

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 14th November 2022 at Blainslie Village Hall at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Ross Montague, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton, Councillors Jenny Linehan and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Judi Gunn, Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillor David Parker

3 members of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

- 3.1 A caravan has been abandoned opposite Calfward Park. A photograph of this will be sent to the Police and Jenny Linehan.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The October Minute was approved by Jack and seconded by Alistair.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Planning.
 - 5.1.1 Alterations and extension to 1 Maitland Road – no comment
 - 5.1.2 Relocation of access and air source heat pump at Hilrig, Castle Wynd. Concern has been expressed by a neighbour about the wall and the noise of the air source heat pump.
 - 5.1.3 Tree planting on entire Whitlaw Farm. LCC will object to this application and will send in a response under environmental, biodiversity, recreational amenity and lack of significant contribution to carbon sequestration headings.
 - 5.1.4 117 houses north of Allanbank House. After discussion it was agreed to ask for an extension of consultation time and to ask for a hard copy of the application as it is not clear on SBC website.
- 5.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 5.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 5.4 Paths. Some repairs are needed before the Lauder Cross Country run and Alistair will ask SBC about the damaged bridge towards the Chuckie Lodge.
- 5.5 LCC Outreach.
- 5.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Lauder won 2 awards in the Beautiful Scotland competition. Summer plants are being removed and winter bedding and bulbs are being planted.
- 5.7 Eildon Area Partnership. The agenda is out for next week's meeting.
- 5.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The fundraising for the Christmas lights is going well. The Christmas tree has arrived and is installed.

- 5.9 Defibrillators. A report has been received detailing problems and solutions. The one at the Pharmacy needs a new metal heated cabinet, the one at the Health Centre needs a new battery which will cost £150. The one at the School is working fine but there is no way to access the cabinet, no code and no phone number visible. The one at the Bowling Club has no power and a further contact is needed for the BC. A laminated code needs to be inserted into the cabinet window. Blainslie and Legerwood are still to be tested. Anne will contact SBC about insuring the defibrillators and it was noted that they all must be maintained thoroughly.
- 5.10 Leisure Centre. Everything going well. The Community Shed should be operational after Christmas.
- 5.11 A68. There has been no follow-up from BEAR yet and David will chase. It was agreed that there is a bottleneck outside Weigh Greener.

6. **AOB**

- 6.1 Lauder Kirk will be 350 years old in 2023 events to celebrate this are planned.
- 6.2 Warm Spaces in Winter. The Public Hall and Town Hall could be used for communal get togethers in warmth. A Christmas lunch for those alone is being thought about.
- 6.3 There is a dangerous raised manhole cover on the path from the School to the Burn Mill.
- 6.4 The street light is still faulty at the central flower bed below the Town Hall.
- 6.5 What is happening about the location of a bike rack in The Avenue.
- 6.6 There is to be a consultation on the buses timetable.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 12th December at Lauder Primary School at 7.30.**