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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 14th August 2023 at Blainslie Village Hall at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Ross Montague, Judi Gunn, Councillors David Parker and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Jack Ponton, Councillor Jenny Linehan

4 members of the public,

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated.

3.1 There has been vandalism to some of the LiB beds and small missiles have been thrown at some front doors and windows but no one spotted. PC Porter has been informed.

3.2 Concern was raised about sheep worrying and loose dogs on The Common as well as indiscriminate parking. Ross will follow up this problem.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The June minute was proposed by Ross and seconded by Judi.

5. Matters arising

5.1 There was discussion on the future of the Coop but it was noted that no decision would be made until October. David will keep an eye on this.

5.2 SBC has answered the consultation from the Boundary Commission about changes to the parliamentary constituencies.

6. Buses – Jenny has been working on this and will report back at the next meeting.

7. Cemetery

7.1 Lauder Cemetery needs an upgrade to bring it up to safety standard. This will take around 2 years as the work can only be done in the Spring. Thomas Brown & Sons are also helping SBC. Any leaning stones will be flattened and it is up to the families to restore or pay for restoration.

8. Reports

8.1 Planning. –

8.1.1 Extension to Bellfield, Crofts Road – no comment, New dwelling at Wellpark, East Morriston, no comment, application for Section 75 to be removed at New Jeanniefield, no comment, application for 2 new industrial units at Fire Station for furniture maker, support.

8.1.2 There has been an archaeological survey on the field below Allanbank and the digger knocked down a wall and killed a tree. The wall must be reinstated.

- 8.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 8.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). The Football Club has applied for a grant to upgrade the grass on the pitches. David noted that there will be not much spare cash for a year or two until funds are consolidated.
- 8.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 8.4.1 Help is needed to keep the passage from Wyndhead opposite the Lodge tidy and clear. John will check on this one.
 - 8.4.2 The Old Skip field is owned by LCG and is rented from them. Someone has been strimming the path and fermented grass cuttings are dangerous for the horses in the field. Steve will warn the Paths Group.
 - 8.4.3 John will tell SBC Roads that the turning from the Blainslie road at Threepwood Crossroads is becoming very blind.
 - 8.4.4 A request will be submitted for 20mph speed signs at Blainslie.
- 8.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Lauder was judged on 3-Aug fortunately before the vandalism to some of the beds and planters. Awaiting results.
- 8.6 Paths Group. The Blainslie path has been strimmed by SBC. A work day is planned but the whins at the Glebe onto the Common need seriously cut back and John will chase the Criminal Justice team.
- 8.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 8.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Funding has been applied for and the Christmas lights turn-on will be 3-Dec.
- 8.9 Defibrillators. All reported working. The Health Centre one needs a heated box. The Golf Club is raising money for one up there.
- 8.10 Leisure Centre. AGM was held and 2 new committee members were elected.
- 8.11 A68. The trees on Edinburgh Road will be replaced in the Autumn. Bollards to stop lorries parking on the road opposite the Coop are being asked for.

9. AOB

- 9.1 The Church corner/Mid Row/Causeway/Mill Wynd needs attention.
- 9.2 There is a survey from Live Borders about booking halls which is a problem as it is costly and needs money up front. Halls in Lauder will be brought up at the next meetings.
- 9.3 Concern was raised about the rubbish outside the grocery shop but the post trolley problem has gone.
- 9.4 John will check on advertising signs especially at the Peatman corner which are not taken down.
- 9.5 There is limited parking for the Leisure Centre and the Men's Shed and removal of the wall behind the LC was suggested.
- 9.6 John will look into the painting of a white line to stop parking on the drive at Causeway.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 11th September 2023 at Lauder School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**