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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 12th December 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 by ZOOM, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillors Jenny Linehan by ZOOM and David Parker By ZOOM, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Ross Montague, Judi Gunn, Councillor John Paton-Day

PC Ian Porter, Community Police Officer

4 members of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

3.1 Ian Porter introduced himself and reminded the meeting to be aware of Christmas present thieves.

3.2 Around 12 tyres have been dumped above the cemetery car park. This is an SBC responsibility and Jenny will pass on this information.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The November Minute was approved by Jack and seconded by Steve.

5. Consultation on Bus Timetable. Jenny will see how residents without internet access can be contacted on this.

6. Payment for venues for Community Council Meetings. David clarified that LCC have to pay for each meeting at Lauder School but will be able to claim back the money.

7. Forestry Consultation for Whitlaw Farm. The LCC objection has been sent to Scottish Government and SBC.

8. Comment on 117 housing development at Allanbank.

8.1 David reported that this land had been approved for development in the Local Plan so objecting to the concept is a waste of time.

8.2 The Planning sub committee will put together a response and there will be nothing decided until at least March 2023.

9. Reports

9.1 Planning. – Edward left the meeting.

9.1.1 Solar panels at Thirlestane Castle, change of use to storage and office at Pyatshaw and change of shop to residence at 8/10 West High Street. No comments. Edward returned.

- 9.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report. Alistair asked Lorraine to look into purchasing a ZOOM account for future meetings.
- 9.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 9.4 Paths. David noted that the Criminal Justice Team were behind schedule. The path from Mill Wynd to Stonyford is the responsibility of the Factor and outwith the Path Group.
- 9.5 LCC Outreach. No report.
- 9.6 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The Christmas garlands are up all over the Town.
- 9.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 9.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The Christmas light switch-on ceremony went very well and the stallholders were pleased.
- 9.9 Defibrillators. See below.
- 9.10 Leisure Centre. Everything going well. The Community Shed should be operational after Christmas.
- 9.11 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.

10. Defibrillators.

- 10.1 Alistair reported that LCC has no requirement to take responsibility for the machines but, after an incident during lockdown, it was realised that they all need maintained and batteries and pads renewed. LCC will add the insurance to their policy.
- 10.2 A Lauder resident took this on but is now fully employed. However, Jim Finlay has offered to take on this responsibility.
- 10.3 Funds are needed and standardisation of machines will be worked on.
- 10.4 The machine at the Health Centre was out of action when needed. However, by 2-Dec Jim had checked them all and will recheck every 2 weeks.
- 10.5 There was a suggestion that there should be a label on each machine stating where the nearest one is situated just in case.
- 10.6 2 more are needed in Lauder, one at each end of the town.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 9th January 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30.**