

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

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Councillors Jenny Linehan by ZOOM and Councillor John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillor David Parker

3 members of the public

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

### 3. Police Report. This had been circulated – there was nothing to report.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

4.1 The January minute was passed on till the next meeting. Judi requested two amendments.

4.2 5.4.2 Thanks to SBC for their support towards the Lauder Larder Christmas Food hampers and for helping to speed up the process of the Santa's sleigh resulting in it becoming a reality for the Children of Lauderdale.

4.3 5.4.3 Judi suggested if the Community Council Agenda/Minutes are still to be posted on the Lauder Area Community Chat Group page that comments are turned off and the public are directed to comment (via a sentence within the said post ) on the Lauderdale Community Council page only. Thus allowing each comment to be tracked with greater ease.

### 5. Reports

5.1 Planning. –

5.1.1 Change of use and alterations to form house at Springwood Lodge Blainslie. No comment. Upgrade to track at Whitlaw Farm. No comment. Replacement of burnt house at 10 Mill Wynd. No comment. Extension to 46 West High Street. No comment.

5.1.2 LCC comments on the new Allanbank development has been passed to the Planning Department. Attached to this minute.

5.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.

5.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.

5.4 LCC Outreach.

5.4.1 There was a request for the cover to be taken off the speed camera at the north end of the town so that excessive speed can be detected.

5.4.2 Traffic Scotland and BEAR are measuring volume of traffic at both entries to the town.

5.4.3 Can South Gardens apply for funding to celebrate the King's coronation via LCC or should they apply elsewhere. There is funding available through the National Lottery.

- 5.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Litter picking is in progress and serious gardening will begin in March.
- 5.6 Paths Group. A leaflet is being produced on paths and funding.
- 5.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 5.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 5.9 Defibrillators. All AEDs inspected and working at end January.
- 5.10 Leisure Centre. The Community Shed is being erected behind the Centre.
- 5.11 A68. There has been no follow-up from BEAR yet and David will chase.

**6. AOB**

- 6.1 WARM SPACES will be held every Friday afternoon in Session House from 20-Jan until Easter. This is going well with plenty of support.
- 6.2 Potholes were reported on the Blainslie road.
- 6.3 The Primary School Parent Council were advised to ask the Whiteburn developers for financial support for projects.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**

## **22/01734/FUL**

### **Erection of 117 dwellinghouses including associated roads, drainage and landscaping**

#### **Land North Of Allanbank House Manse Road Lauder Scottish Borders**

Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) does not object to this application and has taken note of all the comments on the application. However there are some concerns on which we would like some clarification.

1. **The Lauder Sewage System.** LCC would like confirmation from Scottish Borders Council (SBC) and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) that the current sewage system has the capacity to cope with the addition of 117 more houses.
2. **Lauder Primary School and Earlston High School.** LCC would like confirmation that the Primary School and the Secondary School has capacity to deal with the extra numbers of pupils.
3. **Lauder and Stow Health Centre and Borders General Hospital.** LCC would like confirmation that the Health Centre and General Hospital has capacity to handle the extra number of patients.
4. **The Lauder Water Supply.** LCC would like assurance from SBC and Scottish Water that there will be capacity to manage the extra numbers.
5. **Playpark.** LCC note that there is no provision of a playpark for 117 new houses.
6. **Buses.** Does the Scottish Borders bus network have the capacity to cope with the increased numbers. Are there any plans for a bus to run from Earlston / Lauder to Stow?
7. **Additional path.** The suggestion from LCC is that a new path be laid at the north east corner to allow residents to walk to the local Coop, Bowling Green, Bus Stop in Edinburgh Road and the Lauderdale Hotel rather than taking a car.
8. **Increased traffic at the War Memorial junction with the A68.** Concern has been expressed on this.