



Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council on
Monday 11th February 2019 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Present: Irene Thomson, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Gaye Colquhoun, Stephen Potts, Steve Aitchison, Alistair Smith, Councillors David Parker, Tom Miers and Kevin Drum

Apologies received: Jack Ponton, *Chairman*, Judi Gunn, Edward Maitland-Carew, Ross Sharp-Dent, Waste Manager, SBC and 8 members of the public

2. Declarations of Interest. None yet.

3. Waste Strategy and Re-Cycling – Ross Sharp-Dent from SBC presented:

- 3.1 The 3 main problems are that our planet has limited resources coupled with pollution and financial limitations as landfill costs £88/tonne. Recycling targets have been set by EU Directives and Scottish Government. 60% recycling/composting of household waste by 2020 and no more than 5% of all waste to go to landfill with a 70% recycling/composting rate of all waste by 2025.
- 3.2 Various schemes are in progress to achieve this and a modern Waste Transfer Station is being built at Easter Langlee.
- 3.3 He explained how the present system works and where all the waste and recycling ends up.
- 3.4 SBC, compared to other Scottish Councils, has a fairly good record for waste disposal and recycling.
- 3.5 It was agreed that the Community Council will arrange a Public Meeting for Ross to confirm how and what to recycle and to explain what will happen after 2021.

4. Police Report. This had been circulated and posted on LCC Facebook. There were no comments.

5. Discussion on Name for new Persimmon Development in Lauder.

- 5.1 It was agreed to put a consultation out on Facebook with a community poll (Survey Monkey) to vote for the most popular.

6. Adoption of Minute of Previous Meeting. This was proposed without changes by Alistair and seconded by Lorraine.

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

8. Matters Arising not on the Agenda.

- 8.1 It was noted that the street lights at the Market Place shops were still not working.

9. Reports

- 9.1 Planning. Removal on planning constraint at Larkhill Cottage – no objection.

- 9.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that payment of £1,979 would be made for one defibrillator which leaves more finance to go towards the school one.
- 9.3 Lauder Common Good. Meeting next week.
- 9.4 Lauder Revitalisation. It was agreed that a small sub-committee would meet to discuss the aims and revamp the 'to do' list. It was noted from the floor that the Right of Way from the Chuckie Lodge down to the Leader was blocked.
- 9.5 LCC Outreach.
 - 9.5.1 Judi had sent a report which included dog poo complaints, praise for the computer classes and commendation for the Recycling Group.
 - 9.5.2 It is a shame that not enough people are attending Kevin's Monthly Workshops – last Tuesday of each month at the Leisure Centre.
- 9.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Litter picking, although ongoing, is arranged for 23rd/24th March. The quiz to raise funds is on 22nd February and the CC will be fielding a team. LiB will be meeting with SBC on 15th March and the Keep Scotland Beautiful and Floral Gateway competitions appear to be on the same week in the summer.
- 9.7 Paths. There was a workday at the weekend where the chicken wire on one of the bridges was replaced. Paths AGM is on 10th March at 7pm.
- 9.8 Eildon Area Committee. Lorraine was unable to attend and Kevin reported that the theme had been Healthcare and Wellbeing.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 The Teenage Club on Fridays is not well attended but there is still nothing for them to do and it was agreed to put this on the March Agenda.
- 10.2 Dog fouling was discussed, and it was agreed to put this on the March agenda. There are no Dog Wardens any more and unfortunately there has been only one prosecution in the last 5 years. David noted that SBC provide posters, stencils and an abandoned poo bag lift when necessary. There may need to be a community initiative to take on this subject.
- 10.3 Attention was drawn to the excellent way Wooplaw Community Woodland is rebuilding their shed.
- 10.4 3 lampposts are badly needing repainted, one in front of the Town Hall and the 2 at either end of the pedestrian crossing.
- 10.5 More white lines need repainted this time in Millburn Park.
- 10.6 Clarification was asked for about the Hawick Flooding initiative to recycle trees and Alistair wondered if there would be spare timber for more benches.
- 10.7 Parking at the Industrial Estate including some vehicles which never move needs to be enforced and David agreed to act on this.
- 10.8 A list of street signs needing attention was requested to pass to Craig Blackie.
- 10.9 The mini layby on the A68 outside Lauder Barns Cottage is being abused by cars and lorries and it was agreed to report this to AMEY.
- 10.10 There was a reminder that a New Community Council will be elected in May and that the AGM will be at the May Meeting. Tom will be Returning Officer.

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