

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 10^h May 2021 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 and Councillors David Parker, Tom Miers and Jenny Linehan(SBC)

Apologies: None

1 member of the public; Ruth Reed,

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.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The April Minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Lorraine.

5. Matters arising – None.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning.
 - 6.1.1 There have been 3 applications with no issues, 1 at Chapel Mains, 1 retrospective application at the Scout Hall and 1 an extension to Smithy House at Blainslie.
 - 6.1.2 A watching brief will be held for an application for a hairdressing studio at Hillview, Stow Road just to check on parking arrangements.
- 6.2 Treasurer. Still awaiting £300 from Persimmon for the storage of rubble in the Burn Mill car park. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the next meeting.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good.
 - 6.3.1 David reported that recycled plastic benches had been sourced to be placed outside the sports pavilion.
 - 6.3.2 Judi wondered if SBC knew about a source of plastic benches made locally in Jedburgh and whether SBC should be 'shopping local'. David will look into this.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 6.4.1 Judi reported that Lammermuir Gundogs have offered to sponsor the purchase of dog poo bins at the south end of the wood south of Lauder if SBC will collect. However, David noted that the bins are the least cost and the collection is the most cost so SBC will provide their own. He added that some spots are not suitable for collection as the parking could be dangerous for collectors.

- 6.4.2 Judi raised the question about the path to Woodheads past the Falconry and Steve reported that the gate is now openable, there is a new sign, the private sign has been taken down, blue arrows have been put up to keep walkers on the path and there is access through both fences. Anne was asked to write to the owners to thank them.
- 6.4.3 Judi congratulated the stone wall builder on the beautiful stonework on the Castle side of the A68.
- 6.4.4 Judi thanked Lorraine for all her work as Treasurer.
- 6.5 Paths. The Criminal Justice Team is preparing to get back to work although there is a large backlog of work for them.
- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Spring work continuing with social distancing. The bedding plants and hanging baskets are waiting for the weather to improve.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The Christmas Lights ceremony will be held on 4th December.
- 6.9 Defibrillators – Jack reported that one has been donated plus 4 years maintenance to Legerwood parish by Heartbeat Community Trust and will be installed in the phone box at the crossroads.

7. AOB

- 7.1 It has been agreed that an electric car charger is needed in the centre of town. There was discussion about the Leisure Centre or The Avenue. Tom will pursue this.
- 7.2 It has been agreed that a bike locker is needed in the centre of town. There is space for one behind the bus stop next to the disabled parking. Steve, Alistair and David will arrange a site visit.
- 7.3 Consultation is ongoing about the 20mph experiment on SBC roads including the trunk roads. Judi was very concerned about speeding traffic coming into Lauder on the Stow Road. SBC have a plan to keep the 20mph from the War Memorial to the Allanbank Gardens roadend then put it up to 30 making a buffer zone. David will look into this further as it was agreed that drivers should not be encouraged to go faster so near the entrance to Allanbank Gardens and the Primary School.
- 7.4 Steve asked about children crossing the road at the crossroads between Mill Wynd, Factors Park and Crofts Road. David will put together an answer to the parents who are not happy and will see about repainting the elephants on the dropped pavement crossing point lower down.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 14th June 2021 – LCC AGM at 7.15 – LCC meeting at 7. 30.**