

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 12^h April 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, Judi Gunn, Steve Aitchison, and Councillors Tom Miers and Jenny Linehan(SBC)

Apologies: Ross Montague, Councillor David Parker

3 members of the public, 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.

The Chairman noted that Lauderdale Community Council will pass on condolences to the Royal Family on the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on 9th April aged 99.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Jenny Linehan to her first Lauderdale Community Council meeting.

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 March Minute was approved by Jack and seconded by Rachel.

5. Matters arising – None.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning.
 - 6.1.1 There have been 2 applications, one at Burncastle and one a woodland hut between Muircleugh and Woodheads – no comments.
 - 6.1.2 Ditcher Law Wind Farm. LCC put in comments as did Oxtan, Heriot and Stow CCs. The report from SBC has raised an objection on landscape grounds. The final decision will take some time to be made.
- 6.2 Treasurer. £630 has been added to the account. It is the annual grant from SBC. The Annual General Meeting will be held in June and updated accounts will be needed for then. Kate will forward the money raised for the defibrillators before then.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good.

- 6.3.1 Jenny reported that the planting on the Common had been approved and planting would begin in July starting with the fencing.
- 6.3.2 The poplar trees at the old tip are being crowned and managed as they are considered dangerous. It was also noted that the path beside the old piggery needs sorted.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
- 6.4.1 Judi reported that Lammermuir Gundogs will sponsor dog poo bins at the south end of the wood south of Lauder if SBC will collect. Tom will ask about this. There is also the need for one at the Blainslie end.
- 6.4.2 She raised the question about the path to Woodheads past the Falconry and told Tom that although the sign has been changed the path is still barred. Alistair asked that this be left to Steve and Tom.
- 6.5 Paths. Nothing to report.
- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Spring work continuing with social distancing. 25 trees have been planted at the Burn Mill.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 6.9 Defibrillators - Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
- 6.9.1 Kate reported that the one at the Pharmacy needs new batteries and pads. They should cost around £200.
- 6.9.2 The AED at the School is up to date.
- 6.9.3 The AED at the Bowling Club is fine but maintenance must be discussed.
- 6.9.4 The AED at the Health Centre works but the pads are very old and will need replaced.
- 6.9.5 The Crowd Funding raised £1,300 plus £200 from the Church and £150 from a bucket collection. £450 has been spent on batteries and pads and £848.18 will be transferred to the LCC account. Kate asked if she should raise more money to update the older AEDs and this was agreed.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Steve reported the disturbances caused by the night works on the A68, noisy machinery, shouting and laughing. Tom will contact BEAR about this.
- 7.2 Steve reported that the Weigh Greener shop had opened and the proprietors wondered if there was the chance of more electric car charging points. The nearest one is at the Coop. The Avenue was suggested as a good spot and another one is needed at the Leisure Centre. Weigh Greener also thought that a Bike Locker in the centre of the town would be a great idea.
- 7.3 There is a great deal of litter on the A68 roadsides and the question was asked if the local clubs could help to clear it up. However, BEAR does not allow for organised litter pickers, the only way is to do it on your own.
- 7.4 Judi reported that the Annual River Clean is being held on 15-16 May this year.
- 7.5 Jack reported on serious potholes on the Legerwood road.
- 7.6 Emma will liaise with Kate about the School defibrillators.
- 7.7 Kate reported that nails are sticking out on the Horse Field gate and that the whole fence is broken from the car park at the Cemetery to the Burn Mill. Alistair noted that the new tenants of the field are fixing this.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 10th May 2021 at 7. 30.**