

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 21st February 2022 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, Ross Montague, and Councillor Jenny Linehan Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Councillor David Parker and Councillor Tom Miers
1 members 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.

3.2 Thefts of quad bikes from farms are increasing rapidly. Please be aware and report any strange vehicles around. Also take photographs and tell the Police.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The January Minute with amends was approved by Jack and seconded by Judi.

5. Reports

5.1 Planning. –

5.1.1 Garage west of 1 Hardie Court, Alterations to Cottesbrooke – no objections - and alterations and extension to 12 Upper Loan Park – LCC will await neighbours' comments.

5.1.2 First discussion on tree planting and access to Whitlaw Farm. There has been much damage to existing woodland and Anne to ask for more detail on future woodland layout and access. Further information under AOB.

5.1.3 New Lidl store at Tweedbank. The developer had reported that there was 89% support from the town of Lauder but no one had been consulted!

5.2 Treasurer. – nothing to report.

5.3 Lauder Common Good. Next meeting is on 8th March.

5.4 LCC Outreach.

5.4.1 A request for cycles and mobility scooters to be very aware of the private drive opposite the Health Centre which has restricted vision to the cycle path.

5.4.2 The Lauder Larder is running very successfully.

5.5 Paths. A great deal of work and money is needed to restore the paths as they have been either washed away or are covered in fallen timber. Lauderdale Estates has closed the Riverside Path for the time being for safety reasons and the path opposite the Cemetery is impassable.

- 5.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Sunday 20th March – litter picking day, Sat 26th March tree planting day and this Sunday the willow hedge will be trimmed if anyone wishes some willow.
 - 5.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
 - 5.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The Christmas Lights have been taken down and the Initiative is looking for a more professional company.
 - 5.9 Defibrillators.
 - 5.9.1 The Golf Club has decided not to instal one.
 - 5.9.2 We are looking into funding for one at the Police Station.
 - 5.10 A68. Nothing to report. Jenny will look into moving everything forward.
 - 5.11 Leisure Centre. This is up and running again.
6. **AOB**
- 6.1 Whitlaw Farm sold for planting.
 - 6.1.1 Local residents are concerned about the access road to Whitlaw Farm which is on Common Good land and is in very poor condition for heavy forestry transport.
 - 6.1.2 The present woodland received a lot of damage during Storm Arwen in November.
 - 6.1.3 The question was raised if planning permission is needed for the planting and it was thought not. So how can LCC comment?
 - 6.1.4 Tree planting is being encouraged for carbon capture but this is 1,000 acres of good stock land.
 - 6.1.5 It was agreed to contact the Sheep Company to see what its reaction is.
 - 6.1.6 SBC has held meetings with the Forestry Company. Could LCC arrange for the Forestry Company to come to a meeting as well.
 - 6.2 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration. A meeting will be arranged in the Lauderdale on 10th March and the Rotary, Football Club, Scout group and others will be invited. It would be useful if a member of SBC could attend. It was felt that something to mark the occasion rather than a party would be preferable.
 - 6.3 It was agreed to chase up the electric car charging points and bike racks in the centre of the town.
 - 6.4 Judi agreed to put the LCC report into the Easter edition of the Lauderdale News.
 - 6.5 Due to the SBC election in May it was agreed to request that the LCC election be put back to July when things have settled.
 - 6.6 A decision will need to be made as to when the April meeting should be held due to school holidays.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 14th March 2022 at 7. 30.**