needed for the Christmas tree. Could Lauder find

its own Christmas tree without going through SBC? David asked Alistair to let them know as Christmas trees are ordered in August.

- 12.5 A question was raised from the floor about improper use of the Town Hall flagpole. The Rainbow flag will be flown there on 16th June supporting the LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Intersex). It was mentioned that an email had been circulated about this with a majority supporting.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 9th July 2018 in Blainslie Village Hall at 7.30.