

Lauderdale Community Council

Inaugural meeting of the Lauderdale CC held on Monday 10th
June 2019 at 7.30pm in Lauderdale Primary School



Present – Steven Aitchison, Lorraine Crawford, Judith Gunn, David Miller, Irene Thomson, Ross Montague, Jack Ponton, Alistair Smith, Cllr David Parker (SBC), Cllr Kevin Drum (SBC).

1. **Welcome and Introduction** – Cllr David Parker welcomed the new Community Council following the recent election process. Cllr Parker explained that he was chairing the meeting as the representative of the Returning Officer, who was not present, and that there was a set agenda of items for the inaugural meeting of the new Community Council and that ordinary business would be dealt with at the next full meeting of the Community Council. Cllr Parker updated everyone on whom the new Community Councillors were.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Edward Maitland Carew, Alan Reed, Cllr Tom Miers (SBC).
3. **Membership of Community Council** – Cllr Parker had already confirmed the Membership during the welcome and moved on to next item.
4. **Note and declaration to abide by Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.** - Cllr Parker confirmed that all Members had been issued with the Code of Conduct and asked Members if there were any questions. There were no questions about the Code, Members confirmed that they had read it and the Community Councillors present agreed unanimously to abide by the Code of Conduct
5. **Appointment of Chairman** – Jack Ponton nominated Irene Thomson for the post of Chairman and this was seconded by Judi Gunn. There were no other nominations and Irene Thomson was duly elected as Chairman.
6. **Appointment of Vice Chairman** – Irene Thomson nominated Alistair Smith for the post of Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Jack Ponton. There were no other nominations and Alistair Smith was duly elected as Vice Chairman.
7. **Appointment of Secretary** – Cllr Parker advised the meeting that the Community Council was entitled to appoint a secretary from within the current Community Council membership or to appoint a secretary from out with the CC as had been done in the past, if that was what the CC wished to do. Alistair Smith nominated Anne Hogarth for the post of Secretary and this was seconded by Lorraine Crawford. There were no other nominations and Anne Hogarth was duly elected as Secretary.
8. **Appointment of Treasurer** – Irene Thomson nominated Lorraine Crawford for the post of Treasurer and this was seconded by Judi Gunn. There were no other nominations for the post of Treasurer and Lorraine Crawford was duly elected as Treasurer.

Following the appointment of office bearers, Cllr Parker handed over the Chair to the new Chairman, Irene Thomson

9. **Consider co-options** – there was a general discussion about the co-option process and it was agreed that the Community Council should consider the co-option of Rachel Wheelans as a Community Councillor at the next meeting of the Community Council on Monday 8th July 2019. It was agreed that the appropriate notice would be added to the next agenda and the CC would consider Rachel's co-option at that meeting.

Jack Ponton advised that he was keen to see a trader co-opted onto the Community Council as this might be helpful when dealing with Community Council business. Following discussion, it was agreed that further consideration of co-options would take place at a future meeting.

10. **Agree authorised signatories** – it was confirmed that Lorraine Crawford, Jack Ponton and Irene Thomson be authorised signatories and it was agreed that Alistair Smith should be added to the authorised signatories if this was possible.
11. **Agreed dates of future meetings** – it was unanimously agreed that Community Council meetings should remain the second Monday of every month apart from August, when the Community Council traditionally doesn't always meet. It was agreed that the next Community Council meeting would be held on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Blainslie Village Hall. It was agreed that at that meeting, it would be determined whether an August meeting this year was required or not.
12. **Any other relevant items** – the Chairman indicated that there had been a few issues raised but these could be discussed at the next full Community Council meeting. Steven Potts, member of the public, asked for clarification as to whether he should continue to liaise with Thirlestane Castle in relation to tree felling issues, which had been agreed at a previous Community Council. David Miller indicated that he would be happy to do that on behalf of the Community Council and it was agreed that he and Steven would discuss the issue before the next meeting.