

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 March 2024 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Judi Gunn, Edward Maitland-Carew, Joanne Dryburgh, Emma Herdman, Councillor David Parker by ZOOM

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Jack Ponton, Councillors Jenny Linehan and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

2 members of the public, 1 by ZOOM

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. None.

3.1 Anne was asked to contact Police as there has been no Police Report this year.

3.2 A new speed sign has been put up on the south entrance to Lauder.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The February minute was proposed by Judi and seconded by Alistair.

5. LCC Constitution and Equalities Statement

These were signed by the LCC officials and will be circulated.

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

6.1 There was concern about the lack of buses on Sunday mornings to the BGH now that appointments are being set for Sundays.

6.2 Please prepare questions for Gordon for the next meeting.

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

8. Lauderdale Wind Farms

8.1 Emma, Marilyn and Joanne have circulated an updated comments sheet on surrounding wind farms and applications. There is a new application for Greystone Knowe due west of Fountainhall.

8.2 Anne was asked to contact John for an overview map of all acting and proposed wind farms south of Edinburgh.

9. Reports

9.1 Planning. Nothing to report.

9.2 Treasurer. SBC has sent a bill for printing for the Wind Farm Survey of £11. There is a fair amount of money ringfenced for various projects – it was agreed to check with Lauder Kirk about money ringfenced for them.

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 lack of signage at the bottom of the footpath on Crofts Road, where the entrance is to the Park and the Health Centre. There is no solution to this problem.
- 9.4.3 The potholes on the Blainslie road have been filled but there are still ones on the Cuddyhaugh road and the B3632 from the A68 to High Cross. Judi asked for people to report potholes to her for the next meeting.
- 9.5 Paths Group. The work at the Burnmill is nearly complete. There was concern about liability for the path from the cemetery to the golf course which is on private land.
- 9.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report. It was noted that these meetings are mainly for larger towns.
- 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. Hedgecutting is taking place before birds start nesting.
- 9.8 Lauderdale Initiative. The committee wish to change the tree lights.
- 9.9 Defibrillators. All AEDs inspected and working in Feb/Mar. The filling station has agreed to place one on the outside on the Brownsmuir Road side if we raise the money. They will add a donation and British HART may help with this. Should there be one at the Public Hall?
- 9.10 Leisure Centre. It was agreed that Alistair will invite the Manager to a LCC meeting.
- 9.11 A68. The entrance to the Industrial Estate needs attention.

10. AOB

- 10.1 The ZOOM part of LCC meetings is not satisfactory and it is hoped to be able to remedy this. SBC and Lauder School do not allow access to their wifi any more. It was agreed to contact SBC and other CCs to ask advice.
- 10.2 There was anxiety about the danger of school children running across the A68 from Thirlestane Drive, particularly in the dark, to catch the school bus to Earlston. Anne will contact Jenny.
- 10.3 Eve from Whiteburn will come to the May meeting to discuss Allanbank development.
- 10.4 Anne was asked to send a password, passcode and ID with the ZOOM link.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings – **Monday 15th April 2024, Monday 13th May 2024 Monday 10th June at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM. There will be no meeting in July due to holidays unless urgent.**