

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

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 9<sup>h</sup> August 2021 by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton, Judi Gunn, and Councillor David Parker Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Rachel Whellans, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, Steve Aitchison and Councillors Tom Miers and Jenny Linehan (SBC)

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 July Minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Jack.

### 5. Matters arising – It was noted that the Funfair had left the football pitch exactly as it had been before they arrived.

### 6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning. There has been 1 application with no issues, internal alteration at Thirlestane Castle.
- 6.2 Treasurer. A payment has been received from SBC for the Kirk which will be held until it is needed. Progress to online banking is difficult for an organisation like LCC.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. Only 2 people came to the walk round on the Common to see the tree planting plans.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach. Judi reported that certain houses in The Row were liable to flood because the drain at the foot of The Row is damaged near Paton's Garage This is a problem that must be taken to Scottish Water (SW) because the system cannot take the volume. Judi was asked to inform The Row residents to report this to SW and our MSP. David asked for any letters to be sent to him and he will forward to Bill Elliot at SW.
- 6.5 Paths. The Burnmill and Piggery paths have been strimmed although it has been quite wet. 3 benches will be installed shortly. The AGM will be held in September. The Criminal Justice team has a huge backlog and will not be available for some time to work on the Burnmill loop. The villagers at Blainslie have strimmed their paths themselves.

- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The Keep Scotland Beautiful judging will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> August and there has been a good response from the community. Alistair thanked SBC for sorting the signs.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 6.9 Defibrillators. The Facebook page has gone live set up by Kate. Alistair congratulated the team for all their work.

**7. AOB**

- 7.1 There is a collapsed kerb at 9 West High Street which is below the A68 and David will report this to BEAR.
- 7.2 There have been posts on LCC Facebook page about the parking on the A68 and parking in Lauder in general and it was agreed to invite Transport Scotland to the September meeting. David suggested a site meeting between Scottish Government, BEAR and SBC
- 7.3 David was asked about when the Stonyford roadway would be adopted and he reported that the builder applies for this a year after completion.
- 7.4 Alistair is very keen to hold the September meeting in person but David suggested that LCC wait for guidance on this.
- 7.5 The old derelict cars have at last been moved from Mid Row!
- 7.6 The Lauderdale News is up and running again with some new team members.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7. 30.**