

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 16th September 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm and
by ZOOM



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Judi Gunn, Councillor John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Marilyn Aitkenhead, Emma Herdman and Joanne Dryburgh

Apologies: Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillors David Parker and Jenny Linehan

PC Ian Porter, Community Policeman

1 member of the public,

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. Ian Porter reported on an assault on 3-Sep-23 in Lauder High Street.

3.1 Ian has heard about vandalism to LiB flower beds but he has had no specific complaints. He asked for proof or CCTV evidence.

3.2 Speeding on A68 in Lauder and on the Stow Road. Ian asked for proof and a registration number if a vehicle is seen speeding or jumping the red lights at the pedestrian crossing. He hoped that when the new houses are built at Allanbank it may steady the traffic on Stow Road.

3.3 Answering a question on control of dogs, he confirmed that if a dog bites a human or is seen worrying sheep it is a policy matter. Police have no jurisdiction over dogs biting other dogs or farm gates being left open.

3.4 Ian and John will check on transport of windfarm towers and blades.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The September minute was proposed by Jack and seconded by Steve.

5. Notice of Motion for Co-option of New Members – proposed by Alistair Smith and seconded by Steve Aitchison - Adopted

5.1 Dr Marilyn Aitkenhead, 5 The Loan, Lauder TD2 6TL – Full member with voting rights after 3 months

5.2 Mrs Rachel Emma Herdman, 7a Market Place, Lauder TD2 6SR and

5.3 Mrs Joanne Dryburgh, 13 Wyndhead Steading, Lauder TD2 6UD

6. Discussion on buses

6.1 This item will be carried forward as Councillor Linehan needs to be present.

6.2 John explained that there are not enough bus drivers in the Borders so that some routes are in jeopardy.

6.3 A group has been set up “Lauderdale Bus Action Group” which includes Oxton.

7. South of Scotland Coast to Coast Cycle Path – Stranraer to Eyemouth

- 7.1 It was agreed to keep this on the agenda. Anne will contact the organisers of South of Scotland Enterprise to see if a link to Lauder could be incorporated from the route between Melrose and Coldstream.

8. Reports

- 8.1 Planning. – New house at Brigadoon, Pyatshaw – no comment
- 8.1.1 Ditcher Law Wind Farm. LCC has to have comments in by 28th October. Jack had prepared a draft comment. Jack noted that the turbines would be 200m high and very dominating. There was concern about effect on housing nearby, interruption to private water supplies, and the fact that no one in the local community had been consulted. Steve will put up a page on Facebook for personal comments to go to the developers. It is a toss-up between supporting green energy and despoiling the Lammermuirs.
- 8.1.2 Marilyn will contact local communities in Lanarkshire and will try to travel there where there are 200m high turbines and report back. John will try and access OS maps of all the wind farms in Lauderdale and nearby.
- 8.2 Treasurer. The accounts have been audited. It was agreed that there would be no bonfire or fireworks this year but it was noted that there are not enough community events.
- 8.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 8.4 LCC Outreach. Judi reported on the final tree not felled on Edinburgh Road, the uneven pavement surface between the Coop and Brownsmuir Park, and the need for the Breast Screening Unit to come to Lauder. John agreed to pursue comments about the state of road signs and overhanging branches and the lack of a 20mph flashing sign in Blainslie.
- 8.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The replanting and removal of hanging baskets is going well.
- 8.6 Paths Group. One bridge was severely damaged in the latest flood and the Paths Group needs a Secretary and more money and labour. It was agreed to communicate with Oxtou about making the path to Lauder more accessible.
- 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. More are planned outside the Masons, the Golf Club, the Police Station, the new houses at Allanbank and the Caravan Park.
- 8.10 Leisure Centre. The Leisure Centre and Community Shed are running well.
- 8.11 A68. Nothing to report.

9. AOB

- 9.1 The road signs need attention at Factors Park, Southern Upland Way and Church Corner.
- 9.2 The Notice Boards in Lauder are in a shocking state and Alistair asked for help to sort them.
- 9.3 The rubbish trolleys outside the Premium Store are still very unsightly.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 13th November 2023 at Lauder School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**