

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 12th August 2024 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Jack Ponton, Judi Gunn, Joanne Dryburgh, Councillor Jenny Linehan by Zoom

Apologies: Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Emma Herdman, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Councillors David Parker and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

PC Ian Porter

3 members of the public

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

- 3.1 Ian reported that the Force has been extremely busy due to so many local events.
- 3.2 A scheme has been launched to try to prevent rural theft. Lauderdale is particularly vulnerable as the A68 is a handy escape route.
- 3.3 CCTV in Lauder was discussed. Ian has details of companies who deal with this.
- 3.4 Speeding in 20mph zones, especially in East High Street was reported. However because SBC initiated the 20mph the Police are not obliged to regulate it.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The June minute was approved by Judi and seconded by Joanne.

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 Excerpt from email from Eve McCurrich of Whiteburn to LCC.
- 5.3 “We remain in dialogue with Scottish Borders Council on resolution of the Section 75(* see5.11) obligations for the overall development.
- 5.4 We have all technical consents to allow the development to commence
- 5.5 Sewer technical – Scottish Water
- 5.6 Water approval – Scottish Water – this will require main upgrades on the Stow Road
- 5.7 Road Construction Consent – SBC
- 5.8 Building warrant – private housing
- 5.9 Building warrant – affordable housing – is to be submitted in conjunction with SBHA we are in discussion on this.
- 5.10 Upon resolution with the council on the section 75 we will be in a position to confirm timelines.”
- 5.11 Section 75 explanation - “As Development Contributions can be required for Applicants to comply with SBC Policy, the conclusion of a Legal Agreement will be essential prior to the release of Planning

Permission. Development is prohibited until this point in the planning process is reached. For residential developments exceeding 16 units, applicants will ordinarily need to provide Affordable Housing on-site. This requirement is detailed in SPG no. 10 - Affordable Housing. In such cases, a S75 will always be necessary. As S75s are very complex and need to be registered as a Burden against Title, they will take longer to draft and conclude. Registration is necessary to make sure that the terms agreed are fully complied with, either by all of the signatories to the Legal Agreement, or anyone who acquires an interest in the development site after the agreement is concluded.”

6. **Buses Timetable** – Jenny is going to chase this especially buses on Sundays to get to appointments at BGH and she will also enquire about working of the Little Red Bus.
7. **South of Scotland Cycling Fund** – Waiting for Steve to update.
8. **Discussion on proposed Gala North Substation – fields at Threepwood Bridge** – SB Network to be invited to the next meeting and concern was expressed about the impact of this development.
9. **Lauderdale Wind Farms**
 - 9.1 It was noted that LCC could get money from the re-powering of Dun Law and Toddleburn.
 - 9.2 Marilyn, Joanne and Emma have been in contact with Local Energy Scotland Community and Renewable Energy Schemes (CARES) for advice on this subject. They have been advised to ask for more money than companies are offering but CARES will also help with other advice.
10. **Cemetery** - A site visit is being arranged to sort out the care of the gravestones and grass.
11. **Reports**
 - 11.1 Fleece workshop at Birkhill, Extension at 17 Cranston Road, Agricultural shed at Pyatshaw – no comments.
 - 11.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
 - 11.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Next meeting 27-Aug-24.
 - 11.4 LCC Outreach.
 - 11.4.1 Request for extension of 20mph between Blainslie and Middle Blainslie
 - 11.4.2 Lack of white lines at Bluecairn roadend to Blainslie.
 - 11.5 Paths Group. Nothing to report.
 - 11.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
 - 11.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Judging on 8-Aug-24 but nothing will be heard until 21-Oct-24.
 - 11.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
 - 11.9 Defibrillators. Nothing to report.
 - 11.10 Leisure Centre. There is a need for support for the Leisure Centre.
 - 11.11 A68. Nothing to report.
12. **AOB**
 - 12.1 LCC was represented at the Antiques Road Show at Thirlestane with the pennant being valued at £5,000.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings **Monday 9th September at 7.30 and by ZOOM, at Lauder Primary School, Monday 14th October at Blainslie Village Hall and Monday 11th November at Lauder Primary School.**