

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

## **Lauderdale Community Council**

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

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

3 members of the public, Hugh Chalmers, Ruth Reed and Rachel Gray

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

### **3. Police Report.**

- 3.1 The Police Scotland IT system does not support ZOOM so no representative was present.
- 3.2 The travellers have left the Industrial Estate
- 3.3 The question was raised about adverts on lampposts around Lauder advertising a 'Big Draw' and whether they were legitimate.

### **4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.**

The July Minute with amends to 6.1 and the removal of 6.5.1 was approved by Jack and seconded by Rachel.

### **5. Matters arising – None.**

### **6. Reports**

- 6.1 Planning. Jack reported on an updated application for a house at Pyatshaw, 2 small extensions to Boon House, oil storage tank at Chapel on Leader, 2 glamping pods at Drummonds Hall, expansion of falcon breeding facility at Woodheads including a new house, extension to 2 Wyndhead and tree works at 31 West High Street.
  - 6.1.1 Concern was expressed about the turning off the A697 into Drummonds Hall and it was decided to leave it to SBC Roads Department.
  - 6.1.2 The timber lorries from Cathpair which are planned to come down into Lauder on the Stow Road have been asked to turn right at the War Memorial, go through the town and turn left past the Eagle gates to join the A697 at High Cross and turn north there. It was agreed that this would be dangerous and that a left turn at the War Memorial would be safer. Tom said he would look into this.
- 6.2 Treasurer. Lorraine is planning to move the bank account to Santander as there has been fraudulent activity through Bank of Scotland.
  - 6.2.1 It was agreed to send a cheque for £169 to Graham Johnston for the strimmer.

- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. David reported that the account was healthy considering everything. A payment of £15,000 had been approved for Lauder Christmas lighting and approval had been received for tree planting on the Common. There will be a public consultation on this and SBC will apply for grants to plant and maintain the woods.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
  - 6.4.1 Benches. Alistair explained there will be 2 benches in Market Square, one outside the Pharmacy and one outside the Butcher/Baker.
  - 6.4.2 Rachel Gray asked if the LCC files on Facebook could be in another format as her mobile phone does not read pdfs. It was suggested that they were put up in a text format.
  - 6.4.3 David said that the new 20mph limit instead of 30 mph was a pilot and that there would be a consultation on this shortly. The 20mph due to last for 18 months. The question was raised that it may produce more emissions than 30mph.
  - 6.4.4 Judi will look into Mental Health Awareness because of Covid restrictions and the days getting colder and the nights getting longer.
- 6.5 Paths.
  - 6.5.1 The Burnmill path has become too rough for wheelchair users. David explained that due to social distancing the Criminal Justice team was very limited in how much it could help.
  - 6.5.2 The railway path to Oxton needs better signposting as people are getting lost. Ross will contact Keith Robeson and Philippa Gilhooly about this.
- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Nothing to report.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 The Christmas Lights ceremony will go ahead in some form on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 depending on restrictions by then. SBC will be providing a 20ft tree.

## **7. AOB**

- 7.1 Remembrance Sunday. Depending on restrictions, Alistair has asked for the A68 to be closed for the 2 minutes silence. The wreath laying will be timetabled and Steve will lay the LCC wreath. It was hoped to put up a flag on the Town Hall and the knitted and crocheted poppies will be spread around Lauder.
- 7.2 There was a request for a Teenager Shelter where teenagers can meet outside but sheltered from the elements. Steve will pursue this one.
- 7.3 Ross reported on 2 abandoned cars in the school overflow car park. David asked for photographs with registration numbers so that SBC and police could deal with this.
- 7.4 A framed map of Lauder with an inscription will be presented by LCC to Dr Paul Cormie on his retirement.
- 7.5 Rachel Gray asked why the CC had not acted more strongly when the owner of the Falconry Centre on Woodheads Farm locked his gates to stop walkers using his land. She said she could prove the path was a Right of Way and she could prove that LCC was negligent in this regard and would pursue this. Alistair, Steve and David on behalf of LCC have been working on making an alternative route on the other side of the road. It was agreed to look into this again.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30.**