

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

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 8<sup>h</sup> February 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: None

5 members of the public, Stephen Potts, Hugh Chalmers, Rachel Gray. Ruth Reed, Emma Herdman, Kate Jackson

The Chairman reminded members of the public that they will be asked to speak at the end of the meeting only and no more than one person to speak at a time.

### 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 Lauderdale and Melrose had been circulated. There were no comments.

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

The January Minute was approved by Jack and seconded by Lorraine.

### 5. Matters arising – None.

### 6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning. Jack reported on 21/00016 House in garden ground of 63 Brownsmuir Park A neighbour has objected so it will go to the Planning Committee. 21/00066 Poultry farm on Stow Road - replacement of gas letdown station. It was agreed to keep an eye on this one as these sheds are empty just now. The SBC Planning Department website is the easiest place to access information on **20/01466** Ditcher Law wind turbines which will be 220metres high.
- 6.2 Treasurer.
  - 6.2.1 There had been an incident where the Pharmacy defibrillator was used last week and after each use the pads need replaced at a cost of £95 (£200 to provide a backup set as well). The question asked if the Community Council should pay for these, raise money to pay for these or find another source of funding. It was agreed to bring forward this matter next month after further investigation. It was agreed that the defibrillators must be kept in working order.
  - 6.2.2 The Cycling Club and Leisure Centre could help with this.

- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. David reported that SBC will report on the consultation findings for the wood planting and that the bracken will be sprayed in July with planting starting in the autumn. There will be guided walks for anyone who wishes to join. A map of the Common Good land is being prepared.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
  - 6.4.1 Judi reported that the potholes in the roads were discussed and David told the meeting that very little could be done until the weather improves.
  - 6.4.2 She reported on flooding above the Blainslie Sawmill. Ross will look into this and Alistair will contact the Access Officer.
- 6.5 Paths.
  - 6.5.1 Tom and Steve agreed to contact the Falconry again about signs and putting a gap in the fence across the path. The question was raised about a sign asking walkers to be quiet during the breeding season and that crossing the road to access the path on the Golf Course side may be hazardous.
  - 6.5.2 The Burnmill path has been fairly damaged by flooding.
- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Nothing to report.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Lorraine did not attend the last meeting as there was nothing on the agenda relating to Lauderdale.
- 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report

## **7. AOB**

- 7.1 Steve has been looking into a Power Tool Library and Lorraine will contact Robin Jeffs at the Community Shed about this.
- 7.2 Ross reported that the contractors doing the overnight resurfacing work on the A68 near Blackburn Farm had been disgraceful, the work was shoddy as well as the behaviour. David will follow this up with BEAR.
- 7.3 Judi raised the question of recording Community Council meetings.
- 7.4 Emma Herdman asked about the maintenance of the defibrillator at the school and said she would raise it at the Parent Council.
- 7.5 Stephen Potts said he had a point to make about the handling of the LCC minutes and would bring it up at the next meeting.
- 7.6 Kate Jackson reported that Karen Fitts has started a Food Bank in Lauder. It is open on Sundays between 10 and 1.
- 7.7 A question was raised about who owns the Fire Station car park and the ground around it. This was referred to John Connell.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7. 30..**