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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 11th November 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, Rachel Whellans, Ross Montague, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew and Councillor Kevin Drum

Apologies received: Steve Aitchison, Councillors David Parker and Tom Miers

5 members of the public and PC Calum Wilson, Hugh Chalmers from Tweed Forum and Rachel Studzinski from SPRING Social Prescribing

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

- 3.1 PC Calum Wilson read his report which had been circulated to LCC members and on Facebook.
- 3.2 He was informed about a Road Traffic Incident outside the Old Bank in which the bollards were damaged. He was notified that Scottish Borders Council (SBE) will get in touch with AMEY.
- 3.3 There will be traffic lights on Edinburgh Road from 19th -22nd November while the Washingburn Bridge is being repaired.
- 3.4 Ross is arranging a meeting on fraud, phone and email scams and Calum said he would be delighted to help.

4. Update on Tree Planting on Lauder Common.

- 4.1 Hugh Chalmers from Tweed Forum gave an update on the tree planting proposed for the Common. It has been reduced to 20 hectares and he showed a plan where each wood would be fenced and planted. He reported that there would be separate meetings with the Common Good and the Sheep Company then a consultation with the people of Lauder which will include a Public Meeting. He hoped that the planting would start in November 2020.

5. SPRING Social Prescribing.

- 5.1 Rachel Studzinski reported that she had been recently recruited to the SPRING Social prescribing service. This is a service which enables GPs or any healthcare professional to refer patients who suffer from social isolation, low mood, mild depression and other health problems to community support programmes and activities. Rachel will be able to guide these patients through the activities which include cooking, yoga, sport etc. Judi agreed to add this service to social media and the LCC website.

6. Adoption of Minute of previous meetings.

The October Minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Lorraine.

7. Celebration of 75th Anniversary of VE Day. SSAFA the armed forces charity and SBC are encouraging local community councils to celebrate this between Friday 8th May and Sunday 10th May 2020. A public meeting will be arranged to organise this. After a query on whether there will be funding for events, Kevin agreed to look into this. Alistair reported that Friday 8th May is Cornet Pickin Night.

8. Great Borders River Clean on 26th October 2019. There had been an outing on that date and all the litter that was found weighed only 5 kilos.

9. Bonfire and Fireworks – Saturday 2nd November. The evening had been a great success in the Burn Mill and it was agreed to hold it again in 2020. Thanks to Steve and Ross for logistics and the Rotary Club for providing food. Lauder Common Good Fund had helped with the cost of the fireworks, some silent.

10. Reports

10.1 Planning. Extension to house at 6 Allanbank Gardens. No comment. Change of use of land to form animal assisted therapy activities, crafting, walking and talking groups, alpaca picnic park and small retail shop at Birkhill House, Earlston. No comment.

10.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that Lauder Common Good Fund will pay for fireworks and the Cornet's pin.

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

10.4 LCC Outreach. Judi introduced Kirsti Hampson who reported that the Chill Nights for teenagers were going to be held in the Public Hall on Fridays. Donations of equipment will be needed and she is trying to enlist Scouts, Guides and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme members to help. She was asked to contact Gillian Jardine or Jim Archibald about further funding.

10.5 Paths. Nothing to report

10.6 Eildon Area Committee. Lorraine will attend the next meeting at Borders College.

10.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair reported that the planters have been emptied and that the poppies were a great display for Remembrance Sunday. Spring planting is being planned.

10.8 Defibrillators. Rachel is following up on these.

10.9 7th December at 5 o'clock will be the Christmas Tree Lights celebration plus a family ceilidh in the Public Hall.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Steve has asked for help for Weigh Greener (Lauder Refill/Zero Waste Shop at The Smiddy) and it was agreed that, although LCC could not support this financially, we will support in any other way. It was agreed to ask a member to come and tell LCC how it works.

- 11.2 Jack reported that Alistair had been Acting Chairman since Irene's resignation and he proposed that Alistair become Chairman. This was seconded by Judi. It was also proposed that a Vice Chairman be elected at the next meeting.
- 11.3 Ross expressed a wish to know more about Resilience and wondered if LCC should form a group just in case. It was agreed that Anne invite someone to speak at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 9th December** 2019 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.