

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Alan Reed, David Millar Rachel Whellans, Jack Ponton, Steve Aitchison, Ross Montague,

Apologies received: Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillors David Parker, Tom Miers and Kevin Drum  
4 members of the public

2. An email had been received by all members from Irene Thomson, *Chairman*, intimating her intention to resign.

3. **Flying of Flags on Town Hall Policy.** Alistair said that, as the draft policy had only recently been circulated, there would be no discussion on it at this meeting but that everyone send their comments to the Secretary by 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

4. **Conflicts of Interest.** None so far.

5. **Police Report.** Anne had circulated this and posted it on Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) Facebook. It was noted that the traffic calming measures were under way at the south end of Lauder and Stephen Potts from the floor offered to help with analysing any data that the police may forward.

### 6. Declaration to Abide by Community Council Code of Conduct

Those who were not present at the last meeting signed the Declaration.

### 7. Concern about the lack of an SBC Local Plan and SESPLAN

This discussion will wait until Councillor Tom Miers is present.

### 8. Review of the Constitution

This discussion will wait until the next meeting and Anne will liaise with SBC.

### 9. SBC Funding for Community Councils

Lorraine reported that the Quality of Life Funding received from SBC was to be terminated although there will still be the annual grant and she was worried that the Christmas tree may not be paid for.  
This discussion will wait until there are SBC Councillors present.

### 10. Adoption of Minute of previous meetings.

8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - with the correction of a misspelling of Alan Reed and an addition that he had offered to be on the planning sub group, the Minute was approved by Dave and seconded by Judi.

### 11. Matters Arising not on the Agenda.

- 11.1 Dog fouling. Liz Trotter from the floor complained that the dog fouling in The Orchard was becoming unbearable and that during the night a dog or dogs were being let into her communal drying green to defecate. She has put up signs and been visited by the Dog Education Officer and an Eildon Housing Officer. Suggestions were received about CCTV cameras and installation of a security light. Michael Norrie, our community policeman would be notified by Anne about this problem.
- 11.2 Bedding plant and biodiversity proposals for the Scottish Borders. Alistair went through the areas proposed for biodiversity at the Park and on the Stow Road. Comments had been received on these proposals including concern that if biodiversity involves establishing wildflowers etc. that is commendable but if it simply involves allowing the grass to grow out of hand then that is unacceptable. Shrubs would be planted at the hollow beside the speed camera which is acceptable depending who owns the ground. It was decided to report that LCC would like these areas to continue being mowed as Lauder in Bloom (LiB) had created plenty biodiversity already in the town.
- 11.3 Ownership of third party land SBC maintain. After discussion on who owns the patch between Croft Road and the Health Centre, the path from Allanbank to The Orchard, the grass in The Loan, the grass on Edinburgh Road, the grass at the Industrial Estate and the Fire Station and the grass at The Factory, Alistair will brief members on what is happening and will report back with a list of who owns what.
- 11.4 The defibrillator is up and running at The Bowling Club with the Bowling Club paying for the very little electric that it uses.
- 11.5 The BT telephone box on Edinburgh Road. It was agreed to ask BT if it could remain. There had been 14 calls made from it in the past year.

**12. Celebration of VE Day.** This will be discussed at the next meeting

### **13. Bonfire and Fireworks**

- 13.1 Lorraine reported that if LCC hold the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks, we may have to pay £250 towards insurance cover therefore it will be difficult to make any money from the event. It was agreed to check this and if possible the evening should go ahead. It was planned to be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **14. Reports**

- 14.1.1 Planning.
  - 14.1.1.1 Application to put in PVC windows in the Bank building. The sub group has no problem with this application but wonder whether these would be allowed in the Conservation Area.
  - 14.1.1.2 Potential wind energy project - Collie Law. This area is in the Oxtan CC boundary but we have been asked for comment. We replied back asking for more detail but nothing has been received so far.
- 14.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that there had been 2 fraudulent withdrawals from the CC bank account but the bank has repaid both.
- 14.3 Lauder Common Good. No meeting this month but Alistair reported that the Sheep Company had pulled out of discussions and was asking for a reduction in rent after the

planting due to reduced grazing ground. The planting plans are on the Common Good website. SBC is appointing another agent for this

- 14.4 LCC Outreach.
  - 14.4.1 Judi thanked Alistair for all the grass cutting including at Blainslie
  - 14.4.2 She will find out more about the Clean-up Borders Rivers initiative.
  - 14.4.3 The Teenagers Club will not happen until further notice due to problems with the Leisure Centre. Lorraine asked if LCC should withdraw the £200 which was donated towards this and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 14.5 Paths.
  - 14.5.1 Dave reported that the grass had been cut at the Burn Mill and that the old railway path needs much more maintenance. Alistair asked him to take photos and send them to the SBC Core Paths Department.
- 14.6 Eildon Area Committee. Lorraine reported that the next meeting is in Lauder this Thursday.
- 14.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The team are off to Dumfries this week to find out if they have won anything in the 2 competitions.
- 14.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Alistair and Judi wondered if LCC should host an event to celebrate VE Day in May 2020.
- 14.9 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5 o'clock will be the Christmas Tree Lights celebration plus a family ceilidh in the Public Hall.

#### **15. Any Other Business**

- 15.1 Steve was thanked for the replacement of the Burnmill walking shelter.
- 15.2 The question was asked if the SBC Councillors could agree to at least one of them being present at LCC meetings.
- 15.3 It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> instead of 14<sup>th</sup> October due to school half term.
- 15.4 Alistair then opened up the meeting to discuss the proposed resignation of Irene. He asked each LCC member to give their view on this. After this discussion, it was agreed that LCC could not carry on in this way.
- 15.5 Alan then resigned with immediate effect.
- 15.6 Jack proposed thanks for all Irene's work and regret at her resignation.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** 2019 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.