



Lauderdale Community Council

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

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Present: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Stephen Potts, Steve Aitchison, Edward Maitland-Carew,

Apologies received: Alistair Smith, Gaye Colquhoun, Councillors David Parker, Tom Miers and Kevin Drum and PC Michael Norrie

1 member of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. None yet.

3. Presentation from Lauder Primary School Members on Rights Respecting School.

3.1 8 children presented on Lauder's path towards achieving a Bronze Award. They explained how together they and the school community had learnt about children's rights and how to put them into practice every day. The Award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In Rights Respecting Schools children's rights are promoted and realised and adults and children work towards this goal together.

3.2 There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem. The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community.

3.3 Lauder Primary School has achieved a Bronze Award and is now working towards Silver.

3.4 Jack congratulated the children on their professional presentation and asked them to call on the Community Council if they needed any help towards the next tier.

4. Police Report. This had been circulated and posted on LCC Facebook. Anne was asked to find out clarification on the incident regarding the organised shoot on Whitlaw Estate and where the report stated 'no reports of incidents of speeding during November' whether there had been no speed checks or whether there had been checks but no vehicle breaking the law.

5. Agreement to abide by the Community Council Code of Conduct. This was passed round and signed by all present.

6. Adoption of Minute of Previous Meeting. This was proposed subject to the following change to 6.1 "Approaches to Eagle Bridge: Stephen pointed out that an earlier LCC meeting had agreed there would be a site visit, and this was both recorded in the minutes and reported in the press. However the relevant SBC officers took the view that because there had been no injury accidents recorded at the site for many years, no visit was necessary. They further concluded that no changes in the road layout or marking were required. Tom reported that roadside bushes had been cut back and Stephen mentioned he had cleaned the signs. Both these measures improved the approach, but it appears that further cutting back, and possibly tree removal may be required. Tom and David will look into this problem." by Stephen and seconded by Steve.

7. Notification of Items not on the Agenda/Order of Business – None

8. Matters Arising not on the Agenda.

- 8.1** It was agreed to contact the SBC Councillors to tell them that it is difficult to walk round the War Memorial and that there is no clear understanding whether it is a road or a walkway and traffic drives on the paviers to turn left onto the A68. The planter put there is not visible in the dark.
- 8.2** Tom is chasing up the lighting problem raised by a member of the public and the lack of white lines at the Mill Wynd junction with Mid Row and at the top of The Avenue.
- 8.3** Irene reported that the quotes for removal of the rubble up The Close are very expensive but that it has been moved away from the wall

9. Report from Speed Safety Sub Group. This was put back to the January meeting.

10.. Paths. The next meeting is next weekend.

11.Eildon Area Partnership. Anne reported that it had been a good meeting but was more for the Central Borders than the Lauder area.

12. Reports

- 12.1.1** Planning. Jack reported that he had been present at the Planning Committee meeting that morning when the Persimmon development at Thirlestane Drive had been decided. He had stated the Community Council's objection to 38 houses instead of 30, however the planning officials proposed approval for 38. (Edward then left the room). Stephen proposed that LCC formally record dissatisfaction with this decision but as only 11 people had objected to the proposal and not all objected to the density, it was felt there was little point. However a communication to Councillor Tom Miers and Ian Aikman would be proposed. (Edward returned).
- 12.2** Treasurer. Lorraine reported that £513 has been received from the Quality of Life Fund. This will go towards the chipper.
- 12.3** Lauder Common Good. Put back until next month.
- 12.4** Lauder Revitalisation. Irene will report at the next meeting. There had been a query on Facebook about why Lauder was not a Resilient Community which Irene had answered.
- 12.5** LCC Outreach.
- 12.5.1** Judi reported that she had received very short notice about a meeting in Glasgow on Brexit and wished to complain as Glasgow was not convenient.
- 12.5.2** Judi asked if students could come to present on their application for funding from the Vine Trust and this was agreed for the February meeting.
- 12.6** Lauder in Bloom (LiB). This would be discussed at the January meeting.
- 12.7** There was enthusiasm about creating an Events Sub Group which would help with the Fireworks Evening and the Christmas Lights Ceremony and raise money for both.

13. Any Other Business

- 13.1** It was agreed officially to thank Sandra Paton and Mrs Burgess for the splendid Primary School presentation at the start of this meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.