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Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 9th December 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, Edward Maitland-Carew, Joanne Dryburgh, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Councillors Jenny Linehan and David Parker, Scottish Borders Council (SBC) by Zoom

Apologies: Emma Herdman, Judi Gunn, Councillor John Paton-Day,

4 members of the public

PC Ian Porter and Sergeant Crawford Laing

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 The planters at the Industrial Estate and at the speed cameras have been vandalised.
- 3.3 More concerns about dog fouling on the football pitch. Ian commented that he needs a further witness if he is going to charge someone.
- 3.4 There is a problem with parking in the bus stop at the Eagle and outside the Masonic Hall. The white lines are very faded and David will ask whether this is BEAR or SBC.
- 3.5 Concern has been raised about the Galadean/Blainslie turning onto and off the A68.

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

5. Galashiels North Sub Station at Threepwood Brig and Cross Border Pylons - Rachael Hamilton MSP (although not our MSP) is holding an on-line discussion on these on 16th December at 6pm.

6. Allanbank Development - The Section 75 consent on developer contribution has been discussed between SBC and Whiteburn but result not revealed yet.

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 noted that Community Benefit from surrounding wind farms should be updated with inflation, and that the geographic range for both previous and planned be reconsidered.
- 7.3 Support for any kind of volunteers could be accessed.
- 7.4 Should there be access for local people/groups to invest in wind farms.
- 7.5 It was agreed that Amy Aitken from the Dun Law extension should be asked to the January meeting.
- 7.6 There will be a new advanced system of mapping which should help in finding the accurate placing of each turbine.

8. Buses Timetable – There is now space for 2 bikes on route 51.

9. Cemetery – No more update.

10. Cycle Track – Kate showed 2 plans for the proposed bike track on Common Good land opposite the Fire Station. These will be discussed again including car parking possibilities.

11. Reports

11.1 Planning. Work to trees at De Sheil, Castle Wynd and Listed Building Consent for a Boiler at 12 The Row – no comments.

11.2 Treasurer. After discussion it has been agreed not to change bank account but stay with Bank of Scotland.

11.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.

11.4 LCC Outreach. Nothing to report

11.5 Paths Group. Nothing to report.

11.6 Eildon Area Partnership. Marilyn and Joanne could not attend the last meeting.

11.7 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). LiB has donated dog poo holders and dog poo bags in appropriate places round Lauder.

11.8 Lauderdale Initiative. 7th December was very wet and windy for Light Up ceremony. It was changed to the next day which was nearly as bad but enough people attended.

11.9 Defibrillators. All defibs working well. The Primary School has raised money towards their maintenance.

11.10 Leisure Centre. Various new members on the Committee have been elected at the AGM.

11.11 A68. Alistair is arranging a meeting with Tommy from BEAR.

12. AOB

12.1 Chris Morris has been a great help on the actions for the Community Action Plan (CAP). More consultation meetings will be held this week including one with the Parents' Council at the Primary School.

12.2 Alistair is looking into the leaks at the Public Hall.

12.3 Alex raised the point about flood mitigation at The Park and Playing Fields. He also questioned the amount of concrete which will be laid at Gala Substation North at Threepwood Brig which could cause much more flooding.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings **Monday 13th January, Monday 10th February, Monday 10th March 2025 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**