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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 13th May 2024 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford by Zoom, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton by Zoom, Edward Maitland-Carew by Zoom, Joanne Dryburgh, Emma Herdman, Councillors David Parker by Zoom and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Judi Gunn, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Councillor Jenny Linehan
Eve McCurrich from Whiteburn by Zoom

Ross Laird from and Marlene Marimbe from Scottish Power Energy Networks

7 members of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. No Police Report this month.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The April minutes need more discussion.

5. Allanbank Development

- 5.1 Eve reported that there is no specific start date yet due to technical, legal and funding problems.
- 5.2 Street names were discussed with approval for tree-related names.
- 5.3 Eve put up a diagram of the site showing the new footpath, substation, water main and entrances from the Stow Road.
- 5.4 There will be separate drainage for surface water and foul water which will flow under Allanbank Gardens to the burn.
- 5.5 The resident from Allanbank Stables requested information on protection of ground nesting birds and daily timing of building work. Eve answered that a bat and badger survey had been undertaken and that bird nesting boxes were being set up. Work will begin at 8am and finish at 5pm and water bowsers will be provided to control dust.
- 5.6 It was confirmed that there were 3 Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) on mature trees in the field and that a shrub hedge would be planted on the boundaries between Allanbank Stables and Allanbank Gardens.
- 5.7 The 27 Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA) houses will be built first.
- 5.8 It was hoped that the 20mph limit would be extended on the Stow Road and that an island be erected to help slow the traffic.

6. Discussion on proposed Gala North Substation – fields at Threepwood Bridge

- 6.1 Ross and Marlene explained that there is a need for the transfer of wind farms electric into the grid. There will also be a need for more overhead line projects. These should all be up and running by 2029

- 6.2 There will be 2 consultation sessions in the Public Hall on 28th and 31st May.
- 6.3 Ross forwarded a presentation on the proposal which has been circulated.

7. Buses

- 7.1 The buses to Berwick do not coordinate for Lauder residents.
- 7.2 It was hoped that a system trialled in Berwickshire (PINGO) might be extended.
- 7.3 A small bus service over Lauderhill to Stow Station to fit in with train times would be helpful.

8. Lauderdale Wind Farms

- 8.1 Correspondence with all local clubs and societies has been initiated to co-ordinate any Community Benefit needs.
- 8.2 A standalone group would be commendable to handle Community Benefit possibly between Oxtan, Stow and Lauderdale.
- 8.3 The Lauderdale Development Trust company is not now available.
- 8.4 It would be helpful to develop collaborative relationships with our neighbouring communities, particularly if we decide to seek a shared ownership deal.

9. Reports

- 9.1 Planning. Replacement of Flat Roof Area at 32 East High Street and Work to Tree at Lauderdale Hotel – no comments. Jack expressed concern that the proposed substation on fields at Threepwood Bridge was an industrial development on agricultural food producing land.
- 9.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report. Lorraine will present the Cornet's pin at the Common Riding Coffee Morning.
- 9.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Meeting next week and a hill rally on The Common permitted in early June. Work will start shortly on the back pitch to improve drainage.
- 9.4 LCC Outreach. Nothing to report
- 9.5 Paths Group. Nothing to report.
- 9.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 9.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). 8th August is judging day.
- 9.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 9.9 Defibrillators. It is hoped a donation will be received from the Steve Cully Memorial Bike Ride.
- 9.10 Leisure Centre. It was agreed that Alistair will invite the Manager to a LCC meeting.
- 9.11 A68. Nothing to report.

10. AOB

- 10.1 Concern was expressed about the fading white lines in Lauder and Blainslie.
- 10.2 It was noted that there were bins overflowing on both laybys on Soutra which is encouraging flytipping.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings –**Monday 10th June, Monday 12th August, at Lauder Primary School and Monday 9th September at 7.30 and by ZOOM. There will be no meeting in July due to holidays unless something urgent.**