



The Royal Burgh of Selkirk and District Community Council

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Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Burgh of Selkirk & District Community Council held on Monday 19th June 2023 in the Cruickshank Room, Victoria Halls, Selkirk commencing at 18:30.

1. Present – Alistair Pattullo (Chair), Kirsty Lovatt, Alisdair Lockhart, Andy Murray, John Hawkins, Grant Kinghorn, Ian King, Judith Thompson, and David Playfair.

Also present were SBC Cllr Elaine Thornton-Nicol, 1 member of the press, 2MOPs, and Sue Briggs.

2. Apologies – Sue Bremner, Reece McNaughton, and Ed Strang-Steel.
3. Minutes of 2022 AGM held on 11th July 2022 previously circulated electronically and approved unanimously.
4. Chairman's Report – appendix 1.
5. Treasurer's Report – appendix 2. JT thanked Viv Ross for her time completing the audits.

JT clarified that SHMG does have a separate bank account. JT also explained that it was helpful to have separate accounts for Blooming Selkirk and Brighter Selkirk as, amongst other reasons, these accounts enabled the groups to apply for separate grants.

6. Appointment of Office Bearers-
 - a) Chair – Andy Murray (proposed by AP, seconded by AL)
 - b) Vice-Chair – Ed Strang-Steel (proposed by GK, not seconded)
Al Pattullo (proposed by AM, seconded by JT)
 - c) Hon. Treasurer – Judith Thompson (proposed by AP, seconded by AM)
 - d) Hon. Secretary – Al Pattullo agreed to act as ad hoc secretary
 - e) Hon. Auditor – Viv Ross
 - f) Ass. Treasurer – Sue Bremner.
7. Appointment to Roles
 - a) Planning Spokesperson – Ian King with David Playfair as Assistant Planning Spokesperson.
8. Appointment to Sub-Groups –
 - a) Selkirk Hill Management Group – Ian King, Grant Kinghorn, and David Playfair
 - b) Brighter Selkirk/Blooming Selkirk – Grant Kinghorn, Ed Strang-Steel, and Al Pattullo
 - c) Selkirk Response Team – Al Pattullo.
9. Plattling Twinning Group – Al Pattullo and Andy Murray.

10. Appointments to outside bodies –
- a) Selkirk Sessions/Scott's Selkirk – Al Pattullo, Grant Kinghorn, and Andy Murray
 - b) Selkirk Common Good Fund – Ian King and Alisdair Lockhart. ETN advised that Declan Hall needs to be informed that IK is the representative and AL is the substitute
 - c) A7 Action Group – Ian King
 - d) SBCCN – Ian King and Andy Murray
 - e) Eildon Area Committee – Andy Murray and Ian King

Places on other groups such as Selkirk Futures, SBHA Rep, to be filled as required.

Selkirk Futures – Andy Murray has been voted on to the Selkirk Regeneration board and will represent the CC.

JT thanked AP on behalf of the CC for all his years of service as Chair.

All current members agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council will be held immediately after the AGM.

APPENDIX 1

Chair's Report 2023

Welcome to the 47th Annual General Meeting of Selkirk Community Council.

This the first AGM of the new council elected in 2022 and I want to take the opportunity to thank our new members for the enthusiastic way in which you have taken up the duties of the Community Council and to thank returning members for continuing to work for the benefit of the community. We've also enjoyed the active participation of our 3 SBC councillors who work so hard on our behalf. I've been a member of this council for 17 years and I can safely say that this has been as hard working and eager a group as I can recall working with. The variety of projects that we have been involved with has been far-reaching and varied, much of it is still work in progress, the results of which we may not see for a year or two but having started I'm sure we will finish.

The work towards a Heritage Centre is continuing and we are reaching out to Liveborders Museum Services and SBC to further this aim.

Victoria Park Caravan site is now back in operation and it is great to see visitors turning up again to enjoy the delights that Selkirk and the surrounding countryside has to offer. It has been a pleasure to contribute to what is still an ongoing mission to make the Victoria Park site a high-status amenity.

Brighter Selkirk, the Community Orchard Project, the Hanging Baskets, all of these projects have been enthusiastically embraced by volunteers in the community bolstered by the efforts of the Community Council. The Community Orchard launch earlier this year was great fun, involving as it did pupils and staff from Philiphaugh School who were not afraid to get dirty and muddy planting the trees which they will one day be able to pluck the fruit from.

The replacement Toll planters are now in place and filled with topsoil, there's still some work to be done before planting can take place but it is already looking better than it was.

The hanging baskets are up again augmented this year by the knitted versions courtesy of the Souter Stormers, and a rota is being prepared for the watering (not of the knitted baskets of course, they don't need watering. Unfortunately, the bowser which has done over a decade of excellent skooshing is showing its age but it's replacement is on order and we will struggle on with the old one until the replacement arrives.

Future Selkirk/Placemaking meetings have been held and well attended, lots of positive ideas have been flagged up and the work to make these suggestions a reality has begun, I hope that the Community Council will be called upon to play a big part in bringing these initiatives to fruition. The Council has taken over the running of the Explore Selkirk website and the Council website has been successfully updated. Thanks to the efforts of Andy Murray, we now have 2 sites that we hope will encourage people to explore what Selkirk has to offer and will get people to engage with all that is going on in the town.

We continue to organise and participate in litter picks, a job that never seems to diminish. We've got our own litter pickers now so we can deal with whatever the stupid, thoughtless tossers throw our way. My grateful thanks to everyone who has helped out with this necessary work.

The Hill Management Group continues to maintain the Hill which provides so many environmental and recreational opportunities. The Hill Group AGM is held this week and they are hoping for a lot of new members to carry on the good work.

The Plattling Twinning Group celebrates 25 years of partnership with our German friends and we are looking forward to welcoming their town council at the end of August. 25 years is quite an achievement and praise must go to everyone who has helped to maintain the special relationship we have enjoyed in that time.

So much has gone on in the past year it is impossible to pick out any one thing as outstanding, we had the royal funeral of Queen Elizabeth and then the Coronation which we were able to celebrate in style in the space created where the Cross Keys once was. Selkirk Silver Band became Scottish Champions and will compete for the National Championship at Cheltenham this summer. Several local businesses have been acknowledged for the quality of the services they provide, R&L Taxis, Cameron's Bakers (which deserves an award for its macaroni and jalapeno pies alone), The Number One and the Thai Valley have all won well-deserved awards this year, I really hope that they continue to be supported. Along with the many independent businesses and services which we have in the town, we don't know how lucky we are having all of these and a great many more on our doorstep.

We just had a really great Common Riding and I'd like to thank everyone who played a part in the organisation and execution of this wonderful event which was carried out safely and with the usual dignity.

I started this report wondering what on earth I could write about and now I'm finding it hard to stop writing, but I promise I will.

It has been an honour to act as Chair of Selkirk Community Council for the past 8 years, I just hope I haven't overstayed my welcome. I'm stepping down from that position now but look forward to continuing to work with you all in the years to come.

Thank you.

Alistair Pattullo, June 19th 2023

APPENDIX 2

SELKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL - TREASURER'S REPORT

At end of financial year 2022-23

Bank balance stands at £3,094.64
of which £1,000.00 ring-fenced for Response Team
& £323.45 ring-fenced for repair of fountain
Leaving general funds £1,771.19

2022-23 INCOME

SBC support grant £1,365.00
SBC community grant £1,242.00*
Other donations £200.00 (QPJF for Coronation event)
£100.00 (for SBs reception)

2022-23 EXPENDITURE

Itemised in audited statement.

*£1,242.00 transferred to BS for COPS

BLOOMING SELKIRK - TREASURER'S REPORT

At end of financial year 2023

Bank balance £4,707.89

2022-23 INCOME

Combination of grants and donations

£1242.00 Communities grant –for COPS

Donations from casting associations, Selkirk scouts, sponsors for Vic Hall boxes – transferred to Brighter selkirk – see other expenditure

There is a record of all donors and sponsors – extremely grateful to all

2022-23 EXPENDITURE

details can be found on the statement of income and expenditure