

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 8th June 2020 by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Rachel Whellans, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew, Ross Montague, Judi Gunn, Steve Aitchison, Councillor David Parker (SBC)

Kate Jackson, Lauderdale Resilience Group

Apologies received: PC Calum Wilson

1 member of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

3.1 PC Calum Wilson has asked if there are any points please could LCC contact him directly due to COVID-19.

3.2 Alistair reported that David had circulated a general Scottish Borders Police Newsletter, in the absence of a local one, which was very interesting but not relevant to Lauderdale.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The May Minute was approved by Ross and seconded by Edward.

5. Update on Lauderdale Resilience Group (LRG).

5.1 Kate reported that the Scottish Government 2nd phase was due to start on 15th June but that those people who were shielding because of high risk health problems will have to wait until the end of July.

5.2 She asked for a separate meeting with LCC to work out what the long-term plans should be for the Group. At the moment, before people return to work, there is plenty of neighbourhood back up to help the elderly and vulnerable but this will get less as more people return to work. LRG is working on a 'buddy' system for people living alone who may be frightened to go out after 2nd and 3rd phase.

6. Update on Celebration of VE weekend (8-10-May) and VJ Day (15-16-Aug)

This would be put on hold until further guidance from the Government.

7. Arrangements for AGM in July

It was agreed to start the July meeting at 7.15 to fit in the 2020 AGM.

8. Reports

8.1 Planning. No applications received.

8.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.

- 8.3 Lauder Common Good. LCC and the Cycling Club are actively trying to utilise some Common Good land opposite the Fire Station to build a cycle track for children and adults.
- 8.3.1 David reported that the funds which all Common Good moneys were invested had been disastrous due to Covid-19.
- 8.3.2 Kate, on behalf of the Lauderdale Cycling Club, noted that the land beside the old chicken sheds might be useful but the terrain was rather too flat. However, the Club has applied for funding to help build a course and also to fund coaches and mentors for participating cyclists.
- 8.3.3 David suggested a site visit between all participants as soon as could be allowed after Covid-19 restrictions which would include Common Good Fund officials and Lauderdale Sheep Company as well as the Cycling Club.
- 8.3.4 Ross suggested that the new empty Industrial Estate beyond the Fire Station could be a good place to utilise as part of the scheme. However, David reported that the site consisted of serviced plots partly paid for by European Union grants and could only be used for business purposes.
- 8.4 LCC Outreach. Judi raised concern about people who had been isolating during the peak of the pandemic who would be nervous about going out again. She thanked LRG who were already working on this perceived problem. She also drew attention to a letter from Sophie McDonell, a 12 year old Guide who has drawn a map of Safe Places in Lauder combined with her admiration of LRG. It was agreed that Anne would write to congratulate her and to explain the workings of LRG.
- 8.5 Paths. David reported that the Criminal Justice Team will start up again with the easing of lockdown and that the Lauder paths were on the list. Ross noted that there has been far more people walking on the old railway line to Oxtun but that the signs are not clear after leaving Lauder. Alistair will contact the sign person from SBC and Ross thought he might put some up himself.
- 8.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The hanging baskets which cost well over £1,000 are usually paid for by sponsorship although LiB look after them. However, because of lockdown, this year LiB set up a roadside stall (bring and buy system) in Castle Wynd which has raised enough money to cover the cost of the hanging baskets which will be put up this weekend.
- 8.7 It was agreed to wait and see how things develop in connection with the Christmas Lights.

9. AOB

- 9.1 David will check about releasing the strict rules to do with tenancies for the empty Industrial Estate beyond the Fire Station.
- 9.2 Judi will be starting online Computer Lessons shortly.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.15** to allow time for the AGM.