

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 10th February 2020 in Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Ross Montague,

Apologies received: Judi Gunn, Rachel Whellans, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew, Steve Aitchison and Councillors Kevin Drum, David Parker and Tom Miers, Scottish Borders Council (SBC) 3 members of the public 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 The centralised layout which means less paperwork for PC Wilson was approved as it meant more time for active policing.
- 3.3 There had been a complaint from a parent about speeding around Calward Park at school times and Calum said he would monitor this.
- 3.4 There was an active discussion about traffic on the A68 from the fruit shop to the Masonic Hall and how 2 large vehicles could not pass each other due to parked cars. However, there are no bays for one vehicle to pull into. An incident was reported where a school bus with children on board had skimmed with a lorry and the road was closed for 30 minutes. It was agreed to arrange a visit from AMEY and to include the police.
- 3.5 There is an abandoned car on the verge near Blackburn and another on Castle Wynd.

4. Adoption of Minute of previous meeting.

This was not possible due to lack of attendant members.

5. Celebration of 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

- 5.1 The next meeting is on 24th February at 7.30 in the Lauderdale.
- 5.2 A Swing Band has been located and is offering a swing dance practice beforehand.
- 5.3 The Lauderdale Scouts have offered help.
- 5.4 Funding may be available from SBC.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning – SMART mast at New Blainslie and new oil tank at Chapel Mains.

- 6.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that 2 grants had been paid. She also noted that there has been fraudulent activity on the account but she is monitoring this. The money has been refunded.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. There has been no meeting this month.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach. Nothing to report.
- 6.5 Paths. There has been a fair amount of flooding and damage will be assessed shortly.
- 6.6 Eildon Area Committee. The February meeting will be in Earlston.
- 6.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Alistair reported that four volunteers have come forward and that the planters will be mulched this week.
- 6.8 The Christmas Tree Lights Festival will be held on 5th December and the next meeting is in March

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 It was noted that the Row and Castle Wynd need resurfacing not just patching. Resurfacing was promised when the poles were taken down in the Row but this has never happened.
- 7.2 Alistair and Ross will arrange a Resilience meeting possibly on a Sunday afternoon. It was agreed that in view of the recent flooding in Hawick there could be a need for a group.
- 7.3 Alistair will arrange a meeting with AMEY for a walk round to discuss various problems including the Blainslie road end, the Pilmuir Bowerhouse sign and the unlit islands at the south end of Lauder. Stephen Potts offered to help with this.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 9th March** 2020 at 7.30 in Lauder Primary School.