

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Rachel Whellans, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew, Steve Aitchison and Councillor David Parker

Apologies received: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Ross Montague, Judi Gunn, Councillor Tom Miers Scottish Borders Council (SBC) and PC Calum Wilson

2. **Police Report.**

David noted that the Police were adopting a 'gently, gently' approach to people disobeying the lockdown procedures during the Coronavirus pandemic. They were breaking up any parties reported, actively trying to keep over 70s from travelling about and protecting shops that had been closed for the lockdown. However, one of the advantages was that ordinary crime was reduced.

3. **Treasurer Report.**

Lorraine passed on the message that £1,000 had been paid in for Lauderdale Resilience and that the group had received £500 so far.

4. **Persimmon Sales Notice Board.**

Ross had reported that the Persimmon sign advertising the new houses in Thirlestane Drive was very ugly. David said he would look into this.

5. **Traffic Calming on A68**

The traffic calming islands and lampposts have been constructed at the Thirlestane Drive entrance to the A68.

6. **Lauderdale Resilience Group**

David noted that LCC has received £1,000 for the Lauderdale Resilience Group but that more money is available. However, SBC would like to control food boxes and letters to vulnerable people rather than them relying on Resilient Groups. In answer to a question from Edward about tests for COVID-19 David reported that this would not be possible. If families are worried about relatives or neighbours, they should call 111, not the Community Council or the local Resilience Group. Testing is only available for frontline workers or vulnerable people.

In answer to a question from Alistair about vulnerable persons if anything happens to their neighbours, David reported that SBC should be phoned on the 0300 number and explain the situation. SBC will then contact the local CC or Resilience Groups.

7. **Thank for NHS Staff**

Anne was asked to minute Lauderdale Community Council's grateful thanks to all NHS staff for their hard work under these very difficult circumstances.

8. **Farmers footpaths and gates**

Edward asked if the instruction that walkers touching gates were likely to infect the next person opening and shutting the gate was true. David said there was no proof that this was a problem however it was noted that walkers and loose dogs were a danger to livestock particularly young lambs. It was felt that notices on gates asking for dogs on leads may help this problem.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 11th May** 2020 at 7.30l.