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## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 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*, Jack Ponton by Zoom, Judi Gunn, Joanne Dryburgh, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Councillors John Paton-Day, Jenny Linehan and David Parker, Scottish Borders Council (SBC) by Zoom

Apologies: Edward Maitland-Carew, Emma Herdman,  
3 members of the public

### 2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

### 3. Police Report. – there was no Police Report this month.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings. The October minute was approved by Jack and seconded by Judi.

### 5. Galashiels North Sub Station at Threepwood Brig and Cross Border Pylons

- 5.1 A meeting had been held in Caddonfoot Hall as part of the consultation on the Cross Border Pylons.
- 5.2 The question was asked about how could a consultation be held when the exact placing of the pylons was still very vague.
- 5.3 It was noted that access to the Gala North Sub Station at Threepwood for the heavy construction vehicles would be a problem. SBC will not comment on this project until the planning application comes in. Concern was expressed about the effect on Threepwood Moss, the burn and other nature around the area.
- 5.4 There will be many more consultation programmes needed before these projects are complete.

### 6. Allanbank Development - The Section 75 consent on developer contribution will be negotiated in November between Whiteburn and SBC therefore construction will not start until 2025.

### 7. Lauderdale Wind Farms - Joanne reported that her group had been trying to find updates on Community Benefit from the Community Renewable Energy Scheme (CRES). They will keep trying. She wondered about the progress on setting up planning applications for Ditcher Law and Longcroft and Jenny will check.

### 8. Buses Timetable – the timetable on the website needs updated and passengers were advised to check on Google.

### 9. Cemetery – No more update.

### 10. Reports

- 10.1 Planning. Nothing to report.
- 10.2 Treasurer. Lorraine and Alistair need authority to change banks so that payments can be made online as there is no local bank building and LCC can only pay by cheque.

Permission was asked for not to take the Annual Grant as there is plenty of money in the LCC account. It was proposed by Judi and seconded by Joanne that LCC give £200 towards the Christmas lights. A question was asked about help for the Cycle Club.

- 10.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 10.4 LCC Outreach.
- 10.4.1 Concern has been raised about the lack of a Post Office over Christmas as the present Post Office closes on 28-Nov-24 and the move to the Premier shop may not happen until end January. Also the lack of banking and other facilities. Anne has contacted John Lamont and will contact Christine Grahame. There was concern about the facilities in the Premier shop.
- 10.4.2 Request for a flashing speed sign at Blainslie.
- 10.4.3 It seems unfair that, due to the diversion at Cameron Toll, people are being fined under the Emissions Tax.
- 10.4.4 There is a lack of any organisation for teenagers in Lauder.
- 10.5 Paths Group. The group are working on the formation of a path from the Boon roadend to Lauder. The bridge at the Burn Mill needs work and the Paths Group needs more helpers.
- 10.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Marilyn and Joanne will attend these meetings.
- 10.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). Lauder has been awarded a Gold Medal by Britain in Bloom with comment that the pavements and streets were extremely clean. It was noted that bees and bugs had not been tested before judging only after judging for the Environmental Award. BEAR will be asked about putting up congratulation signs north and south of the Town.
- 10.8 Lauderdale Initiative. 7<sup>th</sup> December is Light Up ceremony. A fund raising ceilidh is planned for 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 10.9 Defibrillators. All defibs working well. Steve will carry on helping this project.
- 10.10 Leisure Centre. 4 electric bikes are being installed.
- 10.11 A68. Pathhead has 3 pedestrian crossings and there was a request for 2 more in Lauder. Alistair will speak to Tommy from BEAR.

## **11. AOB**

- 11.1 Reminder about disability parking at Post Office.
- 11.2 Concern was expressed about the lack of space on the left hand road towards Blainslie for cyclists who then have to cross the road at the first bridge above Lauder Barns. Judi asked for a horse sign as well as walkers and bicyclists at the 40mph signs.
- 11.3 Kate Jackson reported on progress with the Cycle Track at the old chicken sheds on Station Road. David noted that if a lease was requested from the Common Good there will need to be a consultation and a feasibility study. Kate requested help particularly as the site could be used for other purposes. LCC fully supported her on this project. Anne was asked to add this project to each Agenda.
- 11.4 Marilyn and Joanne reported on progress with the Community Action Plan (CAP). It was noted that Scottish Power Energy Network (SPEN) will give grants of £5,000 towards sustainable projects.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.