

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 10th June 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*, by Zoom, Judi Gunn, Joanne Dryburgh, Emma Herdman, Councillor Jenny Linehan by Zoom

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Councillors David Parker and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

7 members of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. It was noted that the south entrance speed signs are still not working. Vandalism has been reported this week at the Primary School, broken glass and damage to building.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The April minute with amendment was approved by Emma and seconded by Joanne and the May minute was approved by Lorraine and seconded by Emma.

5. Allanbank Development

- 5.1 There has been no update on SBC Planning Portal since Dec-23. Jenny reported that she and David are chasing this.
- 5.2 There is no update on whether Scottish Government (SG) has released money to build the Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA) houses.
- 5.3 Concern was raised again about the water problems, both supply and run-off. Alistair will chase this with David and Scottish Water.
- 5.4 It was hoped that a representative from Whiteburn will attend the August meeting.

6. Buses

- 6.1 Joanne's email to Ross Sharp-Dent has been forwarded to Jenny.
- 6.2 Pathhead is having similar problems to Lauder.

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

- 7.1 Anxiety was expressed about construction traffic on the road from Lauder to Threepwood and the size of the concrete footprint.
- 7.2 Concern was expressed about the environmental impact of this proposed development.

8. Lauderdale Wind Farms

- 8.1 Progress has been made with arranging introductory meetings and attending information sessions with South of Scotland Enterprise Community Section, Social Investment Scotland, Community Renewables and Aileen Todd of Community Benefit.
- 8.2 Informal meetings are being arranged with Stow, Fountainhall and Oxtou CCs.

9. Reports

- 9.1 Planning. Extension to 20 Crofts Road and 4 Cranston Crescent and addition of 3 lodges west of Woodheads – no comments.
- 9.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 9.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Concern was expressed about drainage from The Glebe which floods the back pitches.
- 9.4 LCC Outreach.
- 9.4.1 Lack of white lines around Blainslie area. Judi will take pictures and forward to Jenny.
- 9.4.2 Comment on the traffic in Lauder due to Vintage Car Rally.
- 9.5 Paths Group. The path from St Leonards to Blainslie will be reinstated. Work on the Burnmill loop is ongoing.
- 9.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 9.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). 8th August is judging day. All bedding plants and hanging baskets are in place.
- 9.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 9.9 Defibrillators. Nothing to report.
- 9.10 Leisure Centre. There is an assessment in progress about plans going forward for this.
- 9.11 A68. Nothing to report.

10. AOB

- 10.1 Concern was expressed about the state of Earlston Health Centre.
- 10.2 There is a need for a disabled parking space in The Avenue. However, this need may be more relevant to a space outside the Post Office and shops.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings – **Monday 12th August including AGM, at Lauder Primary School and Monday 9th September at 7.30 and by ZOOM, Monday 14th October at Blainslie Village Hall.**
There will be no meeting in July due to holidays unless something urgent comes up.