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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 9^h 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, Rachel Whellans, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, Steve Aitchison and Councillor David Parker and Councillor Jenny Linehan Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Councillor Tom Miers (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 August Minute was approved by Jack and seconded by Judi.

5. Matters arising – None.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning.
 - 6.1.1 There have been 2 applications with no issues, a house at Jeanniefield and an extension at 29 Brownsmuir Park. There is a retrospective one for storage containers at 37 West High Street. There is concern about noise from these containers during the night and this will be monitored by LCC and checked with neighbours.
 - 6.1.2 Jack will ask for a photo montage of the Scawd Law wind turbines at Walkerburn as there are planned to be very tall and will be seen from Lauder Common.
- 6.2 Treasurer. £800 has been received for the Kirk gravel which will be held until it is needed. David noted that the Criminal Justice Team was very restricted due to Covid and behind with planned work.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. The tree planting is starting with removal of some of the whins.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 6.4.1 Judi reported that a resident had tried to contact the Police on 101 on 23-Aug and there was no response either on 101 or the website until much later.
 - 6.4.2 There has been a request that the LCC minutes be bullet pointed and this will be discussed further.
 - 6.4.3 Should LCC be more prominent in Lauder?

- 6.4.4 Congratulations should go to Lauder Larder, a twice weekly stall giving out free food which has been very successful and very useful.
 - 6.4.5 The picnic benches for the Park have been ordered.
 - 6.4.6 The willow hedge has grown really well and will be trimmed in February.
 - 6.5 Paths. 3 benches will be installed shortly. The AGM will be held on Sunday and the Paths Group is down to 3 members and a request will be made for more support.
 - 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The Keep Scotland Beautiful placings will be announced on 23-Sep.
 - 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
 - 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The Silent Disco has been postponed until October.
 - 6.9 Defibrillators. The Legerwood one has been set up in the telephone box at the crossroads and all local residents have been trained. The funding for this is promised for 5 years.
7. **A68** - The A68 site meeting is planned and Alistair has a list of items to discuss which he will pass on to David who will decide which agencies should be involved. Alistair asked if any more comments could be sent to him.
8. **Bonfire** – Alistair asked all members their opinion on this and it was agreed that there should be nothing this year due to uncertainty on Covid.
9. **AOB**
- 9.1 Alistair asked for thoughts on the LCC election which should be held in May 2022. However there are SBC elections at that time, there may be a Platinum Jubilee Celebration in June so he wondered what everyone’s views were.
 - 9.2 Steve noted that the Bottle Bank keeps overflowing and wondered if the public knew that any colour could go into any bin.
 - 9.3 Judi reported on a plan to upcycle bottles to make craft gifts.
 - 9.4 There is a request from the Parent Council for money for newer, more modern books and David will send links to the Community Grant Scheme.
 - 9.5 The Coffee Morning at Thirlestane Caravan Park in aid of Maggie’s was a great success.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 11th October 2021 at 7. 30.**