

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 17th April 2023 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*, Judi Gunn, by ZOOM, Councillor David Parker by ZOOM

Apologies: Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, Jack Ponton (unable to log into ZOOM), Councillors Jenny Linehan and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Dr John Usher by ZOOM and 13 members of the public, one by ZOOM

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated.

- 3.1 A complaint had been made from High Street residents about cars, vans and lorries leaving their engines running unattended, especially while drivers were visiting the chip shop.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The March minute was proposed by Alistair and seconded by Judi.

5. Consultation on 20mph Speed Limit Through Lauder

The meeting unanimously agreed that it would be preferable to keep the speed limit to 20mph, especially through the centre of the town. Anne will inform Transport Scotland. It was hoped that there could be more convictions for exceeding the speed limit to alert speeding motorists.

6. Request for crash barrier to be put in place at the bottom of the footpath onto Crofts Road

South Garden residents have been anxious about the bottom of the footpath on Crofts Road, where the entrance is to the Park and the Health Centre. There have been instances of children flying out on their bikes and dogs running out as well. David and SBC will look into this matter.

7. Reports

7.1 Planning. –

7.1.1 2 storey extension to Ladywell Cottage, Legerwood – no comment. Ground mounted solar panels behind Blainslie Sawmill – no comment. Porch on west side of 19 West High Street – no comment.

7.1.2 Whiteburn Development at Allanbank. Dr John Usher, Senior GP at Lauder and Stow Health Centres, was concerned that the Lauder practice had not been notified about 110 new houses which potentially could mean 400 extra patients. David informed the meeting that GP practices are not usually notified, the Health Board are the consultees.

7.1.3 Alistair invited 12 members of the public to comment on this development David informed the meeting that the application would not go to the Planning Committee until May or later.

- 7.1.4 The residents of Allanbank Gardens are concerned about the placing of the access road and the fact there is no space for buses or large refuse vehicles and are anxious about the path from the new development coming out onto the road near the school.
- 7.1.5 There was concern about the changes and contradictions in the planning application papers including no clear line where the woodland, grass and hedge boundaries are and who owns the edge planting.
- 7.1.6 The resident from Allanbank Cottage was also worried about the lack of clarity on the boundary between the top side of the new development and Allanbank Cottage.
- 7.1.7 The residents of Allanbank Gardens are worried about the drainage and water run-off as they are in direct line below the new development.
- 7.1.8 We need clarity from the developers about the path down the boundary wall.
- 7.1.9 It was agreed to ask Whiteburn to come to the next LCC meeting or to arrange a separate meeting with them.
- 7.1.10 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.
- 7.1.11 Wind Farm applications. Ditcher Law (Headshaw and Hillhouse), Longcroft (Longcroft and Glenburnie). It was agreed to liaise with Oxtou Community Council to work together on the advantages and disadvantages.
- 7.2 Treasurer. Lauder Common Good Fund has paid £3,000 to support the Defibrillator Group.
- 7.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). There are ongoing works to the woodland and some repairs to the shepherd's house.
- 7.4 LCC Outreach.
- 7.4.1 South Gardens is hosting a tea party for the King's Coronation on 6th May and Blainslie is holding a street party on 7th May.
- 7.4.2 The 2nd World War writing of names on the War Memorial is fading and SBC will see to remedying this.
- 7.4.3 Lauder and Channelkirk Kirks are hosting a get together from 11 till 1 in Session House on Saturday 22nd April..
- 7.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The spring work is in progress and plants for the hanging baskets will arrive in May.
- 7.6 Paths Group. AGM will be held on 3rd May and the Paths Group is desperate for more volunteers. The whins on the Burnmill path and the Quarry path need cut back and it was agreed to ask Whiteburn, the Allanbank developers for some financial help.
- 7.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 7.8 Lauderdale Initiative. There is a meeting on Tues 18th April.
- 7.9 Defibrillators. All AEDs inspected and working in March. 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 Group has decided that all AEDs should be unlocked to save time in an emergency.
- 7.10 Leisure Centre. The Community Shed is being used well.
- 7.11 A68. There has been no follow-up from BEAR yet but the trees on the Edinburgh Road are being replaced. David will chase.

8. AOB

- 8.1 It was agreed to chase Jenny about updating bus timetables.
- 8.2 David agreed to look into the bike rack which was to be placed in the centre of the town.
- 8.3 There is concern about the future of the Post Office.
- 8.4 David will try to arrange a meeting with the Allanbank developers.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 15th May 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**