



Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 10th September 2018 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Present: Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Stephen Potts, Judi Gunn, Alistair Smith, Steve Aitchison Edward Maitland-Carew, Gaye Colquhoun, Councillors David Parker and Tom Miers

Apologies received: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, and Councillor Kevin Drum

8 members of the public

2. **Declarations of Interest.** Councillor Tom Miers and Edward Maitland-Carew.

3. **Police Reports. Noted**

4. **Adoption of Minute of Previous Meetings**

4.1 The July Minute was proposed by Alistair and seconded by Lorraine. The August Minute was proposed by Steve and seconded by Judi.

5. **Notification of Items not on the Agenda/Order of Business – there were various**

6. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda – none**

7. **Paths**

7.1 Alistair noted that a tree had fallen over the path at the Burn Mill. SBC has cleared it back Alistair encouraged members of the public to clear it for logs if they could make a donation to LiB. This weekend a work party are going to clear back the gorse/whin from the Burnmill Loop which will be quite a heavy job.

8. **Eildon Area Partnership**

8.1 Lorraine will attend the next meeting which is later this week.

9. **Reports**

9.1.1 Planning. (Tom left the room) Alistair reported on 4 new applications. Retrospective Fence and Gates at 8 The Loan – too high and recommendation for objection. 1 Factors Park, trim trees to facilitate the Community Shed – approved. Extension to 71 Brownsmuir Park – approved. Replacement of old sheds at Wantonwalls – approved.

9.1.2 The Persimmon application for 38 houses has been sent back to the developers to redesign and then the consultation process will be repeated.

9.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that the auditors will sign off the accounts this week.

9.3 Lauder Common Good.

9.3.1 The new investment company has already produced more return on the money deposited.

9.3.2 The tree planting and fencing on Lauder Common has nearly been approved by the Sheep Company but may miss the 2018 planting window.

- 9.4 Lauder Revitalisation.
- 9.4.1 Irene reported that the price of the two defibrillators has increased although the quality and durability has improved. The Bowling Club is still keen and she wondered if a collection during the 2018 Fireworks Display would help towards payment for this one. Irene will order. The Primary School is still available and Irene asked if SBC would pay for the cabinet at approximately £375. This was agreed.
- 9.4.2 All residents around the Fireworks Display area have been informed of the date Saturday 3rd November and the length of time. The bonfire will be built further away from the trees. Any help with this Display is requested.
- 9.5 Irene asked Graeme Donald to report on the Review of Local Governance. Scottish Government and COSLA have launched a review to ensure local communities have more say in how their public services are run. There is a very easy website to relay your opinions. The Channelkirk and Lauder Kirk Session are meeting this week Graeme wondered if the Community Council wish to join in with their response which should be complete by the end of November. He will forward the website details.
- 9.6 Lauder Community Shed. The planning application is still in progress and the shed now needs 3 quotes instead of 2 for drainage, electricity and water supply. Then the Building Warrant and Demolition will be applied for. David agreed to help with this. It was noted that Factors Park will need a Road Closure Notice during the time the portacabin is being positioned. The lease with the Leisure Centre is progressing and application for funding is continuing from Localities Fund, Common Good Fund and Toddleburn Wind Farm.
- 9.7 LCC Outreach.
- 9.7.1 Judi reported on a request for a bench on the Thirlestane Drive walkway which the Rotary Club will donate. Permission from the company responsible for the upkeep of the area will be required. Judi will show Alistair the proposed site. There has also been a request for one in the Allanbank development but this was considered complicated as the ground beyond pavements and roads is privately owned and permission would be needed.
- 9.7.2 She had been asked about rubble and rubbish dumped on the path from the Industrial Estate along the old railway line and the bushes that need cut back. David said he would look into this.
- 9.7.3 She had received a request for another flagpole in Lauder but this was considered against the Flag Flying Policy.
- 9.7.4 Another request had come from a resident at Wyndhead Steading for weedkilling in the area.
- 9.8 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair announced that Lauder in Bloom has won a Keep Scotland Beautiful Gold Certificate in the Large Village Section. Congratulations are formally recorded from LCC to LiB. A greenhouse has been donated and it will be placed at 1 Factors Park. There will be a slight change in policy with less bedding plants and more perennials. Gaye offered to donate a wormery. SBC Floral Gateway has been judged and winners will be announced on 25-Sep-18.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 Eagle Bridge. Stephen reported on comments about the danger at the Eagle Bridge which is narrow and on the turn. He reported on skid marks and felt that drivers coming west and downhill were coming too fast. David agreed that a site meeting would be arranged with Stephen and Tom said he will deal with this.

- 10.2 Speeding on A68 throughout Lauder. Nothing has happened since the traffic survey and pedestrian survey apart from a mention of traffic islands near the Thirlestane Drive turning onto the A68. It was agreed that subgroup would be formed with David, Stephen, Irene, Judi, Alistair, Rachel Gray, Fiona Hall and another resident from Thirlestane Drive and a site meeting with Transport Scotland, SBC Traffic and AMEY arranged to try to make some progress.
- 10.3 Email Protocol. Irene and Stephen will draw up a protocol on sending out emails to try to ensure transparency in decision making and ensure that matters are dealt with in an appropriate environment with full member consultation wherever possible.
- 10.4 David reported that there is still £533 left in the Quality of Life Funding. Alistair asked for something towards the LiB greenhouse heater and Steve reminded the meeting that £200 had been promised for the base of the School Gardening Club Potting Shed.
- 10.5 The Keystore Automated Teller Machine now charges for each cash withdrawal.
- 10.6 Kirsty Smyth from the Southern Reporter was welcomed by the LCC. She hoped to be able to attend more often.
- 10.7 David reported that a temporary flashing sign had been positioned on the Stow Road entrance and a permanent one will follow due to the excessive speeding.
- 10.8 In answer to a question about the Castle Wynd wall, Edward has signed a contract over the next 3 years with a walling company and work is expected to start shortly beginning with the more damaged areas.
- 10.9 Irene noted that there had been 2 CC resignations during the past month which had been reluctantly accepted.
- 10.10 The tree at the Factors Park/Mill Wynd junction is getting too near the telephone wires and this will be brought to the attention of those carrying out the tree work at 1 Factors park in the hope they may assist.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.30 in Blainslie Village Hall.