

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 11th September 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm and
by ZOOM



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Edward Maitland-Carew by ZOOM, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Councillors David Parker and Jenny Linehan by ZOOM

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Ross Montague, Judi Gunn, Councillor John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

6 members of the public,

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. This had been circulated.

3.1 There has been more vandalism to some of the LiB beds but no one spotted. PC Porter has been informed.

3.2 Speeding on A68 in Lauder and on the Stow Road. The question was asked about whether the 20mph limit was compulsory as it is perceived that no one adheres to it. David confirmed that it is not a pilot scheme any more and is compulsory. This problem will be passed on to Ian Porter.

3.3 It was reported that there were occasions when traffic jumped the red light at the pedestrian crossing.

3.4 There was a query about a chicane traffic calming on the Stow Road. Once the Allanbank development is complete, the entrance road and turning bollards may help to slow down the traffic.

3.5 David said that the speed camera on Edinburgh Road was only set for 60mph – no speed camera can be set to 20mph and that Speed Camera Scotland will shortly be removing it.

3.6 There is a need for repainting of white lines at the Burnmill junction.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The August minute was proposed by Steve and seconded by Alistair.

5. Matters arising

5.1 There are rubbish trolleys permanently outside the KeyStore and the Pharmacy. Jenny asked for photographs so that she could inform the Refuse Department.

6. Co-option of New Member

6.1 Marilyn Aitkenhead gave a resume of her interests. As a retired occupational psychologist, she lives in Lauder and is an active member of LiB and other charities. She is interested in LCC especially regarding wind farms in the area and the community benefit.

7. **Buses** – It was agreed to keep buses on the Agenda as Jenny is still gathering data. Most of the late buses on A68 and A7 have been ceased which is a concern.

8. Reports

8.1 Planning. –

8.1.1 Change of use of dairy at Chapel for holiday let accommodation – no objection.

8.1.2 Ditcher Law Wind Farm. LCC has one month to comment on this revised application. There is a copy of this in the Oxton Community Shop and there will be a public consultation in Oxton Memorial Hall – date to be advised.

8.1.3 Longcroft Wind Farm. There will be 2 public consultations, one in Oxton and one in Lauder – post meeting note, Lauder Public Hall 25-Sep 3pm till 8pm and Oxton on 26-Sep from 3 till 8.

8.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.

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

8.4 LCC Outreach. Judi not present.

8.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Lauder was presented with a Gold Award at Keep Scotland Beautiful Award Ceremony. LiB won 3 trophies altogether and were only beaten by one point by North Berwick in the final.

8.6 Paths Group. The path from the bridge via the horse field to the cemetery has not been trimmed. Alistair will attend to this.

8.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.

8.8 Christmas Lighting. Funding has been applied for through the Eildon Area Partnership and the Christmas lights turn-on will be 3-Dec.

8.9 Defibrillators. All reported working. The Health Centre one now has a heated box. The Golf Club is raising money for one up there. The group are also looking into one at the Police Station and at the new development at Allanbank. Thanks to Jim Finlay and Steve is organising a dance in the Public Hall to raise money.

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 Kate reported on progress on the Cycle Track opposite the Fire Station. The Cycle Club is raising money for a Feasibility Study to utilise the boggy field next to the Glenrath development. The Cycle Club are also looking into a cycle track past the new Allanbank development and tracks in the forestry on Whitlaw Farm. The Tour de Lauder will be back in 2024 to be known as the Steve Cully Memorial.

9.2 Edward congratulated Lauder In Bloom on their successes.

9.3 He also noted that the pavement on the A68 from the Coop to the tennis courts badly needs attention.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 16th October 2023 at Lauder School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**