

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

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Rachel Whellans, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew and Councillor Kevin Drum, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies received: Steve Aitchison, Ross Montague, Lorraine Crawford and Councillors David Parker and Tom Miers

4 members of the public, Jim Fraser from Resilience Communities and PC Calum Wilson,

### 2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

### 3. Police Report.

3.1 The police report had been circulated to LCC members and on Facebook.

3.2 Calum reported that in future, police reports would be centralised to save work and that his report would be part of the Tweedbank, Melrose, Earlston, Lauder and Oxtou areas.

3.3 Liz from the floor reported that dog poo had been found in the Children's Play Park and the Wooden Play Park. Judi and Kevin agreed to chase up more stencils for the payments and to report incidents to the police if necessary.

### 4. Appointment of Vice Chairman. This will be taken off the agenda for the time being.

### 5. Presentation by Jim Fraser of Resilient Communities

5.1 Jim gave a very interesting presentation on how Resilient Communities works, what a benefit it is to the local community and how each Community Council can apply. Each community council area would enlist a coordinator who will liaise with the Response Team at SBC. One of the main advantages is the free training for members.

5.2 It was agreed to put leaflets on Facebook and into the local shops to assess interest.

### 6. Adoption of Minute of previous meetings.

The November Minute was approved by Rachel and seconded by Jack and the December Minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Rachel.

### 7. Celebration of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. It was agreed to hold a community meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 possibly in the Lauderdale 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. Various ideas were put forward including a piper on the Town Hall steps at 3pm and it was agreed to look into what happened to the Prisoners of War who were incarcerated in the town.

## 8. Reports

- 8.1 Planning - None.
- 8.2 Treasurer. Lorraine was not present but she reported that the annual grant was in the bank and LCC is still owed money from Lauder Common Good Fund.
- 8.3 Lauder Common Good. There has been no meeting this month.
- 8.4 LCC Outreach. Nothing to report.
- 8.5 Paths. The refurbishing of the Burn Mill Loop will start in February.
- 8.6 Eildon Area Committee. The February meeting will be in Earlston.
- 8.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair reported that more volunteers are needed for watering in Central Lauder April to October.
- 8.8 The Christmas Tree Lights group are braced to replace most of the bulbs in the star on the Town Hall which will cost. There has also been a request for lights up the Edinburgh Road.

## 9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 It was noted that the roads were disintegrating between Lauder and Gala and between Lauder and Stow.
- 9.2 The sign for Brownsmuir Park has been knocked over and needs restored.
- 9.3 The Row needs resurfacing.
- 9.4 The gully box at the bus stop opposite the chip shop is blocked as is the one in Milburn Park. The A68 end of Manse Road has a drain without a cover which is getting filled with rubbish.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** 2020 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.