

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 13th July 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, Judi Gunn, Steve Aitchison, Councillor David Parker (SBC)

Kate Jackson, Lauderdale Resilience Group

Apologies received: Ross Montague, PC Calum Wilson

2 members 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.
- 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.
- 3.3 There was concern that, now lockdown has eased, there have been spates of youngsters posting food through letter boxes, scratching cars and leaving large amounts of litter lying around. It was agreed to inform PC Wilson about this and other pranks. There have been reported incidents of older children bullying younger ones at the play park in Thirlestane Drive
- 3.4 It was hoped that, soon, sports clubs and the Leisure Centre would be open to channel energies into sport rather than mischief and that the community could lead this action.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The June Minute was approved by Edward and seconded by Rachel.

5. Matters arising – 8.3.2 Cycle Club. Kate reported on the proposal for a cycle track on Common Ground around the old food store/chicken sheds. It was agreed that a site visit in August with David would help to sort out any asbestos problems with the sheds, who owns them and any problems with youngsters playing in and around them before the cycle track can be planned.

6. Update on Lauderdale Resilience Group (LRG).

- 6.1 Kate reported that the LRG in its present format would cease on 31st July but will be in abeyance until needed again. LCC minutes grateful thanks to all who have worked with and supported LRG during lockdown.
- 6.2 Alistair offered to store the emergency box in the Town Hall until it is next needed.

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

David told the meeting that there will be no organised event like this until late Sept/early Oct.

8. Reports

- 8.1 Planning. No applications received. However, Alistair noted that the path from Factors Park to Thirlestane Drive has become very narrow especially with the overhanging hedge branches and he wondered if the wire fencing could be removed. This will be looked at during the site visit in August.
- 8.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report. There is £1,000 in the bank.
- 8.3 Lauder Common Good. Nothing to report.
- 8.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 8.4.1 Thanks to Lauder in Bloom (LiB) and Lauderdale Resilience Group (LRG).
 - 8.4.2 The dog poo situation is getting worse and Judi asked to borrow the stencilling kit so that she could stencil the pavements near the worst areas.
 - 8.4.3 Judi introduced Tessa Stirling who lives in Allanbank Gardens. She raised concern about the shouting, music and noisy cars coming and going on the MUGA pitch and in the school and overflow car park and beside the Play Park. This has been getting steadily worse in spite of phoning the police. The CCTV cameras need to be repositioned so as to capture pictures of this. She was asked to note registration numbers and take photographs. It was wondered if closing the school gates would help and David will look into this.
 - 8.4.4 Some benches are needed in Market Place for walkers to rest on. This was added to the site visit in August.
- 8.5 Paths.
 - 8.5.1 The paths will be cut next month and Alistair asked for more volunteers to help. There is a tree down across the path below the cemetery car park. The Rotary Club has received money from Fallago Rig which will be used towards this and other path improvements.
 - 8.5.2 The signing on the path between the Blainslie Road and Jeanniefield is misleading and Steve and Alistair will check.
- 8.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Summer work is ongoing made easier by easing of restrictions.
- 8.7 The Christmas Lights are meeting in Aug or Sep and SBC is still intending to supply trees.

9. AOB

- 9.1 Concern has been raised about the blindness of the junction from Factors Park onto Mill Wynd and across to Crofts Road. This problem has been raised before and there is no solution. However, using funds and experience from the COVID-19 crisis, SBC is meaning to convert a lot of 30mph roads down to 20 and also to add cycle lines. This will be added to the August site visit also.
- 9.2 The no entry sign on Manse Road has been turned round so is not visible.
- 9.3 The sign at the bottom of Stow Road opposite the Lauderdale needs replaced.
- 9.4 There is a hole on the road (possibly to do with gas) between the Health Centre and Scott Road which needs looking into.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.30.**