



Lauderdale Community Council

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

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Stephen Potts, Steve Aitchison, Alistair Smith and Councillors David Parker and Tom Miers

PC Michael Norrie for Item 3 Police Report

Apologies received: Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Gaye Colquhoun, Councillor Kevin Drum

3 members of the public

2. **Declarations of Interest.** None yet except Councillor Miers for Planning Report.
3. **Police Report.** This had been circulated and posted on LCC Facebook. PC Norrie was asked about a suspicious black van which had been seen reconnoitring garages, sheds and dog kennels. He was also asked about speed checks in Lauder as the report said 'there were no reports of excessive speeding in Lauder.' PC Norrie was requested to produce a report of speeding problems in Lauder but it was noted that AMEY had already produced a report for SBC during their summer census.
4. **Adoption of Minute of Previous Meeting.** This was proposed unchanged by Alistair and seconded by Lorraine.
5. **Notification of Items not on the Agenda/Order of Business – there were various**
6. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda.**
 - 6.1 Dangerous approaches to the Eagle Bridge. Stephen requested a site visit to monitor the danger to road users and asked it to be recorded that he has cleaned the signs on both approaches. However Tom reported that the bushes had been cut back but was told that there needed to be far more done including trees. Tom and David will look into this problem.
 - 6.2 Thanks are recorded to all who helped to make the Bonfire and Fireworks Night such a success. Lauder in Bloom (LiB) ran the catering and made money towards their funds and a bucket collection for a new defibrillator raised £179.
 - 6.3 David and Tom were asked to look into the faded white lines at the Mill Wynd junction with Mid Row and at the top of The Avenue.
7. **Report from Speed Safety Sub Group.**
 - 7.1 David reported on a very constructive meeting between Transport Scotland, AMEY, SBC and members of Lauder community.
 - 7.2 Speeding is definitely a problem and AMEY has asked for more police enforcement. A traffic island is planned south of the Thirlestane Drive entrance to help pedestrians crossing but also to help control speeding drivers. It was agreed that two islands would be better, north (rather near the bus stop) and south and David will make these happen.

There will be an improved crossing point between the entrance to Thirlestane Stables and Factors Park and an improved extended crossing at Market Square. The bus stop at 4 Edinburgh Road will be improved and there will be a crossing point at the Coop and an improved pavement and crossing point up to the tennis courts.

- 7.3** Anne was asked to contact the Senior Traffic Officer of Police Service Scotland to ensure that they enforce speed control.

8. Paths. Alistair reported that the Burn Mill bridge has been repaired but that there is still major work needed to restore and maintain the path network. David suggested that funding could come from Community Support for Small Schemes, Localities Bid and also the Criminal Justice Team could be invited to meet on site and then add Lauder to their timetable. David and Alistair agreed to a meeting on site.

- 9. Eildon Area Partnership.** Lorraine reported that the next meeting is next week.

10. Reports

- 10.1.1 Planning. Tom left the room. New house at land west of Joel House, St Leonards – no objection. Hut north of Threepwood (in Woodheads wood) still to be examined. Alterations and extension to outbuildings at Black Bull – no objection.
- 10.1.2 Persimmon development at Thirlestane Drive. An amended application had been received with alterations to the pedestrian access and the design of some of the houses. However there are still 38 houses planned for this site. There are only 9 affordable houses planned and the point was raised that this is not enough to encourage local young people to stay in the area and that the other 29 planned would be too large and expensive for first time buyers. Jack asked Stephen for send the numbers he had about housing density and then will draft a response objecting to the number of houses.
- 10.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that the audited accounts are due to go to SBC in December.
- 10.3 Lauder Common Good. No meeting this month.
- 10.4 Lauder Revitalisation. There was a request to review the original Action Plan and evaluate progress.
- 10.5 LCC Outreach.
- 10.5.1 Judi reported that the handrail beside the Leisure Centre is still unsafe and Anne was asked to write to the Leisure Centre asking them to repair it.
- 10.5.2 Judi had been asked if there could be a bus shelter at the Thirlestane Drive bus stop but it was agreed this is not possible owing to the road layout.
- 10.5.3 Her attention had been drawn to the trees growing beside the cemetery wall.
- 10.5.4 Her attention had also been drawn to the trees and branches growing out onto the pavement on the A68 in front of Harryburn House and that the pavement there is very dirty.
- 10.5.5 Her computer classes are now advertised and will begin again in January 2019.
- 10.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair announced another award, this time from the Royal Horticultural Society's class "Wild about Gardens". Congratulations are recorded from the Community Council to LiB. Also there is now a joint initiative with the Scouts helping people who are unable to do their own gardens.

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 Lauder Leisure Centre is upgrading their gym and will ask the Common Good Fund for some help towards this.
- 11.2 Stephen reported that The 'Year of Young People' Event had been very inspiring with more than 150 children playing.
- 11.3 Two street lights outside both the Post Office and the Butcher are still not working.
- 11.4 LiB wondered if the Community Council could purchase a wood chipping machine costing around £1,000 which would be useful for both LiB and the Paths Group. However LCC has not enough funds left so it was agreed that £500 would come from LCC funds and £533 from Quality of Life funding.
- 11.5 The Sealed Knot Society, a historical charity who perform costumed re-enactment of battles, including one at Thirlestane, has made a loss this summer and has applied for funding of £300. It was agreed that their presence did bring people and funding into Lauder and that this should be approved.
- 11.6 A request has been received to fly the Rainbow Flag in September 2019. The present CC agreed to this although CC elections are in May 2019 so will not be our decision.
- 11.7 Concern was expressed about the mud on the back road to Galashiels opposite the Golf Course and both the police and SBC Roads are informed.
- 11.8 A request was made for another street light in Manse Road running from the Croft to the A68.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.