

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 9th November 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)

6 members of the public, Stephen Potts, Rachel Gray. Mr and Mrs Reed, Axine Bamford, Sophia Collins, Kirsty Smyth

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. A generic report for Leaderdale and Melrose had been circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The October Minute with amends to 6.4.2 and 7.5 was approved by Rachel and seconded by Ross.

5. Matters arising – None.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning. Jack reported on one application for a greenhouse at Chapel on Leader.
 - 6.1.1 Jack and Ross will report back on the updated Local Plan at the January meeting. David noted that the extension of Lauder housing into the Burnmill could never be feasible due to the previous gas works located there and now that land is heavily contaminated. There was also a derelict mill and the stone from that was laid to form the present car park and cap the contamination. It is also part of the Common Good assets.
- 6.2 Treasurer. Anne will forward the Confirmation that the Code of Conduct has been studied.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. The public consultation on the tree planting on the Common is now out and runs till January 2021. Lauder in Bloom and some others have asked to be involved in the planting.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 6.4.1 Benches. Judi reported that the pharmacy was concerned about a bench being placed there and it was confirmed that it would be further along the street.
- 6.5 Paths.
 - 6.5.1 It was noted that due to restrictions the paths maintenance was a little behind schedule.
 - 6.5.2 Ross reported that there is a smart new signpost on the railway path to Oxtan which should stop people getting lost.

- 6.5.3 A new surface is being laid between the Trabroun road and the Old Mill road.
- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The planters are out and many bulbs have been planted.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Meeting next week.
- 6.8 The Christmas Lights ceremony has been cancelled but the lights will still go up.

7. AOB

- 7.1 There was a request for the roadside and pavement to be cleaned from the Coop to beyond the tennis courts.
- 7.2 Residents have complained that cyclists on the path between Lauderdale Drive and the Burnmill have nearly knocked them down by speeding past. Steve will check to see if something could be painted onto the path to warn walkers and cyclists to beware.
- 7.3 David reported that there will be new walkers' benches, 3 picnic benches placed in the park, 2 on the path to the A68 near the Piggery Field, and 2 on either side of Market Place – not near the pharmacy. Some planters may be moved around to allow 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 Steve reported that random signs advertising a prize draw were still in place.
- 7.6 Stephen Potts offered his services analysing speed data throughout Lauder. David noted that the new cables at various places on the road are linked to a 20mph evaluation by BEAR. David will keep Stephen informed on this.
- 7.7 Tom asked for more information on the plane crash on Hunt Law on 29-Aug-1941.
- 7.8 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. It was agreed that Steve and Tom would approach the landowner to see how much land he owns and whether a compromise between walkers and noise disturbing his birds could be reached. David said this should happen before any SBC and the Legal Department should be involved. It was noted that a planning application has nothing to do with ownership of land or access rights.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 14th December 2020 at 7. 30..**