



,
,

**Minutes of the Meeting of Kelso Community Council held in the Town Hall,
Kelso on Tuesday 9 May 2017, at 7.15 pm**

PRESENT: Councillors John Bassett, Ian Brown, Peter Cooper, Alan Hall, Betty Hodges, Gavin Horsburgh, Colin McGrath, Harry Tomczyk, Kerry Lee Yule and Dean Weatherston and Scottish Borders Councillors Tom Weatherston and Simon Mountford.

IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Redgrave (Secretary) Chamber of Trade, Alan Livingstone, Police Scotland Acting Inspector Jacqui McGuigan.

APOLOGIES: Councillors James McCombie, Matthew Boulton and SBC Councillor Euan Robson

- | |
|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please note questions to either the Scottish Borders Councillors or Kelso Community Councillors need to be submitted in writing to the Secretary seven days prior to meeting.• All Councillors to make a declaration of interest prior to discussion.• All correspondence to be circulated via the Secretary. |
|---|

Election of Office Bearers

As this was the first meeting of the newly elected Community Council for Kelso SBC Councillor T Weatherston took the chair. He asked for nominations for the position of chairman of Kelso Community Council. Councillor Dean Weatherston was proposed by Councillor Bassett and seconded by Councillor Tomczyk. Councillor Horsburgh was proposed as vice chairman nominated by Councillor D Weatherston and seconded by Councillor Bassett. Mrs S Redgrave agreed to remain as Secretary/Treasurer and this was proposed by Councillor Bassett and seconded by Councillor Horsburgh.

Councillor T Weatherston on behalf of the SBC Councillors expressed his thanks to Councillor Bassett for all the work he had undertaken as Provost over the last four years and offered his congratulations to Councillor D Weatherston on his appointment as the new Provost and Chair.

Welcome

The Provost welcomed members to the meeting and thanked Councillors for electing him Provost and Chair and extended his congratulations to Councillor Horsburgh on being elected Vice Chair.

Police Matters

Acting Inspector Jacqueline McGuigan advised the report for May 2017 had previously been circulated. She advised the report had a new format which she felt was more relevant and brief, with links for further information and would welcome feedback on the format.

Inspector McGuigan reminded members the Ward Priorities were – dishonesty, road safety, drug dealing and misuse of drugs and antisocial behaviour. She advised every recorded incident was included in the report.

Councillor D Weatherston commented he would welcome statistics on a quarterly basis with comparable figures. Inspector McGuigan advised she would endeavour to provide this but capturing the true situation would be difficult given the figures were fluid.

Councillor Mountford commented the incidence of crime was relatively low in the Borders region, however this did not negate on the impact of the individuals who had been affected.

Councillor T Weatherston made the comment in the past it had been know that a couple of individuals causing anti-social behaviour could cause statistics to rise dramatically.

In response to a question Inspector McGuigan advised the dog wardens who patrolled the town were in uniform.

Inspector McGuigan advised Rachel Stark was acting as Sergeant during Inspector Scott's absence.

Councillor Tomczyk and others advised they liked the new format of the report.

The Provost thanked Inspector McGuigan for attending the meeting.

Chamber of Trade report / Visit Kelso

Alan Livingstone advised work was progressing on revamping the website and he anticipated this being completed in the next six weeks.

Alan advised in view of the busy forthcoming weekend – Kelpies, International Horse Show and Country and Western Festival at the showground the Chamber of Trade and VisitKelso had encouraged traders to open on Sunday between 11.00am and 4.00pm. He said it was difficult to gauge how successful they would be, but would report back.

Alan advised the Chamber of Trade had received a grant from the SBC Quality of Life Fund to purchase 65 hanging baskets, these would be the property of the Chamber of Trade. The baskets would be stored at Newton Don and it was anticipated they would be put in place in the next couple of weeks.

Alan advised Visit Kelso now had two employees, Nikki Allman and Emily McGowan who were working side by side.

Councillor McGrath commented recently there had been an MG car event in the Square over the weekend and wondered whether the Community Council could have prior knowledge of such events. Councillor D Weatherston stressed the importance of the Community Council and VisitKelso knowing what was happening in the town. Councillor T Weatherston suggested the Community Council write to Alan Niven at SBC to request this.

Councillor Horsburgh advised the new Fat Face shop would be opening on Saturday.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 April 2017 were approved. They were proposed by Councillor Tomczyk and seconded by Councillor Bassett.

Matters arising

a. Memorial Garden

Councillor Tomczyk advised there were still some outstanding issues to be resolved – confirmation from Robertson’s Memorials that they would be building the wall and planning permission. It was noted Robertson’s were still awaiting statistics of potential usage although key information had been supplied by Councillor Tomczyk. Councillor Tomczyk advised he and Councillor McGrath had met with Morrison Construction and they would be laying the foundations to the wall and doing some basic work on the garden over the summer. With the retirement of Alec Nicol and John King it was uncertain whether they would remain on the sub group. Councillor T Weatherston commented building the wall would be a suitable project for students at Borders College. Councillor Tomczyk commented this had previously been considered but -the sub-committee had decided to go in a different direction.

b. Kelso in Bloom – Floral Gateway Competition

Councillor Hodges advised she and a member of the sub group had received the cheque for Morrison Constructions and they had taken some publicity photographs. Morrison Construction had also offered to assist with the planting of the wild flower seeds at Jedburgh entrance.

Councillor Hodges advised Charity Begins at Home had awarded Kelso in Bloom a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of planting and entering the Floral Gateway competition and she would be attending the Awards Ceremony to take delivery of the cheque.

She advised plants for the Coldstream end had been ordered and would be delivered later in the week and the bed would be planted up.

A litter pick had been organised for the 23 May between 6.00 and 8.00pm and local youth groups, including some of the uniformed organisations in the town

would be involved. She advised this would be a good publicity opportunity to raise awareness of both Kelso in Bloom and Kelso Community Council. Councillor Horsburgh advised he would be available to take some photos. In response to a question Councillor Hodges advised there would be future litter picks in June and July.

Councillor Hodges advised a Sainsbury's bag pack had been organised for Saturday 24 June and the Secretary would be drawing up a list of volunteers for the rota.

c. NHS/Social Services integration

Councillor McGrath advised he had attended a Locality Committee and two new members had joined the group – Dr Moody (Queens House Board member and retired GP) and Alastair Summerhill (Chairman Kelso Men's Shed)

The Integration Board had commissioned Professor Bolton to look at the issues around integration. His findings to date highlighted little co-ordination and the issue of bed blocking remained a big problem. It appeared NHS and social services were not co-ordinated when trying to discharge patients from hospital. There were issues around getting patient's houses adapted for them to return home.

Correspondence

The secretary advised correspondence had been received –

A letter from Charity Begins at Home awarding Kelso in Bloom £1,000 towards the cost of planting the beds and entering the Floral Gateway competition in 2017. It was noted the cheque would be presented on Sunday 4 June.

A letter from SBC regarding proposed charges for the toilets at Shedden Park and Woodmarket/Horsemarket in Kelso. There would be no charge to use the facilities at Croft Road. This letter had previously been circulated to Councillors and posted on Kelso Community Council Facebook page. Comments would be collated and a response sent to SBC.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary advised she would draw up a contact list of new Councillors and would circulate it.

The Secretary advised the Annual accounts would be submitted to SBC as part of the annual grant process. Confirmation that all Councillors agree to abide to the Code of Conduct would also be required and this would be circulated before the next meeting.

The Provost advised a new Kelso Community Council email address had been set up for all future correspondence – kelsocommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

Cinema

Councillor Cooper advised little progress had been made, however, he would be actively pursuing contact with Live Borders regarding their future involvement in the cinema events. He advised figures received from the previous cinema showings were being analysed and at this stage the events made commercial sense. The Provost advised the events had been well attended and successful and in the event of Live Borders not running the events an organisation could be set up with volunteers. Councillor Cooper concurred and advised there would be a need to appoint a Treasurer to be responsible for banking the takings and paying the invoices. Councillor T Weatherston commented the rates for renting Tait Hall would be more favourable for a local organisation.

Scottish Borders Council

Councillor S Mountford advised the new SBC Administration had just been formed and his and the other SBC Councillor's roles would be determined shortly.

Councillor T Weatherston advised the Area Forum would be replaced with a new Locality Committee, the format was currently being worked through. The Committee would have responsibility for awarding funds for community bids. The Committee would consist of the six ward Councillors and Community Councils would be invited to attend meetings.

Councillor T Weatherston advised the Kelpies would be unloaded from 8.00am on Friday and would remain in the Square until Monday afternoon. Alan Livingstone advised VisitKelso were sponsoring a photographic competition around this event.

Councillor Mountford advised the Planning Committee had given approval to spend money making good Trinity Church. Essential repairs would be undertaken to prevent further deterioration.

Any Other Business

Town Centre events calendar – noted this item had been covered earlier under Chamber of Trade/VisitKelso.

Planning Group –The Provost advised planning applications were only available on line and it was agreed Planning applications would be circulated to all Councillors for information and the sub group would consist of the Provost and Councillors Bassett, Hodges and Tomczyk.

Newspapers for Kelso Library – Councillor McGrath advised Live Borders had stopped providing daily newspapers from the 1 April 2017. However he had been successful in securing joint funding from Sainsbury's and the Co-op. They would provide the daily papers Monday to Friday and Friends of Kelso Library would provide the Saturday ones.

Councillor's involvement – Councillor Tomczyk commented it was important that the Kelso Community Councillors tried to attend the four official events - Kelso Laddie Declaration Night (April); Kirkin of the Kelso Laddie (Sunday Evening of Civic Week); Installation of the Kelso Laddie (with partners) (Wednesday Evening of Civic Week); Remembrance Sunday (November).

Men's Shed – Councillor McGrath advised the local storage company UStore had offered storage facilities.

Inchmyre – Councillor D Weatherston advised he had met with tenants of Inchmyre and SBC Neighbourhood Services to discuss improving the amenity of the area. Councillor D Weatherston advised he and some residents would be working in this area during the Litter Pick project on 23 May. Councillor Hodges commented the bin Kelso in Bloom had been awarded could be allocated to this area of town.

Consideration of Licenses

There were no applications received

Consideration of Plans

The Council considered the following plans –

Demolition of outbuildings, 99 Roxburgh Street, Kelso. The Community Council had no objections to the plans.

Installation of information boards, land South of Walton Hall, Roxburgh Street, Kelso. The Kelso Community Council objected to these plans on the grounds that the information in the planning application was incorrect. There was no information on the wording of the signage and it is to be located on a floodplain.

The next meeting of Kelso Community Council will be held in the Town Hall, Kelso on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 7.00pm