



Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 8th October 2018 in Blainslie Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Alistair Smith, Edward Maitland-Carew, and Councillor Tom Miers

Apologies received: Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Stephen Potts, Steve Aitchison, Gaye Colquhoun, Councillors David Parker and Kevin Drum

PC Michael Norrie for Item 3 Police Report

4 members of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. None yet.

3. **Police Reports.** Michael presented his monthly report. He was questioned by 2 members of the public about speeding on the A68 through the town but noted that he has had no formal complaints. There was a request for a camera van. He was also questioned about the possibility of an accident at the Eagle Bridge and Tom reported that he was looking into this and it was agreed that if some of the foliage was cut back, the bridge would be safer.

4. **Adoption of Minute of Previous Meeting.** This was proposed unchanged by Edward 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.** LCC Speeding Safety Sub Group. A site meeting has been tentatively arranged for the morning of 22nd October. Anne was asked to circulate this to all on the group.

7. **Paths.** Alistair reported that a Working Party would be out on 20th October to clear the gorse to the quarry and that a Paths Meeting will be held on Sunday 18th November.

8. **Eildon Area Partnership.** Lorraine reported that this group appeared only to be interested in Galashiels, Melrose and Selkirk and the rural areas were not important enough. Tom will take this back to SBC and try to broaden the agenda.

9. Reports

- 9.1.1 Planning. Alistair reported on only one new application for an extension at Trabrownhill which was approved. He also reported on an Appeal Letter for 61 West High Street which he could not access online and Anne agreed to contact the Planning Department.
- 9.1.2 The Persimmon application for 38 houses has been re-submitted and Anne was asked to request an extension of time for comment on this.
- 9.1.3 Tom noted that there were New Planning Guidelines proposed and that the Strategic Plan will not continue. He expected that Community Councils will be asked to respond to the new Main Issues Report when it is complete. He also answered a question about social housing in the Persimmon development by saying that Persimmon would sell the plots to a Housing Association to develop.

- 9.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that the auditors will sign off the accounts this week.
- 9.3 Lauder Common Good. No meeting this month.
- 9.4 Lauder Revitalisation. This report was held back until next month.
- 9.5 LCC Outreach.
- 9.5.1 Judi reported on a question about the Queen's Tree which is in a corner of the churchyard and which has sustained wind damage. This will be looked into.
- 9.5.2 She had been asked about the Mill Wheel at the Galashiels entrance to Lauder which is now difficult to see. Alistair agreed to contact Eildon Housing about this.
- 9.5.3 She had also been asked to find out why no one was taking up plots in the New Industrial Estate on the Whitlaw Road. Tom responded that these had been set up with EU money but, although the plots were serviced, businesses usually preferred to move into an already erected unit.
- 9.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair announced that as well as Lauder in Bloom winning a Keep Scotland Beautiful Gold Certificate in the Large Village Section LiB had also won a Clean and Tidy Award. The prize is a bin and it was suggested it either went near the Police Station or opposite the Cemetery. Next year LiB can enter the Champion of Champions Gold Medal Class.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 Kevin is holding Surgeries on the last Tuesday of the month between 4.30 and 5.30 pm at the Leisure Centre.
- 10.2 The Primary School has requested to present at the November meeting as it has entered in a Rights Respecting School through a UNICEF initiative and already has won a Bronze Rights Committed Award.
- 10.3 The Fireworks and Bonfire will be held on 3rd November. Bonfire building will begin at 2pm that day and already plenty of wood has been committed. We need a Guy, LiB are doing the catering and Edward, Red Cross and Fire Brigade offered buckets for donations to the Defibrillator Fund at the Primary School.
- 10.4 11th November is Remembrance Sunday and the Parade will leave from The Avenue at 10.30. It will be a Drumhead Service and the Scouts will plant wooden crosses with the names of all the First World War fallen. A fee of £250 has been charged for the Road Closure throughout this ceremony and it was agreed that the Community Council will fund it. The Scout Hall will be open throughout.
- 10.5 The white lines are very faded between Mill Wynd and Mid Row and Tom will chase this. There is also a bollard down outside the bottom house in The Avenue.
- 10.6 The paper shop has been sold and is closing. The key for the Noticeboard will now be held in The Purple Plum and the other key is in the Post Office.
- 10.7 The Rotary Club has donated 2 benches which Alistair will place in Allanbank and at the bottom of Thirlestane Drive.
- 10.8 Tom reported that there has been improvements at the Eagle Bridge and he is monitoring the situation.
- 10.9 Tom agreed to action the request that the potholes be filled in on the little bridge between the Pistol Range and the Colmslie roadend.
- 10.10 A map was requested for the Speed Group site meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.