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## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 10<sup>h</sup> January 2022 by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies: , Rachel Whellans, Edward Maitland-Carew,

4 members of the public; Ruth Reed, Kate Jackson, Lorraine Moffat and Stephen Potts,

### 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 February.

### 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.

4.2 Concern was expressed about an attempted break-in in Lauder in broad daylight.

4.3 A post on LCC Facebook page complained about residents on Mid Row using their wheelie bins to reserve their parking places. It was also posted in the Lauder Community Chat Group and Judi and Steve will look into this.

### 5. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

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

### 6. Discussion on Amendments to Scottish Borders Community Council Scheme. Alastair conducted a round table survey and it was agreed to accept the amendments.

### 7. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Rotary Club has been in touch wishing to help with any celebrations planned by LCC. Lorraine Moffat reported that the Scout Group were also willing to help, also the Cycle Club. David explained that grants were available to all voluntary groups in the area to support community events. It was agreed that LCC set up a ZOOM meeting with all Lauderdale groups to discuss what to organise. Concern was expressed that this weekend is very near to the Jackie Stewart Vintage Car Show at Thirlestane.

### 8. Reports

8.1 Planning. – Thirlestane Castle Woodland Signage, no comment.

8.2 Treasurer. – nothing to report.

8.3 Lauder Common Good. Storm Arwen 26-27-Nov-21

- 8.3.1 A site meeting was held with the Sheep Company and Michael Middlemiss has prepared a thorough report on the damage to woods and fences. Felling and clearing will need to happen before any replanting and there may be grants to help with the replanting.
- 8.4 LCC Outreach.
- 8.4.1 The Primary School artwork competition was very good indeed.
- 8.4.2 Nothing can be done to improve the Blainslie to Threepwood Crossroads at the Threepwood end.
- 8.5 Paths. A great deal of work and money is needed to restore the paths. David suggested applying to Paths For All, Community Support Fund, Common Good Fund and Fallago Community Benefit. It was noted that applying for grants is a difficult process.
- 8.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The festive foliage is being taken down.
- 8.7 Eildon Area Partnership. The Eildon Area Support Fund closes in April and the Build Back Better Borders closes at the end of May.
- 8.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The Christmas Lights are being taken down this week.
- 8.9 Defibrillators.
- 8.9.1 Kate reported that the Golf Club wish to put up a defibrillator which they will fund themselves. Alistair will liaise.
- 8.9.2 The Blainslie one needs completely replaced. More pads are needed for the one outside the pharmacy and the one at the Health Centre. The one at the Fire Station is indoors so is only accessible if there are firefighters present.
- 8.9.3 Steve and Kate will discuss putting one up at the Police Station.
- 8.9.4 More money is needed to maintain them in Oxton, Lauder and Blainslie and it would be great if there were all under the same organisation. David agreed to follow this up with SBC and report back.
- 8.9.5 Alistair, Jenny, David and Kate will set up a Defibrillator Group and wondered if the Platinum Jubilee Funding could help support this.
- 8.9.6 The Resilience Group now has Karen Fitts in charge who needs a dedicated phone number and a dedicated venue, i.e. the Public Hall for emergencies and shelter. Alistair agreed to discuss this at the February meeting.
- 8.10 A68. Nothing to report.
- 8.11 Leisure Centre. This is closed just now.
- 9. **AOB**
  - 9.1 Ross queried the vans with people sleeping in them which are moved from layby to layby on the A68. Tom will look into this.
  - 9.2 Stephen asked if the bin collection in The Row and Castle Wynd during the resurfacing could be organised. David will arrange for the bin men to pick them up if all set at one end.
  - 9.3 Stephen asked for clarification on the land at Allanbank which is allocated for housing. The SBC councillors confirmed this is in the Local Plan but nothing can be done until a Planning Application has been submitted.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7. 30.**