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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 13th January 2025 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Joanne Dryburgh, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Judi Gunn by Zoom, Councillors Jenny Linehan, David Parker and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC) by Zoom

Apologies: Jack Ponton, Edward Maitland-Carew, Emma Herdman,

2 members of the public

PC Ian Porter

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report.

3.1 Ian reported on the past month. He asked for any comments.

3.2 Parking in the bus stops and fading white lines were also discussed.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings. The December minute was approved by Lorraine and seconded by Marilyn with the addition of the word Blainslie on 3.5 and the removal of the final sentence on 12.3.

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

5.1 It was agreed to change the title of this item to ‘Threepwood/Woodheads (Gala North)’ so that people were certain where it will be placed.

5.2 It was agreed to ask for an update from both SPEnergy Network on the Threepwood/Woodheads sub station and the Grayling agents about the Cross Border Pylons as there has been no communication lately.

5.3 David was asked about whether an Environmental Survey will be held for the sub-station.

6. Allanbank Development - The Section 75 consent on developer contribution rests with the developer.

7. Lauderdale Wind Farms

7.1 Joanne and Marilyn reported that their group had been trying to find updates on Community Benefit from the Community Renewable Energy Scheme (CRES).

7.2 It was agreed that Amy Aitken from the Dun Law extension should be asked to a future meeting.

8. Buses– Nothing further to report.

9. Cemetery – Graeme Donald is meeting with SBC staff this week and will update LCC at the next meeting.

10. Cycle Track – The SBC Legal Team are looking into the plans for this as it is on Common Good land.

11. Reports

- 11.1 Planning. Scottish Forestry has published plans for hardwood tree planting on Blythe/Burncastle which look good.
- 11.2 Treasurer. Lorraine is still struggling to get access to digital banking.
- 11.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Refurbishing the Shepherd's House will take a fair amount of available funds.
- 11.4 LCC Outreach. Plans to upgrade the Bus stop at Boon roadend is still to be discussed. There has been no progress on the Disabled Bay at the Post Office. There has been no progress on re-whitening of the white lines around Lauder.
- 11.5 Paths Group. The legal agreement on liability for the path at the cemetery has been finalised between LCC, Lauderdale Estates and SBC.
- 11.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 11.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The festive foliage was very effective.
- 11.8 Lauderdale Initiative. A very well attended ceilidh was held to raise funds for the Christmas Lights.
- 11.9 Defibrillators. All defibs working well. A place for one on the south side of Lauder was discussed.
- 11.10 Lauder Community and Leisure Centre. Marilyn and Joanne attended a meeting there and reported on some of the problems being faced.
- 11.11 A68. The road will be closed during nights in the future to resurface between Boon and Whitslaid.

12. AOB

- 12.1 Chris Morris has been a great help on the actions for the Community Action Plan (CAP). It was agreed that this will be a regular item on LCC Agendas to summarise on progress and plan next steps.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings **Monday 10th February, Monday 10th March, Monday 14th April 2025 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**