

Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on
Monday 10th March 2025 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at
7.30pm



1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Edward Maitland-Carew, Marilyn Aitkenhead, Joanne Dryburgh, Judi Gunn, Jack Ponton by Zoom, Councillors Jenny Linehan, and John Paton-Day Scottish Borders Council (SBC) by Zoom

Apologies: Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Emma Herdman and SBC Councillor David Parker

9 members of the public

PC Ian Porter

2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

3. Police Report. – Ian was asked to visit The Pharmacy as an amount of goods had been stolen from the front shop last week.

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings. The February minute was approved by Marilyn and seconded by Alistair with the addition of a Post Meeting Note about the change of date for the CAP consultation to 13th May.

5. Threepwood/Woodheads (Gala North) Substation at Threepwood Brig: Cross Border Power Connection Pylons: , Dun Law Extension Pylons: Woodheads Solar Panels and Battery Proposal

5.1 It was agreed to try to separate these 4 items although they are all connected to grid networks.

5.2 There was a discussion on all proposals although it was difficult to reach any conclusions without more information from the creators.

6. Allanbank Development - The Section 75 consent on developer contribution Is still with SBC lawyers.

7. Lauderdale Wind Farms - nothing to report apart except that any community payback is never going to be guaranteed.

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 and there may have to be a public consultation. The question was asked if LCC should take the lease and this was agreed if SBC concur.

10. Reports

10.1 Planning. Application for a further house at Pyatshaw. After confirmation on the position, it was agreed not to comment.

10.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.

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

10.4 LCC Outreach. Concern was expressed about loose dogs in the fenced-off children's play park and it was agreed to find out if signs could be put up.

10.5 Community Action Plan. The committee has been concentrating on consulting with younger people including Scouts, Primary School, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and

Explorers. The next important consultation meeting is on 13th May in the Public Hall from 7.00 till 8.30

- 10.6 Paths Group. Nothing to report.
- 10.7 Cemetery. Graeme Donald gave an update.
 - 10.7.1 Surgery has happened 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 SBC Councillors will look at the Bothy with a view to accessing grants for improvement.
- 10.8 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 10.9 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The Quiz Night on 28-Feb raised £870 and was much enjoyed.
- 10.10 Lauderdale Initiative. A Race Night is planned on 28-Mar to raise funds for the Christmas Lights.
- 10.11 Defibrillators. Nothing to report.
- 10.12 Lauder Community and Leisure Centre. A cabinet is being erected to charge up e-bikes.
- 10.13 A68. Tommy Deans from BEAR is to be re-invited to attend the next meeting.
- 10.14 Lauder Resilience. There will be an update on the Group which will use the Community and Leisure Centre (CLC) in emergency situations. There will also be an update on Facebook and the LCC website.

11. AOB

- 11.1 It was reported that the Earlston Filling Station and Shop is changing hands.
- 11.2 Progress was requested on the additional disabled parking bay in Market Place.
- 11.3 Alistair will speak to the Access Officer about certain Core and Cycle Paths.

Date and place of Next 3 Meetings **Monday 14th April, Monday 12th May and Monday 9th June 2025 at Lauder Primary School at 7.30 and by ZOOM.**

LCC Elections will take place thereafter