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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 13th June 2022 at Lauder Primary School and by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies: Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillor David Parker

7 members of the public,

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

3.1 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. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

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

5. Report of Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5-June 2022

5.1 The weather was good for the 4 days. Thanks are due to the Rotary Club, the Arts Club, the Historical Society, South Gardens and Nina Armstrong, the Scottish Dachshund Society, the School Art Competition, Evelyn Gray who played the part of the Queen, David Watt who paraded the Queen round Lauderdale in his Bentley and the Beacon lighters. Anne will write to them all.

6. Reports

6.1 Planning.

6.1.1 Development of Allanbank part 2. This is a pre-planning application and the developers will run 2 public consultations. Jenny reported a slight conflict of interest as her husband is a lawyer involved with one of the parties.

6.1.2 The entrance to this development is through an existing gate up the Stow Road. 25% of the housing will be affordable through SBHA and the developer is Whiteburn Development Ltd. A full planning application is expected in October.

6.2 There are 2 planning applications this month with no problems. An extension in Nether Blainslie and alterations to a house in Edinburgh Road.

6.3 Treasurer. Nothing to report.

6.4 Lauder Common Good. Next meeting 29th June.

6.5 LCC Outreach.

6.5.1 Judi is going to ask the school what prizes, if any, would be appropriate for the winners of the School Jubilee Art Competition.

- 6.5.2 Concern has been raised by the Stonyford residents about their factor who is not satisfactory and also the path to Mill Wynd. Judi and Jenny will follow this up.
- 6.5.3 Judi reminded people about the Sir Jackie Stewart Classic to be held at Thirlestane Castle this weekend and reminded prospective visitors that no dogs are allowed.
- 6.6 Paths. Volunteers are needed to support the founds of the bridge between Castle Wynd and the Chuckie Lodge and also funding for this. The Criminal Justice Group is expected shortly to work on the Burn Mill loop. The Paths Group need funding and members.
- 6.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The hanging baskets and bedding plants are all being planted at the moment – there are 47 hanging baskets. The Flower Show is asking for scarecrows to be set up towards the end of July.
- 6.8 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.9 Lauderdale Initiative. Raffle tickets are being sold to raise money for the put up and the cost of electricity for the Christmas Lights.
- 6.10 Defibrillators.
- 6.10.1 Alistair will chase the sub committee for more action.
- 6.10.2 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.
- 6.11 A68. The site meeting will be in June arranged by David Parker.
- 6.12 Leisure Centre. Everything going well.

7. Discussion on Whitlaw Farm Forestry Application

- 7.1 Objections to this dense application are massive in the local area.
- 7.2 What a waste of decent stock farming land
- 7.3 The density of the planting and lack of hardwood trees. Planting is so dense that there will be no open spaces for wildlife and flora and fauna
- 7.4 The lack of access for the general public once the planting has started and the deer fences are erected
- 7.5 Lauder Common is an open moor and the forestry will ruin the view from the north
- 7.6 The developers have blocked an application for faster broadband through their land
- 7.7 Opposition to this application will need to be organised – Scottish Woodlands the agent, MSPs especially SNP who are in partnership with the Green Party, SBC Cllrs.

8. AOB

- 8.1 The Community Council election will be held later this month. Jenny has agreed to act as Returning Officer. The first meeting of the new CC will probably be in August.
- 8.2 There is a consultation out on electric vehicle charging as the funding runs out shortly.
- 8.3 A question was raised about when the bus timetable would be back to normal. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- 8.4 When heavy lorries pass between 33 and 41 East High Street, the roughness of the road means that the rattling noise is unbearable. Alistair will pass on to David.
- 8.5 The south end of the Castle Wynd wall needs attention.
- 8.6 Alister thanked present Community Councillors for all their work and said farewell to Rachel who was not standing again.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **To Be Confirmed By New Council.**