

**MINUTES of the MEETING of Kelso Community
Council held in the Town Hall, Kelso
on Tuesday 12 May 2015, at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Provost John Bassett (Chair), Councillors Dean Weatherston, Harry Tomczyk, Peter Cooper, Colin McGrath, Tamzin Thomas, Betty Hodges and John King and Scottish Borders Councillors Alec Nicol, Tom Weatherston and Simon Mountford.

IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Redgrave (Secretary) and Alan Livingstone (Chamber of Trade)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Hall and Fiona Scott and Suzanne Howgego (Police Scotland)

- 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.

Welcome

Provost John Bassett welcomed members of the Council to the meeting.

Police Matters

The Secretary advised the May 2015 Police Scotland report had previously been circulated. Suzanne Howgego had given apologies due to work commitments outside the area. Ms Howgego advised she was patrolling the town, time permitting, and issuing parking tickets for illegal parking. The Provost reminded Councillors they should report any incidents direct to Suzanne. It was noted use of email was the most direct way of contacting Suzanne. The Police Scotland report was noted.

Chamber of Trade report

Mr Alan Livingstone advised the Chamber of Trade had recently held its AGM and the Committee members remain the same. He advised he hoped more traders would join the Chamber this year. The Chamber of Trade was fully aware of the issue of limited parking in the town. Mr Livingstone advised traders were optimistic for a good year of trading now the town works were complete and the town was looking very good. Mr Livingstone asked whether the Community Council would make a contribution towards the cost of watering the hanging baskets in the town. Due to improvements it was noted the Mayfield Garden centre had increased its turnover but this was drawing trade away from the town centre and causing traffic issues at The Butts.

Councillor A Nicol advised traders were not taking advantage of the free advertising space on the electronic board by the new business hub. If traders want to use this facility they need to contact the SBC Economic Development office rather than the

operating company as SBC have bought space which can be made available to traders at no cost to them. Mr Livingstone advised he would remind members of this facility.

Councillors raised the issue of mobile traders applying for licenses to trade in the Square and it was agreed to write to SBC to ask an officer to attend the next meeting to explain the criteria for trading in the Square.

Councillor D Weatherston asked for his thanks to be passed onto the traders for their continued efforts in making window displays attractive which was recognised by residents and tourists.

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2015 were approved. They were proposed by Councillor John King and seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper.

Matters arising

a) **Car Parking**

Councillors raised their concerns about the lack of car parking within the town. It was agreed this was an issue that needed addressing now and it was noted SBC had no provision for providing additional parking in Kelso. Councillor A Nicol suggested the Community Council write to SBC asking for the land at Glebe Field to be included in the new Local Development Plan to provide additional parking for the town. This was agreed. SBC Councillors advised a meeting was being held on 26 May to discuss decriminalising parking which could lead to options in dealing with parking.

b) **Memorial Wall**

Councillor Tomczyk advised the committee met with Jason Hedley (SBC) and representatives from Robertson Memorials on 21 April. It was noted this was a good meeting and although SBC could provide land at both the new and old cemeteries for a memorial, the initial costs and upkeep would not be the responsibility of SBC. Councillor Tomczyk advised a business plan would need to be drawn up and that there was another meeting planned with SBC on the 25 May at which David Irvine of Kyle Brothers would be involved.

c) **Public Toilets (Wee Gallery, Knowes Car Park)**

The Secretary was asked to contact SBC to arrange a meeting of the relevant sub-committee.

d) **Cinema**

Councillor Cooper advised he had looked at two areas in the Borders which provided film showings. It was acknowledged there was a financial liability and approximately 120 people would need to participate at each film showing to break even. Councillor Mountford advised the cost of hiring Tait Hall for community groups was currently £18.00 per hour. Councillor D Weatherston advised Kelso North Church had put on

a film night before Christmas and it would be useful to contact them to see what the attendance was. Councillor Cooper undertook to do more investigation and report back.

e) Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

Secretary's Report

- The Secretary stated that each year Councillors should agree to accept the 'Code of Conduct'. As all Councillors have copies of the 'Code of Conduct' they unanimously agreed that the code be accepted.
- The Secretary tabled a list of projects that had been successful in securing funding under the Kelso Community Grant scheme funded by Sainsbury's during the period 2012 – 2014. It was agreed to append this information to the minutes and made public.
- The Secretary had contacted SBC requesting details of litter bins within Kelso. It was noted that no additional bins would be required but the existing bins could be better distributed within the town. Councillor D Weatherston undertook to look at the current locations and make recommendations for relocating them if necessary. The Secretary was asked to contact SBC to see if there was a map showing the site all litter bins in Kelso not just the town centre.

Correspondence

The Secretary advised correspondence had been circulated to Community Councillors and a summary schedule had been compiled which would be attached to the minutes as an Appendix. In addition the following correspondence was received:

- A letter from SBC advising the planning application for the erection of a veterinary practice building at Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate had gone to Appeal and the Local Review Body would consider this at their meeting 15 June 2015. It was noted the Kelso Community Council's letter of 1 April 2015 supporting the application would be presented at the meeting.
- A letter from SBC planning department advising there was a public consultation on the draft supplementary planning guidance on replacement doors and windows. Councillor A Nicol welcomed this announcement as it would mean the use of PVC items would be more acceptable.
- A letter from SBC confirming Community Council Insurance cover was in place.
- A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Carham 1018 Society outlining their plans to celebrate its 1000th anniversary as a cross-border event in July 2018.

Scottish Borders Council Report

Area Forum

Councillor T Weatherston advised the next Area Forum would be held in Jedburgh on Wednesday 3 June 2015. New arrangements for generating interest will be discussed at this meeting. Councillor Weatherston advised all would be welcome to attend.

Kelso High School

Councillor T Weatherston advised a public statement would be issued shortly.

Councillor D Weatherston asked whether any provision for rededicating the memorial trees had been made and Councillor T Weatherston advised this would be treated sympathetically.

Kelso Recycling Centre update

Councillor Nicol advised the new recycling centre would open on 18 May 2015. It would be open seven days a week and opening hours could be reviewed but it was hoped a late night opening would be offered.

Update on streetscape works to be completed

Councillor T Weatherston advised SBC were aware of the outstanding issues and hoped this would be resolved soon.

Car parking

It was noted this subject had been discussed earlier in the agenda.

Questions to SBC Councillors

Pantwell –Councillor D Weatherston asked for an update on the Pantwell and Councillor T Weatherston undertook to investigate and report back.

The Kelpies – Councillor T Weatherston stated that one of the conditions for the Kelpies coming to Kelso for the weekend was they needed to be covered by CCTV for insurance purposes and it was confirmed the camera in the Square was in working order. Councillor T Weatherston advised funding for the project had come from the Quality of Life funds. The Provost thanked the SBC Councillors for securing this project for Kelso and he anticipated it would create a lot of interest.

Funding available to Community Councils - Councillor A Nicol advised he had circulated a document outlining funding available to Community Councils.

The Provost advised he had laid a wreath at the war memorial celebrating the Gallipoli anniversary but this had been removed within a few days. Councillor Weatherston will check with the Parks Department.

Councillor D Weatherston asked for the Community Council's thanks to be passed onto SBC Parks Department for all their hard work in keeping the parks and cemetery looking good.

Councillor Cooper advised the bench in Shedden Park had recently been refurbished and thanks needed to be passed onto the Cricket Club.

Consideration of Plans

There were no plans for consideration.

Consideration of Licenses

There were no license applications for consideration

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kelso Community Council will be held in the Town Hall, Kelso on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7.00pm

Kelso Community Grant Scheme funded by Sainsbury's

2012 Grants

<u>Name of Group</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
	<u>Awarded</u>
Kelso Community Events	1,541
Kelso Chamber of Trade	2,000
Sprouston Coronation Hall	2,000
Border Curling Development Group	2,000
Wauchope Hall Trustees	2,000
Abbey Row Nursery	499
Floral Gateway Gathering	1,750
Edenside Primary School Parent Council	740
	<u>£12,530</u>

2013 Grants

Morebattle Village Hall	2,000
Kelso Community Events	400
Royal British Legion Scotland Kelso Branch	2,000
Syrinx Flutes	1,000
Kelso Football Club	2,000
Kelso HS Parent Council	Nil
Well Road Productions	1,500
Yetholm Community Council	2,000
Morebattle Parent Council	Nil
Abbey Row Nursery	1,063
Edenside PS Parent Council	634
Kelso Scout Group	1,518
Yetholm Primary School PTA	600
Kelso Partly Sighted & Deaf Group	<u>376</u>
	<u>£15,091</u>

2014 Grants

Kelso Rugby Football Club	1,000
Cheviot Locality Youth Work Services Ltd	1,230
Kelso Wheelers Cycling Club	2,000
Borders Water Rescue Team	1,000
Kelso Music Society	500
Crailing Eckford & Nisbet Community Council	500
Kelso Community Events	500
Stichill Village Hall Committee	250
Heiton Public Hall	250
Kelso Football Club	500

Four Border Abbeys U3A	468
Border Union Agricultural Society	2,000
Ednam Primary School Parent Council	1,000
Makerstoun Village Hall	1,360
Noah's Ark Playgroup	200
Kelso Amateur Operatic Society	1,000
Kelso Ladies Hockey Club & Kelso Mini Hockey Club	500
Yetholm Parent Council	200
Edenside Primary School Parent Council	200
Springwood Social Club	300
Morebattle Stickdressing Association	500
Kelso Cricket Club	2,000
Immaculate Conception (St Mary's) Catholic Church	723
Kelso & District Amenity Society	500
Friends of Kelso Museum	2,000
Well Road Productions	200
Borders Search & Rescue Unit	1,000
Sprouston Playgroup	499
	£22,380