

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 11^h January 2021 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, Councillors David Parker and Tom Miers (SBC)

Apologies:

5 members of the public, Hugh Chalmers, Rachel Gray. Ruth Reed, Mary McCallum, Kate Jackson

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. There were no comments.

3.2 It was noted that the A68 is closed at Blackburn Farm every night this week with diversions signed.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The December Minute was approved with an alteration to paragraph 6.5.1. This minute was approved by Steve and seconded by Rachel.

5. Matters arising – None.

6. Reports

6.1 Planning. Jack reported on 3 modest applications which were not a problem.

6.1.1 He gave a resume of the consultation on the new Local Development Plan. SBC has proposed land at Allanbank for a further 100 houses which could have significant implications but no developer has taken this up

6.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.

6.3 Lauder Common Good. The public consultation on the tree planting on the Common is over. A copy of the extent of the Common Good land has been requested and SBC will provide when the COVID crisis has lessened.

6.4 LCC Outreach.

6.4.1 Judi praised SBC for all their work during the snowy/icy weather recently.

6.5 Paths. The grant from SBC of £436 will be paid this week.

6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is running a National Garden Birdwatch at the end of this month. LiB organised the recycling of Christmas trees and thanks are given to the school for allowing the use of the car park.

- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 The Christmas lights are now down. More funding will be needed but it was agreed that they were very festive and cheering during difficult times.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Alistair will contact David about places in Lauder where salt and grit bins are needed.
- 7.2 David and Alistair will discuss a Small Schemes Project grant for LiB..
- 7.3 The Falconry owners are happy to remove the Private Wood sign because of access under Right to Roam legislation but have asked if people could use an alternative route when the falcons are breeding and signage will be erected accordingly. Hugh asked that SBC be consulted on this.
- 7.4 COVID vaccinations have already taken place in Lauder for over 80s and care home residents. Supplies are slower to materialise than expected and it may be Jun/Jul/Aug before complete coverage is achieved.
- 7.5 Judi asked if a central salt pile could be established for residents to help themselves but David noted that SEPA will not allow this.
- 7.6 Kate reported that there is a food truck at the Leisure Centre on Fridays for takeaways from 12noon till 8pm.
- 7.7 Concern was expressed about the use of trail bikes in private woodland.
- 7.8 There is damage to the wall on the far side of the Eagle Bridge.
- 7.9 Kate updated the meeting on Resilience during this lockdown. Lauder is zoned into groups looked after by volunteers and run on Facebook. Things are running smoothly. Tom offered to help with administration for the group.
- 7.10 One of the litter bins in Thirlestane Drive has been removed. Alistair will check and get back to SBC.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 8th February 2021 at 7. 30..**