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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 9th September 2024 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew, Joanne Dryburgh, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Councillors Jenny Linehan and David Parker by Zoom

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Judi Gunn, Emma Herdman, Councillor John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

9 members of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

3.1 There had been no Police Report.

3.2 There was serious concern about vehicles speeding on Stow Road, particularly children on their way to and from the School AND the A68 crossing at Thirlestane Drive. David was pessimistic about adding speed bumps or a push button crossing but agreed to look into both. The Allanbank development will cause many more cars on the Stow Road and there are many pedestrians and dog walkers crossing the A68.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings. The August minute was approved by Jack and seconded by Joanne.

5. Galashiels North Sub Station at Threepwood Brig – In view of the lack of information it was agreed to keep this item on the agenda. David noted that SBC is looking into this proposal very thoroughly.

6. Allanbank Development

6.1 Eve McCurrich of Whiteburn had been invited to this meeting but she was on holiday.

6.2 The landowner reported that the Section 75 consent on developer contribution was taking a long time to negotiate between Whiteburn and SBC.

7. Lauderdale Wind Farms

7.1 A Public Meeting is being called for Tuesday 8th October at the Public Hall.

7.2 Catherine Francis, Community Development Advisor, South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE). will help with co-ordinating this meeting. It has been called to see what requirements there are in Lauder, Lauderdale and neighbouring areas and what grants can be obtained. These requirements will need to be discussed before knowledge of any wind farm benefit – which may never happen.

8. Buses Timetable – Jenny reported that the review of bus timetables and other strategies is progressing including a survey of Selkirk's Little Red Bus service.

9. South of Scotland Cycling Fund – Nothing to report.

10. Cemetery - A site visit is being arranged to sort out the care of the gravestones and grass.

11. Reports

- 11.1 Planning. Roofwork on 47 East High Street, demolition of derelict cottage at New Blainslie, removal of cement render 78 West High Street, annexe to Whitlaw Farmhouse and 2 new houses at Greenwood, Pyatshaw – no comments - although it was noted that Pyatshaw is becoming quite crowded.
- 11.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 11.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Next meeting 12-Sep-24. Extensive repairs are needed to the herd's house so there will not be any other grants awarded for the time being.
- 11.4 LCC Outreach. Nothing to report.
- 11.5 Paths Group. The bridge at the Burnmill has been repaired and the walkway round there is in progress. Rabbit wire was suggested in place of chicken wire to prevent slipping on bridges and walkways.
- 11.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Joanne and Marilyn had attended a group discussing the future of Area Partnerships and found it very helpful.
- 11.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Judging was held on 8-Aug-24 but nothing will be heard until 21-Oct-24. 2 members of LiB were invited to Aberdeen to attend Beautiful Scotland Awards ceremony.
- 11.8 Lauderdale Initiative. A Dinner Dance is arranged for 21st September in the Lauderdale to raise funds for Xmas tree lights.
- 11.9 Defibrillators. All defibs working well. A meeting has been arranged to demonstrate them working along with CPR on 26th October.
- 11.10 Leisure Centre. There is a need for support for the Leisure Centre.
- 11.11 A68. The bollards have been installed at the garage and trees on Edinburgh Road will be planted shortly.

12. AOB

- 12.1 Alex Bailey asked for help as his woods beside the school and beside the path to The Orchard need trimmed by him and a suitable time for a meeting will be arranged.
- 12.2 Marilyn will lay the LCC wreath for LCC on Remembrance Sunday.
- 12.3 Anne will circulate details of Soutra and Pathhead roads closures.
- 12.4 With regret, the Chairman has accepted Steve Aitchison's resignation due to work pressure. He has been a very active LCC member and we are very grateful to him.
- 12.5 The back pitches have been re-surfaced but the drainage from The Glebe has not been sorted.
- 12.6 A large, intimidating dog has been regularly off the lead in The Park. Police should be made aware. David will check the 'No Dogs' signs in the Playpark.
- 12.7 Paul Wheelhouse is the Energy Consultant to the South of Scotland Enterprise.
- 12.8 The LCC stance on wind farms, substations and battery installations was queried. The Chairman answered that LCC keeps an open mind on all energy development and, sometimes, cannot do anything about it anyhow.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings **Monday 14th October at Blainslie Village Hall, Monday 11th November and Monday 9th December at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM.**