



Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 14th January 2019 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, Alistair Smith, Councillors David Parker and Kevin Drum

Apologies received: Gaye Colquhoun, Councillor Tom Miers

PC Norrie and Sergeant Neil Inglis (Traffic Department) plus 2 members of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. None yet.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated and posted on LCC Facebook. Michael spoke to his report then introduced Sergeant Neil Inglis from the Lothian & Borders Police Traffic Department.

4. Discussion on Speeding in Lauder.

- 4.1 Sergeant Inglis noted that he had received the Speed Survey Report for Lauder during the summer and asked for comments from the Community Council.
- 4.2 He was asked about the Speed Camera Van which is seen a lot in Earlston and proves a good deterrent but is never seen in Lauder. Sergeant Inglis replied that the Camera Van is run by the Speed Camera Partnership and that there is no suitable parking site for the van in Lauder. It was brought to his attention that if a Camera Van could be placed regularly at the Thirlestane Drive end of Lauder, this might mitigate the known speeding in this area.
- 4.3 Sergeant Inglis was asked why there was never any police speed checks at the North end of Lauder and he replied that the camera was considered an effective deterrent. He also noted that the A68 and A7 were prioritised by the police and that 90% of fatalities were on the open road and not in a built-up area. He also reported that the Police were training young people pre-drivers on speed awareness in schools and youth sports sessions.
- 4.4 In spite of his assurances, he was informed that there was still speeding in Lauder including HGVs and he asked if residents could contact him on OSDDRPJ@scotland.pnn.police.uk and report incidents. He was also asked if he could send a report of any speed checks and detections to Michael to add to his monthly report and any statistics appropriate to residents' perception of the speeding. He was informed that Police Enforcement is the most important measure to prevent excessive speeding. A further suggestion for deterring speeding was a cardboard cut-out policeman holding a speed gun.
- 4.5 A question was raised about people fined for parking in bus stops overnight even although there were no buses running at that time and Sergeant Inglis will look into this.

5. Adoption of Minute of Previous Meeting. This was proposed without changes by Loraine and seconded by Judi.

6. Notification of Items not on the Agenda/Order of Business – Various including dog fouling

7. Matters Arising not on the Agenda. None

8. Reports

- 8.1 Planning. Edward left the room. Extension to Biomass building to include stables and shed at Thirlestane Castle– no objection. PPP for dwellinghouse opposite henhouses up Stow Road – no objection. Edward returned.
- 8.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that our grant from SBC of £630 has been received. Alistair thanked the Community Council for their support for the chipper. He wondered if he could hire it out for a fee which would be added the CC funds.
- 8.3 Lauder Common Good. Put back until next month.
- 8.4 Lauder Revitalisation. Irene will circulate the Revitalisation spreadsheet. She asked that it be returned with updates of items that may be useful – ‘refresh our ambitions’.
- 8.5 LCC Outreach.
- 8.5.1 Judi has received a complaint about speeding on the Blainslie Road which David said he would investigate. It was also highlighted that walkers, bikers and riders did not necessarily wear high viz clothing on that road and it was agreed to publish this request on social media.
- 8.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Litter picking, although ongoing, is arranged for 23rd/24th March. The greenhouse is a great asset and there will be a quiz to raise funds on 22nd February. It was reported that the flower bed box at the War Memorial needs a fluorescent strip to stop vehicles running into it.
- 8.7 Paths. There will be new Waysigns erected beside the paths using money donated by the Tour de Lauder bikeride. A shelter will be put up in the Burn Mill and signs put up from the Burn Mill to central Lauder. The Paths leaflet will not be replaced but an app with QR is planned.
- 8.8 Alistair reported that the Lauder Christmas lights committee has no intention of giving up.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 It was agreed to support the group who think a Borders National Park should be created.
- 9.2 There are 2 plots of grass beside the Police Station but only one is being tended.
- 9.3 The pavement to the tennis courts is still causing problems including overhanging branches. David and Kevin agreed to look into this.
- 9.4 There was a request to switch off all floodlights at the Town Hall and the School on 30th March to support Earthhouse evening.
- 9.5 There was a request for a Waste Presentation from SBC to remind residents about different categories.
- 9.6 The lighting problem reported last month has still not been resolved but this will be sorted soon.
- 9.7 There was a reminder that a New Community Council will be elected in May and that the AGM will be at the May Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.