

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

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 12th February 2024 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*, Judi Gunn, Emma Herdman, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Councillor David Parker by ZOOM

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Joanne Dryburgh, Councillors Jenny Linehan and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

James Cameron from RES for Longcroft Wind Farm and 2 members of the public, 1 by ZOOM

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. None.

- 3.1 There was still concern about the speed check sign at the south entrance to Lauder which is only working intermittently.
- 3.2 A break-in had been reported in The Orchard. A car was stolen and found wrecked elsewhere.

4. Discussion with Jim Cameron of RES

- 4.1 Emma had put together a list of questions, mostly on community benefit, for Jim.
- 4.2 The community benefit is based on installed megawatt rather than electricity generated.
- 4.3 It is up to LCC and Oxtun CC to work out how community benefit is split.
- 4.4 He explained about the Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) which involves payment by RES of around £200 per year towards their electric bill to certain buildings within a range of the turbines. This is reviewed annually. Emma asked if she could be sent a copy of a draft contract for this service.
- 4.5 It was suggested that a trust be set up so that the more vulnerable could benefit or a fund to start up more green projects.
- 4.6 There was concern about leakage from the lithium batteries facility on the plan which store power for a short time.
- 4.7 Jim said he would send some answers to the list of questions when he had studied them fully.

5. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

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

6. Confirmation of Co-options

Emma Herdman and Joanne Dryburgh are now full members of LCC along with Marilyn Aitkenhead.

7. Buses – Jenny has invited Gordon from SBC Transport to talk at the meeting on 15th April 2024

8. South of Scotland Cycling – to be discussed at a further meeting

9. Reports

- 9.1 Planning.
- 9.1.1 Retrospective Annex Accommodation Pyatshaw Schoolhouse Lauder. No comment.
- 9.1.2 Wind Farm applications. Ditcher Law (Headshaw and Hillhouse), Longcroft (Longcroft and Glenburnie). It is interesting that there is still no comment on these from SBC.
- 9.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 9.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 9.4 LCC Outreach.
- 9.4.1 A request has been received that the draft minutes come out the next day after the meeting and that a list of LCC meeting dates for the next 3 months be circulated.
- 9.4.2 The residents of South Gardens are still concerned about the bottom of the footpath on Crofts Road, where the entrance is to the Park and the Health Centre. There have been instances of children flying out on their bikes and dogs running out as well. They are also anxious about speeding on Croft Road. These problems have been discussed before and David informed the meeting that they have been looked into and there is no possible solution to either.
- 9.5 Paths Group. The Criminal Justice team are working hard and improvements have been made. The SBC footbridge up near the quarry has now become unsafe and work will start shortly. Small Scheme funding may be required.
- 9.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 9.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Lauder has been nominated for Britain in Bloom in the Large Village class which will be judged in August. There are only 4 teams from Scotland.
- 9.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 9.9 Defibrillators. All AEDs inspected and working in Jan/Feb. The filling station has agreed to place one on the outside on the Brownsmuir Road side. They will add a donation and British HART may help with this. Should there be one at the Public Hall?
- 9.10 Leisure Centre. Teenagers have been not allowed entry and it was agreed that Alistair will invite the Manager to a LCC meeting to discuss. On the strength of this it was agreed that Alistair will call a meeting to discuss the Public Hall usage as well.
- 9.11 A68. There has been no follow-up from BEAR yet but the trees on the Edinburgh Road are being replaced.

10. AOB

- 10.1 David is still pursuing the flashing lights at Blainslie.
- 10.2 The lines at the overflow car park opposite the school have become very faded and David will look into renewing them.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings – **Monday 11th March 2024, Monday 15th April 2024 and Monday 13th May 2024 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**