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## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 12<sup>h</sup> July 2021 by “ZOOM” at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Rachel Whellans, Jack Ponton, Judi Gunn, Steve Aitchison and Councillor Tom Miers Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, and Councillors David Parker and Jenny Linehan (SBC)

2 members of the public; Ruth Reed and 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.

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

The June Minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Jack.

### 5. Matters arising – None.

### 6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning. There have been 2 applications with no issues, 1 for a house at Jeanniefield, and 1 for an extension at 32 West High Street.
- 6.2 Treasurer. The £300 from Persimmon for the storage of rubble in the Burn Mill car park has been received.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. Application from the Historical Society for £750 towards the production of a book on Lauderdale was approved.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach. Judi reported that the Lauderdale News is in crisis as the Editors and Deliverers are retiring. There is a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the future to which all are welcome. It was felt that the hard copy should be kept if possible. Posters will be put up in shops asking for helpers and people to attend the meeting. Kate wondered if the older pupils from the High School could help with deliveries. There is a real problem getting all the adverts in in time for publish date.
- 6.5 Paths. All the maintenance is in progress.
- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The Keep Scotland Beautiful judging will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> August and Alistair asked for extra volunteers to help for this.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. A meeting had been held but there was nothing of relevance for Lauderdale. There is Eildon Area money available for small projects – SBC will help with any applications.

- 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 6.9 Defibrillators.
- 6.9.1 Kate reported on an incident in the past month where Scottish Ambulance Service used the machine at The Pharmacy. It was discovered that the instructions were out of date so all need updated. Kate wondered if Resilience could do this themselves.
- 6.9.2 Volunteers will be needed to check each machine once a month.
- 6.9.3 The Pharmacy machine needs new pads and the Health Centre one needs new pads and a new battery.
- 6.9.4 The Blainslie machine needs completely replaced.
- 6.9.5 A machine will be put onto the Police Station.
- 6.9.6 Kate will carry on raising funds for all these.

## 7. AOB

- 7.1 There has been an enquiry to improve the pavement at the entrance to the Police Station and Alistair and Tom will arrange a site visit.
- 7.2 The question was raised about the Fun Fair which has been set up in the middle of the football pitch and who was responsible if damage is caused.
- 7.3 An inquiry was raised about breast screening. At the moment all customers must attend the Stow Health Centre and the question was asked if the unit could be set up in Lauder, possibly behind the Scout Hall. This discussion will be carried forward.
- 7.4 One of the lamp posts at the Town Hall is leaning sideways and Alistair will chase this.
- 7.5 The question was asked when the rural road verges were going to be cut as visibility is very restricted. Tom will enquire.
- 7.6 The cattle grid on the Lauder side of the Stow Road has collapsed and there is some fuel spilt.
- 7.7 Kate showed some pictures of the chicken sheds next to the Common Good land where she is setting up Lauder Cycle Club and how dangerous they are as people can still access them. Tom will ask SBC if the building can be secured. Asbestos was used in the building of these sheds.
- 7.8 It was agreed to hold a short LCC meeting in August by ZOOM so that the September meeting is not too busy.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7. 30.**