

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

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 18<sup>h</sup> October 2021 by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies: Rachel Whellans, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillor Tom Miers (SBC)

1 member of the public; Ruth Reed,

1 representative from Lauder Leisure Centre

### 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 September Minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Lorraine.

### 5. Matters arising – None.

### 6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning.
  - 6.1.1 There have been 4 applications this month, the erection of a Community Shed next door to the Leisure Centre, a house extension at Burncastle, 2 new houses at Boghall, Carfraemill and 3 holiday lodges west of Woodheads with new access road. Concern was raised about the proximity to the Southern Upland Way for the holiday lodges
  - 6.1.2 A consultation has been raised about the replacement/addition of large overhead power towers between Galashiels and Eccles power station and whether they should remain on the existing route or be changed to along the Birkenside / Legerwood / Kirkhill / Corsbie valley. Jack will draft a reply to the consultation and request that LCC is informed of future developments. It is hoped that a representative from SP Energy might attend an LCC meeting.
  - 6.1.3 Alistair asked if intensive forestry planting in the LCC area would come to the planning department for consultation or would it just happen? David answered that this would come under a Tree Planting Licence not a planning application.
- 6.2 Treasurer. £800 has been received for the Kirk gravel which will be held until it is needed, also for a repair to the damaged cross.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good. The tree planting work has begun.

- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
- 6.4.1 Judi reported that concern has been expressed about the condition of the Leisure Centre and the Public Hall. However the vaccination team had enjoyed the heat and comfort of the Hall compared to some of their other centres in the Borders.
- 6.4.2 A member of the public was anxious about forestry work in the wood beyond the Eagle Bridge.
- 6.4.3 A car went out of control and has taken out the planter in front of the mill wheel Lauder sign on the cemetery road. Alistair will help with replacing everything.
- 6.4.4 The Lauderdale News under a fresh team is up and running again.
- 6.5 Paths. Only 2 members turned out to help put up 2 more benches. The path to the quarry is still awaiting maintenance.
- 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). LiB won a GOLD in The Keep Scotland Beautiful competition and thanks to all involved. The summer bedding plants have been removed and winter planting is ongoing.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The Silent Disco will be on Halloween and businesses are being requested to help finance the Christmas lights. David is not sure whether SBC will provide the Christmas tree but will check.
- 6.9 Defibrillators. Nothing to report.
- 6.10 A68. Alistair needs a list of points to be raised for this site meeting. Either send to him or to Anne.

7. **AOB**

- 7.1 Stonyford road adoption. David reported that this will not happen for a year although it needs improving, and signing and there is a very prominent manhole cover. This is the developer's responsibility.
- 7.2 Concern has been raised after the accident about the dangerous junction from Mill Wynd onto the Langshaw road as the white lines are now missing completely. Also the planter that got damaged was concealing the Lauder mill wheel sign. Tom will chase this.
- 7.3 Steve asked Tom about the progress of the electric charging points in the street and he and David will look into this. It was agreed that anything to support local traders would help.
- 7.4 Jack will lay the LCC wreath on Remembrance Sunday. The Scouts are celebrating 100 years and a past Scout Master will be taking the service.
- 7.5 Lauder Leisure Centre. Janet reported on the progress of revitalising the Leisure Centre. There has been some confusion about classes being held in the Public Hall but Janet was able to reiterate that they will be held in the Leisure Centre although the new soft play area will take up some extra space. Janet asked for LCC support for her improvements but Alistair asked for more information before this could be confirmed. Judi repeated that teenagers in Lauderdale need more activities.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7. 30.**