

MINUTE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Kelso Community Council held on Tuesday, 13th May 2014, in Kelso Town Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Minute

The Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2013 was approved on the proposal of Councillor Tomczyk and seconded by Councillor King.

Provost's Report

“Fellow Councillors I come to the end of my first year in office, in 2013 I attended two royal visits, fourteen opening, addressed one SBC Council meeting and over seventy other meetings and now look forward to the next year. I would like to thank you all for your support and a special mention must go to Shirley and George for all the work they do in the background and a big thank you to Dean for your help and support.

The Town of Kelso has seen a lot of changes over the last year and still a lot more to come. A new High School, Youth Club and the Jim Clark Rally in the town for the next three years at least. I hope we can build on this for the future of the Town and Community. With the help of all you here I know we can achieve everything we put our minds to.

The Facebook page we started has been very positive and is still going from strength to strength. We have also got a good Town website thanks to the Chamber of Trade. We have also made more use of the web and emails than ever before which I know has set communication between us all to a new standard, thank you again Shirley for keeping us all up to date.

To end my report I must say a special thank you to George Young for all the work you have done for Kelso Community Council and the Town. You will be sorely missed, your apprentice is doing a good job and I know would say thank you for making her hand over so easy. You have been a pleasure to work with and hope you do well in your next endeavour, you will be welcome back at any time, thank you.

I hope this year we see more members of the public attend our meetings and have their say. The only way to change things is to put your head over the parapet and help us make this Town the best place to live in the Borders.”

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2014. This showed a surplus on the General Fund of £198.61 which resulted in funds of £1,768.94 being carried forward. The Floral Gateway Account showed the expenses of £127.25 being paid in representing compost for the floral display. This left funds of £913 in that Account. There was no movement on the use of the Community Fund, the Floral Account and the CCTV Account apart from Bank interest. It was proposed by Councillor McGrath that the balance of funds in the Use in Community Funds should be donated to the new Youth Project at the Ice Rink. This was unanimously accepted by members of the Community Council.

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The Accounts were approved on the motion of Councillor D Weatherston, seconded by Councillor McGrath.

With regard to the CCTV funds Provost Bassett stated that following the problem with the damage to the toilets in Shedden Park he had spoken to Inspector Simpson at Scottish Borders Council pointing out that Kelso Community Council did have available funds of £5,141 which could be put towards the installation of a CCTV camera in Shedden Park. As the cameras are maintained by Scottish Borders Council, Inspector Simpson agreed to put a proposal to Scottish Borders Council highlighting the fact that funds are available from the Community Council. Inspector Simpson will come back to Kelso Community Council on this matter.

Councillor King stated that he felt that the CCTV camera in Roxburgh Street did not appear to be working. PC Howgego who was in attendance for the General Meeting of the Council stated that when problems arise with cameras they are referred to Scottish Borders Council who instruct a firm to repair cameras but the response from the repairers is quite slow. Councillor Nicol stated that he understood that there were cabling problems from the cameras to the base and he understood that in the current work which is being done in the centre of the Town new ducting is being installed.