



The Royal Burgh of Selkirk and District Community Council

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Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Selkirk and District Community Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023.

1. **Present** – Community Councillors: Al Pattullo (Chair), Andy Murray (Vice-Chairman), Judith Thompson (Treasurer), Sue Bremner (Assistant Treasurer), Kirsty Lovatt (Minutes Secretary), Alisdair Lockhart, Ieuan Chamberlain, John Hawkins, Ian King, Grant Kinghorn, Reece McNaughton, and Ed Strang-Steel.

Also present – SBC Councillor Elaine Thornton-Nicol, 6 members of the public, and 1 member of the press.

The Chairman wished everyone a happy new year and thanked the CoT and all involved with the Silver Band performance on New Year's Day.

2. **Apologies for absence** – Caroline Cochrane, Leah Douglas, and David Playfair.

3. **Declarations of Interest** – none.

4. **Minutes of meeting of the SCC held on Monday 12th December 2022**

Minutes agreed by ESS and seconded by SB.

5. **Matters arising from these Minutes**

AL offered to provide trees for planting at the Green. SB confirmed that the Green may be used for a future community orchard but would need to be aware of sightlines. IK noted that they would also need to ensure that roots did not interfere with underground services.

6. **Community Police Report** – report circulated electronically and available on CC website. ETN will email CPR with dates for future meetings. **Action: ETN**

7. **Planning Matters**

Discussions ongoing with Oregon.

Proposed dwelling at Heatherlie Park seems ok but IK will carry out a site visit. **Action: IK**

Residential development near tennis court – development site has moved and there is a change to 5 of the plots. Proposed design is less favourable than the one previously submitted but the changes are at the back of the site rather than looking onto the A7. Local residents are concerned about access to the site and potential for accidents. Transport Scotland and SBC Roads department have no concerns. IK can advise that the CC are not in favour but there is legally nothing else which can be done.

JH objected to the site on behalf of local residents who raised concerns with him. IK urged those residents to log their concerns on the SBC planning portal. JH also asked if the site would interfere with a possible bypass. IK advised that the entrance to the bypass would be further along the A7.

8. 2023 Aspirations – AM's email to be circulated electronically. Action: AP

AL noted that it would be useful to combine ideas brought to the Future Selkirk meetings with those suggested by AM.

9. Open Forum –

- Issue with coaches not having sufficient access to drop off and pick up points in Selkirk which results in coach parties not coming to the town and, in turn, a potential loss of valuable revenue. MoP also suggested that the CC should have a representative with links to the hospitality sector. AP advised that the bus stops at Market Place were designed to have space for two buses and these stops could be used by coaches for drop off/pick up. AP also advised that the Haining car park is to be extended which will create more space. IK suggested that the police car park could be merged with the adjacent car park (**Action: ETN**). IK also noted that, compared with BIDS, Future Selkirk has fewer members and would therefore be difficult to have representatives for every group within the Borders.
- Skip outside old municipal building – there is still archive material within the building. ETN to ask what is happening to the materials and also the building itself. AL noted that building was discussed as an option for the Heritage Centre. **Action: ETN**
- Lane between Thornfield Avenue and Anderson Road needs a handrail. **Action: ETN**
- Ongoing issue of parking along the High Street.
- GK trying to find out if the Haggis Hunt will go ahead this year.

10. SBC Councillors Reports –

10.1 ETN:

- Online bus survey now working again – 31st January 2023 is the closing date.
- Online budget survey – 6th February 2023 is the closing date.
- Meeting with Community Action Team Tuesday 13th December and will discuss parking along the High Street as well as parking at Knowepark Primary School.

10.2 CC (via AP)

- Dog fouling – this will be monitored by dog wardens. Suggestion of plastic bottles filled with dog bags to be tied to lamp posts. SBHA will donate bags, looking for donations of plastic bottles. SCC could pay for laminate signs but no costings as yet (**Action: JT**).
- Next Future Selkirk meeting to be held 19th January 2023.
- Complaints received re xmas lights – problem getting power from the Town Hall, fundraising required to replace lights for this xmas, volunteers urgently needed. A meeting to discuss the xmas lights will be arranged as soon as possible.
- CCTV now in its final stages before being put in place throughout the town.

11. Treasurer's Report

SHMG - £9.76 in account – £500 transferred in from Blooming Selkirk ac as a loan, in order to pay hill warden's salary. This will need to be repaid before accounts are submitted for audit in March
Next year's funding – has it been applied for? **Action: IK**

CC - £2,998.79 in account - £1,675.34 available in general funds
Ring-fenced - fountain restoration £323.45; response team £1,000
Outgoings this month – secretarial and website.

Blooming Selkirk - £3,504.81 in account (plus £500 loaned to SHMG)
Ring-fenced - toll planters £2,500; BBBB planting £78
£330 paid to Philphaugh Gardens for winter planting.

12. Reports from Sub-Groups

SHMG – IK thanked JT for the £500 transfer. Next meeting will be held at the start of February.

Blooming Selkirk-

Toll planters – donation from Oregon Timber and existing Blooming Selkirk funds will cover purchase of boxes (£3,000). The cost of material for filling will be £831 and still awaiting prices from nursery re plants. These will probably require extra funding but could look at a grant application. AP and JT met with Mike Dooner – this project needs time and labour management – end of March is deadline we need to aim for. Next Brighter Selkirk meeting needs to focus on this.

RMcN will assist with the planting and will try to enlist the help of students from the college. Pupil from Selkirk High School will help as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and IC suggested contacting the Rural Department within the High School. ETN advised that SBC is part of a recycling project and could provide gravel at a cheaper price than perhaps offered elsewhere. ETN will also contact the Roads Department to discuss any safety issues. **Action: ETN**

Community Orchard – Grant application was submitted before xmas so should hear soon if it has been successful or not. Posters have been made and SB is considering a launch party for the first orchard. The public will be asked for suggestions for future sites which will then be taken to the Estates Department to look at as a whole.

CGFWG – next meeting will be held Wednesday 15th February 2023..

Victoria Park Action Group – no recent meeting.

BIDS - already discussed.

SBCCN – no recent meeting and there has been a change of admin. Next meeting will be 18th January 2023 via Zoom.

13. AOCB

AL raised concerns that one of the properties opposite the proposed Oregon site is a mess. AP suggested that the owner be approached once the planters are in place.

JH asked if it would be helpful to receive a report from the NHS similar to the report from the police. AP advised that the only information ever released is a reminder for residents to use appropriate services and avoid overwhelming A&E.

JH also raised an issue on behalf of a local resident who is having problems with their social landlord. Resident should direct their concerns to ETN.

SB thanked the two men who cleaned the whole of Selkirk Bridge.

IK noted that the A7 Action Group now has a revised constitution which is still to be discussed and approved.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their participation. Meeting was closed at 20:18hrs.

Next meeting will be held Monday 13th February 2023 in the Cruickshank Room, Victoria Halls, Selkirk at 7.00pm.