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## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Ross Montague, Jack Ponton, Rachel Whellans, Judi Gunn, Edward Maitland-Carew, and Councillors Jenny Linehan and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, Councillor David Parker

2 members of the public; Ruth Reed and Grace Whellans,

### 2. Scottish Borders Council Election. Congratulations to Jenny Linehan, David Parker and John Paton-Day.

### 3. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

### 4. Police Report.

4.1 The Police Scotland IT system does not support ZOOM and no representative was present. A generic report for Leaderdale and Melrose had been circulated.

4.2 Beware of fuel thefts as the price has risen so high.

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

The previous Minute was approved by Edward and seconded by Lorraine.

### 6. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5-June 2022

6.1 Judi is working on a Programme of Events and Jenny will check to make sure SBC can print them. Thirlestane Castle and the Scottish Dachshund Club have also produced a poster for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### 7. Reports

7.1 Planning.

7.1.1 Application for an agricultural shed behind the steading at West Murrison. No comment.

7.2 Application by Glenrath Farms for 3 industrial units on site of disused poultry buildings opposite Kinpars. It is difficult to see from the plans but Lauderhill Sheep Company has commented that access would be needed to the Common Good fields beyond the development. Also the Cycle Club were going to have a practice area up there. Car parking at Coop??

7.3 Treasurer. Healthy balance at the moment.

7.4 Lauder Common Good. Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June.

7.5 LCC Outreach.

7.5.1 Roads and potholes gradually being fixed.

7.5.2 Beautiful Blainslie in full swing including Jubilee preparations.

- 7.6 Paths. Productive sessions including grass cutting, bench cleaning and the Burn Mill sign washed. The Paths Group need more funding and more members.
- 7.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Dead heading and weeding ongoing. Hanging baskets will be set up 7-8 June.
- 7.8 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 7.9 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 7.10 Defibrillators.
- 7.10.1 Alistair will chase the sub committee for more action.
- 7.10.2 Alistair wants to alter the Constitution which needs tidied up so that LCC should hold responsibility for these. Keep defibrillators and Constitution on future agendas.
- 7.11 A68. The site meeting will be in May after the SBC election.
- 7.12 Leisure Centre. Everything going well.

8. **AOB**

- 8.1 The Community Council election will be held in June. Jenny agreed to act as Returning Officer. The first meeting of the new CC in July will be held in Blainslie with the option of ZOOM or in person. The question was raised as to whether LCC should have its own ZOOM account and Anne will find out the cost.
- 8.2 Whitlaw Farm Forestry Plan Exhibition – 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- 8.2.1 Concern was raised about the quantity of trees planned especially as the wildlife on Whitlaw Farm is very special.
- 8.2.2 Concern was raised about agricultural land being swallowed up by heavy dense planting and the fact that local jobs would be lost.
- 8.2.3 Concern was raised about having dense forestry immediately next door to The Common.
- 8.2.4 One suggestion was that could the planting not be just gentle and spaced like The Common leaving open spaces for agriculture.
- 8.2.5 Large companies are buying up agricultural land and planting it heavily to offset their carbon footprint. However there is carbon capture from grassland as well.
- 8.2.6 It was agreed to contact Oxton and Channelkirk CC to get its views.
- 8.2.7 It was agreed to keep this subject on the agenda.
- 8.3 There will be a Community Engagement on the subject of the Sir Jackie Stewart Classic Festival at Thirlestane on 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Public Hall from 5 till 8.
- 8.4 A question was raised about when would the bus timetable be back to normal. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7. 30.**