

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 13^h December 2021 by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton, Steve Aitchison, Rachel Whellans, Edward Maitland-Carew, Judi Gunn, and Councillor David Parker Councillor Tom Miers and Councillor Jenny Linehan Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Ross Montague,
2 members of the public; Ruth Reed and Katherine Eachius,

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Dog Education Trainer. Rose Hogg was unable to join the meeting and will be asked to join in January.

4. Police Report.

- 4.1 The Police Scotland IT system does not support ZOOM so no representative was present. A generic report for Leaderdale and Melrose had been circulated. Anne was had contacted Police Scotland as crime figures seem to be creeping up and LCC needs more information on these.

5. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The November Minute was approved by Rachel and seconded by Edward.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning. – Improvements to the Path at Eagle Haugh. Edward explained that this application was on safety grounds for people, dogs and farm stock on the Southern Upland Way (SUW), no comment. Extension and alterations to Dod Mill House, no comment, new agricultural building at Applecross, Pyatshaw, no comment and garden studio with utility area at 43 West High Street, none of the neighbours has objected, no comment.
- 6.2 Treasurer. – nothing to report.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good.
 - 6.3.1 There has been some damage due to Storm Arwen to fencing around the new planting.
 - 6.3.2 There will be a site visit to check how much the Sheep Company has lost and what can be done.
 - 6.3.3 It was noted that the next door farm, Whitlaw, has been sold to be planted.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 6.4.1 Many thanks to Kate and the Resilience Team for providing support to the community during the result of Storm Arwen removing fallen trees and providing food and water during the resulting power cuts and water shortages.

- 6.4.2 White lines are needed on the Blainslie to Threepwood Crossroads at the Threepwood end. Tom will deal with this.
 - 6.4.3 The butcher's lorry has been holding up traffic on Crofts Road but would move aside if an emergency vehicle needed access.
 - 6.4.4 The Lauderdale Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) had held a very successful pantomime.
 - 6.5 Paths. There is some damage due to Storm Arwen including the Burnmill bridge. David reported that the Criminal Justice Team is up and running again and working through their timetable. The pipe at the Burnmill needs cleared. Edward reported that the trees on the SUW at Broomie Braes were dangerous and a temporary diversion has been made. The Lauderdale Drive kissing gate has been removed to allow bikes and buggies clearer access.
 - 6.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The festive foliage is up all over the town.
 - 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
 - 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The Light Switch On day and evening was extremely wet and snowy!.
 - 6.9 Defibrillators. Funds are needed to upgrade the Blainslie one.
 - 6.10 A68. A ZOOM meeting had been held between all parties. It was agreed that a site meeting must be held to view the parking versus traffic flow problems.
 - 6.11 Leisure Centre. Nothing to report.
7. **AOB**
- 7.1 The Vintage Car Rally at Thirlestane is planned to be much larger due to the 50 year anniversary of the Club with celebrities and a Hill Run. Some extra parking will be necessary.
 - 7.2 The Bike Station is due to be set up in January in the Street.
 - 7.3 LCC should be thinking about what event to run to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June 2022.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 10th January 2022 at 7. 30.**