

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 13th March 2023 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, by ZOOM, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Councillors Jenny Linehan by ZOOM Councillor David Parker by ZOOM and Councillor John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*,

5 members of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated – there was nothing to report except that the car at the Leisure Centre is being dealt with.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

4.1 The January minute was proposed by Lorraine and seconded by Ross.

4.2 The February minute with Judi's amendment to the January minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Alistair.

At this stage the Internet went down excluding all ZOOM participants.

5. Reports

5.1 Planning. –

5.1.1 Single storey extension in Brownsmuir Park – no comment. 2 applications at East Morriston – no comment.

5.1.2 Alistair invited 4 members of the public to comment on the Whiteburn development at Allanbank.

5.1.3 LCC cannot object to this development as it has been approved in the Local Plan but can put forward comments to be answered by the Planning Department and other agencies.

5.1.4 The 4 residents of Allanbank Gardens explained their concerns. They are worried about the extent of the development and the difference 117 (now reduced to 110) houses will make to local infrastructure.

5.1.5 They are concerned about the placing of the access road and the fact there is no space for buses or large refuse vehicles.

5.1.6 They are anxious about the path from the new development coming out onto the road near the school.

5.1.7 There was concern about the flooding problem with all the surface water coming off the development and flowing down the town.

5.1.8 Having heard all this reasoning from worried residents, LCC needs to press for more answers to the concerns raised in its comments to the Planning Department.

- 5.2 Treasurer. LCC has received the annual grant of £630 and a cheque is being sent to Judi for the three yearly cost of the Lauderdale Community Council website of £434.94.
- 5.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 5.4 LCC Outreach.
- 5.4.1 Complaints about potholes on the back road to Galashiels and the Blainslie Road.
- 5.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). LiB had a productive meeting with other towns and villages Bloom groups.
- 5.6 Paths Group. The grant for Paths has been received. The path from the Lauderdale to the Chuckie Lodge will be closed at the bridge while it is being repaired.
- 5.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 5.8 Lauderdale Initiative. A bingo evening is being held on 2nd June to raise funds for the Christmas Lights..
- 5.9 Defibrillators. All AEDs inspected and working at end February. The group are pressing for one to be placed in the new development at Allanbank at the developer's expense. The present 6 have been added to LCC insurance. The cabinet at the Medical Centre needs changed.
- 5.10 Leisure Centre. The Community Shed has been erected behind the Centre.
- 5.11 A68. There has been no follow-up from BEAR yet but the trees on the Edinburgh Road are being replaced.

6. AOB

- 6.1 Alistair attended a seminar on Recycling and Green Energy. The organisers are hoping that a Greener Lauder Group could be established. It was agreed to raise this at the next meeting.
- 6.2 Earlston is applying to hold a Walking Festival in September 2026 and has asked Lauder to be part of this.
- 6.3 We need a volunteer for the SEPA Survey.
- 6.4 There was a query about the bus timetable which was passed to Jenny Linehan.
- 6.5 Judi would like some volunteers to help run the Lauderdale Community Council website - <https://lauderdalecommunitycouncil.org.uk/>.
- 6.6 Alistair explained the workings of the Lauder Common Good Fund and added that both the Town Hall and now the Public Hall were Common Good assets.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 17th April 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**