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## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30pm and  
by ZOOM



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Judi Gunn by ZOOM, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Emma Herdman, Joanne Dryburgh, Councillors David Parker by ZOOM and Jenny Linehan by ZOOM, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Councillor John Paton-Day,

PC Ian Porter, Community Policeman

0 member of the public,

### 2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

### 3. Police Report. Ian Porter reported that unlike the rest of Scotland, Bonfire Night had raised no problems due to good work prior to that date.

- 3.1 Chief Inspector Vinnie Fisher has moved on to be replaced by Stuart Fletcher.
- 3.2 Various vehicles have been caught speeding on Soutra.
- 3.3 There has been a rise in the drugs problem throughout the Borders.
- 3.4 A Drink Driving Campaign will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> December until 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The October minute was proposed by Jack and seconded by Alistair.

### 5. Discussion on buses

- 5.1 Jenny reported that the new timetable has cut out some late buses.
- 5.2 It was noted that buses stop at Milestone Garden Centre and do not go into Newtown.
- 5.3 There will be changes to the timetable in the new year.
- 5.4 Steve will report on the Lauder Bus Action group at the next meeting.

### 6. South of Scotland Coast to Coast Cycle Path – Stranraer to Eyemouth

- 6.1 It was agreed to keep this on the agenda.

### 7. Reports

- 7.1 Planning. – Retrospective application for 17 The Row – no comment
  - 7.1.1 Ditcher Law Wind Farm. Anne will ask for an extension of time so that LCC can get the result of a survey of local residents to forward to Scottish Government and SBC.
  - 7.1.2 Work on the survey document is still ongoing and Jenny was asked if SBC could help with the printing.
  - 7.1.3 There was discussion on the size of the turbines, the effect they may have on local residents and whether they may be Community Benefit. If Community Benefit is

granted it was agreed that there must be a very tight contract signed as energy companies have been known to offer benefit and then renege.

- 7.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 7.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report. Next meeting 12-Dec.
- 7.4 LCC Outreach. Still no sign of a 20mph flashing sign in Blainslie.
- 7.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). A work party has been formed to gather Festive Foliage.
- 7.6 Paths Group. The Criminal Justice team has started work on the Burnmill loop including a new bridge. There should be more grant money to come.
- 7.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 7.8 Christmas Lighting. A Christmas tree will be delivered and the Christmas lights turn-on will be 2-Dec. The new lights will be installed by 27-Nov.
- 7.9 Defibrillators. All reported working. A new one is installed outside the Masons, the Golf Club are donating two-thirds towards their one which will be installed in the new year and fund raising events will be held in Jan and Feb.
- 7.10 Leisure Centre. The Leisure Centre and Community Shed are running well.
- 7.11 A68. Nothing to report.

## **8. AOB**

- 8.1 There is a very weak spot on the A697 near the Longcroft roadend.
- 8.2 Earlston High School is holding surveys throughout the catchment area.
- 8.3 There is a large hole on the pavement on East High Street.
- 8.4 The street signs are still needing sorted.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Lauder School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**