

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 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*, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Jack Ponton and Judi Gunn by Zoom, Councillors Jenny Linehan, and David Parker Scottish Borders Council (SBC) by Zoom

Apologies: Edward Maitland-Carew, Emma Herdman, Joanne Dryburgh, and SBC Councillor John Paton-Day,

6 members of the public

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

### 3. Police Report. – Police Reports had been received and there was nothing to discuss.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings. The January minute was approved by Lorraine and seconded by Marilyn with the removal of Marilyn from 11.10.

### 5. Threepwood/Woodheads (Gala North) Substation at Threepwood Brig plus discussion on Cross Border Power Connection Pylons –

5.1 It was noted from the floor that people in Lauder are not aware of the fact that there will be 2 sets of large pylons crossing the Scottish Borders to transfer electricity from Scotland to England. It was also noted that 24 hectares on the edge of Threepwood Farm would be concreted over and pylons connected to the sub-station planned there. An action group has been formed called Action Against Pylons. The Chairman asked if the group would put something in writing about its aims.

5.2 David stated that it was too early yet to make a balanced judgement on these plans.

5.3 It was hoped that Action Against Pylons would make contact with the Lauderdale and District Community Action Plan sub-committee.

5.4 It was noted that there are 4 potential projects in Lauderdale which need grid connection.

**ZOOM connection failed from now on so no more input from outsiders.**

### 6. Allanbank Development - The Section 75 consent on developer contribution rests with the developer and there has been a hold up.

### 7. Lauderdale Wind Farms - nothing to report apart from the Greystoneknowe project at Fountainhall being approved after appeal by the Reporter.

### 8. Buses– Nothing further to report.

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

### 10. Reports

10.1 Planning. No applications.

10.2 Treasurer. Lorraine reported that the defibrillator outside the Pharmacy had been damaged in the last gale and LCC has contributed £570 towards the repair. Also £559.45 has been passed on to the Paths Group and £200 towards the Christmas Lights.

- 10.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Refurbishing the Shepherd's House has taken a fair amount of available funds.
- 10.4 LCC Outreach. Owing to the Zoom outage there is no report this month.
- 10.5 Community Action Plan. The consultation meetings have been well attended and there will be more meetings towards the inclusion of young people. The next meeting should be on 14<sup>th</sup> May to consolidate everything and to prioritise all the suggestions.
- 10.6 Paths Group. A works and maintenance day has been planned for the spring.
- 10.7 Cemetery. Graeme Donald gave an update.
- 10.7.1 He reported that progress on cemetery maintenance is slow but sure. Robbie Brown is helping with the reinstatement of the sunken graves. Surgery is needed on the overgrown Leylandii tree. Volunteers are helping to sort out the Spoils area and to remove rubbish.
- 10.7.2 He asked if LCC members could visit the cemetery and report back with their thoughts.
- 10.7.3 He hoped that LCC could help with improving the path from Lauder to the cemetery.
- 10.7.4 He asked that SBC Councillors agree a plan to upgrade the Bothy for use by mourners using the Small Schemes Fund.
- 10.7.5 He asked if SBC Councillors could help with plans to upgrade the Cemetery road and the area outside the gates.
- 10.8 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 10.9 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). A Quiz Night is planned for 28-Feb to raise funds.
- 10.10 Lauderdale Initiative. A Race Night is planned on 28-Mar to raise funds for the Christmas Lights.
- 10.11 Defibrillators. The damage to the Pharmacy one is being sorted.
- 10.12 Lauder Community and Leisure Centre. Progress has been made towards improving the building and services.
- 10.13 A68. The road is closed during nights to resurface between Boon and Whitslaid. BEAR has been asked to send a representative to the next LCC meeting.

**11. AOB – Nothing.**

Date and place of Next 2 Meetings **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**