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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at Lauder Primary School and by "ZOOM" at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Ross Montague, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, 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 for the Presentation of the Burgess Ticket and 5 for the whole meeting

2. Presentation of Burgess Ticket to Elliot Landells

2.1 Michael Middlemiss gave a resume of the history of the set up of Burgesses and their grazing rights on The Common granted by James IV in 1502. As time moved on there was the formation of the Sheep Company to run The Common. He noted that the qualifications to be a Burgess are to be resident in Lauder and to own an Acre.

2.2 He then invited Councillor John Paton-Day on behalf of SBC and Lauder Common Good to present Elliot Landells with his Burgess Ticket.

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.

4.2 Mr and Mrs John Mackay from Allanbank Gardens told the meeting about the problems they were having with youth behaviour on the school MUGA pitch and what they hoped the police could do to help. During the summer, youths were often in the pitch shouting and swearing sometimes up until 2am. They are too intimidating to be faced up and John has phoned 999 4 times when feeling threatened. When John phoned 101 there was no answer.

4.3 Councillor Paton-Day advised the Mackays to get up a petition from the residents of Allanbank Gardens and he will bring this problem up at the next Police Board Meeting. He also advised the Mackays to get in touch with their MSP. Councillor Linehan said she would come along to see the problem first hand.

5. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The June Minute was approved by Ross and seconded by Lorraine. The August Inaugural Meeting was amended to put Judi in as absent as she could not hear anything on the ZOOM connection and was approved by Lorraine and seconded by Steve.

6. Woodland Development at Whitlaw Farm

The Woodland approval is ongoing with access and conditions being queried. Jack asked where objections could be sent as this is not an SBC planning application.

7. Consultation on 20mph limit in Scottish Borders

There is only a short window to raise any points on this and the comment form has to be posted.

8. A68 Site Meeting

A site meeting had been held with David, Jenny, Alistair and 3 people from BEAR. Discussion was around the removal of some dead trees on Edinburgh Road, the alteration to the bus stop on Edinburgh Road, pavement survey, parking on West High Street and a discussion on parking at the Coop now that it will be owned by Asda. Lauder in Bloom (LiB) will take over the wishing well planting.

9. Reports

- 9.1 Planning. Nothing controversial since June. The new development at Allanbank by Whiteburn has not come in yet.
- 9.2 Treasurer. An invoice has been received from SBC for printing of leaflets for the Platinum Jubilee for which LCC should be reimbursed. The payment for the use of the Public Hall that weekend was approved.
- 9.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). A Felling Licence has been received to sort the woods which suffered from Storm Arwen and the fences will be reinstated.
- 9.4 Paths. The Rotary Club raised money to sort the path to the cemetery and carried it on to the Golf Club not realising the final length is owned by Lauderdale Estates. LCC will take the lease of this at a nominal rent so SBC will be responsible for any litigation. This was approved.
- 9.5 LCC Outreach.
 - 9.5.1 Judi reported that the Community Shed is moving forward and applying for grants.
 - 9.5.2 Concern is being expressed about the affordability of the new houses at Allanbank. There is also anxiety about the design which shows no single storey houses with small gardens for local people downsizing.
- 9.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). At a ceremony celebrating Greener Gateway, Jenny presented Alistair with 3 awards – (1) Large Village, (2) Border Biodiversity and (3) Sustainability. On 19th October Beautiful Scotland prizes will be announced.
- 9.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 9.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Fund raising events for the Christmas Lights are being held in September, October and November.
- 9.9 Defibrillators. The present committee is working well and members are needed from Blainslie and Legerwood.
- 9.10 Leisure Centre. Everything going well.

10. AOB

- 10.1 A fireworks display will be held on 5-Nov-22. Anne will check insurance and food and buckets will be arranged.
- 10.2 Judi feels that the Community Council must be more interactive with the community and more accessible for discussion with Lauderdale residents.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 17th October at Lauder Primary School at 7.30.**