

DRAFT - will not be approved until reviewed at the next meeting

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 9th December 2019 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Steve Aitchison, Rachel Whellans,

Apologies received: Ross Montague, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew, Lorraine Crawford and Councillors David Parker, Tom Miers and Kevin Drum

4 members of the public and PC Calum Wilson,

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

3.1 Alistair read the report which had been circulated to LCC members and on Facebook.

3.2 Calum enlarged on the problem of kids running out between parked cars, a caravan stolen from Thirlestane Caravan Park and the break-in at the Post Office. A question was asked about using a pop-up policeman at various times during the day. Earlston has acquired one and use it to steady the traffic flow

3.3 Judi reported on the dangerous right turn off the A68 southwards to Blainslie and the accident which had occurred last month. Calum agreed to look into the figures and Anne will inform AMEY about our concerns.

4. Raising money for voluntary trip to Malawi. Hannah Page presented her proposal for raising money to go to Malawi to help with educational work for some of the poorest communities in Malawi. She is hosting an 80s Quiz in the Public Hall and requesting a donation from LCC for the hire of the hall. This was agreed.

5. Adoption of Minute of previous meetings.

The November Minute was not approved as there were not enough of the attendees present.

6. Celebration of 75th Anniversary of VE Day. It was agreed to hold a community meeting to arrange this and to invite the church, the Scouts and Guides, the School, the Choir, the Rotary Club, the Common Riding Committee and Lauder in Bloom to join to help with arrangements. This will be held in early January.

7. Reports

7.1 Planning. Internal and external alterations to form team room. No comment.

7.2 Treasurer. Lorraine was not present.

7.3 Lauder Common Good. There has been no meeting this month.

- 7.4 LCC Outreach. The teenagers club is under way. Judi reported that there is a dangerous puddle on the Blainslie Road at the right turn off south of Lauder which freezes over. She will inform John Henderson of this.
- 7.5 Paths. The refurbishing of the Burn Mill Loop will start in January.
- 7.6 Eildon Area Committee. Anne will circulate the previous minute.
- 7.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair reported that two tubs have been installed at the Health Centre and the new bench will sit between them. SBHA is going to cut back the shrub border on Milburn Park and replant. A drystone planter will be built at the Peatman Corner and there had been many compliments on the Christmas decorations on the lamp and telegraph posts.
- 7.8 The Christmas Tree Lights celebrations were held in appalling weather but there was a good turn out. The football club failed to produce any food. The piper was praised. Next year there will need to be serious fundraising as the lights are 20 years old and need renewed. It was hoped the Coop might be persuaded to put up a reindeer and sleigh at the north entrance to the town.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 Steve reported that Weigh Greener (Lauder Refill/Zero Waste Shop at The Smiddy) has reached its Crowd Funder target of £10,000. Weigh Greener is now hoping to aim for more funds shortly.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 13th January** 2020 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.