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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 12th June 2023 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Judi Gunn by ZOOM, Councillor Jenny Linehan by ZOOM,

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Councillors David Parker and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Ian Porter, Community Police Constable

Susan Gray, Countryside Access Ranger

4 members of the public,

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated. PC Porter noted that his team had been reduced from 18 to 11 members.

3.1 The speeding on Stow Road has been a problem and he is working on this using a pop up police (Pop-Up-Bob) and a speed gun. It would be helpful if he was told specific times and dates of speeding.

3.2 A sign has been put up in Marmaris asking drivers to switch off their engines when waiting for their order and Steve will check if there is an improvement.

3.3 On the A68 In Earlston the 20mph limit has been raised to 30mph. Is this affecting adherence to the 20 limit in Lauder?

3.4 There has been nothing further raised by local residents about speeding cars round the school and reversing onto the MUGA.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The May minute was proposed by Edward and seconded by Ross with an amendment to 5.9.2 changing the wording from 'has been' to 'will be'.

5. Discussion with Susan Gray, Countryside Access Ranger

5.1 Susan passed round some maps of various paths in LCC area and noted that the several booklets that were produced 15 or so years ago had been very useful. She praised Lauderdale for the work that has been put in to keep the network of paths going.

5.2 Alistair said that Lauder got money from the Lottery Fund for some of the paths but this was funding for new projects only and not for maintenance which is badly needed. He will email Susan about the repairs needed to the bridge near the Chuckie Lodge

- 5.3 The Community Pay-Back (Criminal Justice) Team is booked to give a hand with the paths around Lauder but they are extremely busy.
- 5.4 The question was raised about what to do if a Core Path is blocked by a landowner and Steve will contact Susan further about this.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Planning. –
 - 6.1.1 Extension to Black Bull – no comment, alteration and extension to The Haven – no comment, removal of harling in The Loan – no comment, extension to 3 Cranston Road, no comment. The only concern was the formation of access tracks at Whitlaw Farm and the planning committee agreed to keep a close watch on this.
 - 6.1.2 A meeting was held with Oxton CC sub committee to discuss surrounding wind farms and how to access Community Benefit.
 - 6.1.3 There is concern about the height of the proposed windmills and their impact on our surrounding hills but it is very difficult to object and be listened to. LCC has commented on both Ditcher Law and Longcroft and public meetings are being held to discuss the extension to Fallago Rig called Dunside.
- 6.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 6.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 6.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 6.4.1 Judi has received complaints about the postie trolleys littering the street outside the Post Office. It is hoped that a storage area for them will be found shortly.
 - 6.4.2 A resident on Greenlaw Road has been receiving deliveries for the Woodland Lodges opposite. Edward explained that he has contacted the Post Office about separate postcodes.
 - 6.4.3 There has been a query about the fruit trees to be planted at the school to celebrate the late Queen's 96th birthday.
- 6.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The spring work is in progress and plants for the hanging baskets and planters will arrive this week.
- 6.6 Paths Group. Nothing to report.
- 6.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 6.9 Defibrillators.
 - 6.9.1 The company developing the site at Allanbank will give money to the Group and will install a defibrillator in the scheme.
 - 6.9.2 The battery is low in the one outside the Pharmacy and spare pads are being restocked.
 - 6.9.3 Eugene Brandeschi is donating £100 to the Defibrillator group from the proceeds of his book.
- 6.10 Leisure Centre. Nothing to report.
- 6.11 A68. A meeting was held and the trees on Edinburgh Road will be replaced in the Autumn. There will be 2 bike racks outside Weigh Greener, 2 at the Post Office and 2 at the Leisure Centre including a maintenance rack. The rattling manhole cover at the top of the Row was reported.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Jenny will look into a Pavement Audit around Lauder, checking on dropped kerbs and obstacles.
- 7.2 There was concern about the Coop closing early due to staff shortages and rumour has it that it is for sale so there is no assurance for new staff recruitment.
- 7.3 Concerns were raised about the Boundary Commission trying to move our constituency into Midlothian rather than Berwickshire.
- 7.4 It was agreed to cancel the meeting in July due to holidays and go to Blainslie in August. A meeting can be called at short notice if there is a problem.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 14th August 2023 at Blainslie Village Hall at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**