



Notes

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 12th May 2025.

1. Present: Community Councillors: The meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Ed Strang Steel. Alistair Pattullo, Grant Kinghorn, Judith Thompson, David Playfair, and Kirsty Lovatt.

Also present: 2 members of the public

2. Chair's Introduction:

We are just 32 days away from the 2025 Common Riding and a big congratulations to Darren Knox on being appointed the Royal Burgh Standard Bearer for 2025. Also, congratulations to Sam Coltherd, Derry Alexander, Nathan Mill & Elliot Hastie being appointed as Darren's attendants.

The following Ex Royal Burgh Standard Bearers were appointed as Burleymen Mathew Stanners, Thomas Bell, Craig Monks and Peter Forrest. Many congratulations and good luck to you all in the execution of your duties.

Congratulations to Darren Gibson being appointed at the Selkirk Ex-Soldiers Association Standard Bearer. The Selkirk Incorporation of Fleshers appointed Bruce Robertson their Standard Bearer, and the Selkirk Corporation of Weavers appointed Mr Kieran Thomson as their Standard Bearer for 2025. Many congratulations and all the best for your time in office.

The first of the public casting practices took place on Wednesday evening at Viewfield. For the first time out, everyone did exceptionally well. The next public practice is this Wednesday at 7pm at Viewfield once again.

Congratulations to Selkirk on winning their own Sevens tournament beating Melrose 19-7. It was a great sunny day and I'm sure the party went well into the night.

The East Bavarian Highlanders from Plattling visited Selkirk and were entertained with excursions and an official reception in the Town Hall hosted by the CC and the Twinning Group.

A successful turn out at the VE day 80th anniversary celebration. It kicked off with an afternoon celebration in the Cross Keys space with events going on in the town hall in the evening and the lighting of the beacon at the War Memorial.

3. Apologies: Sue Bremner, IK, CC, LD, ETN, and AM.

4. Approval of the minutes: Minutes were approved by DP and seconded by JT.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 14th April 2025 and not covered elsewhere in the agenda: none.

6. **Community Police Report:** April report received and posted online. ETN still to relay outcome of meeting which will be held in two weeks to discuss future of CAT. **Action:** ETN

7. **SBC Live Borders Sports & Culture Report** – circulated electronically.

8. **Planning** – none.

9. **Open Forum:** –

MoP1 stated that the CC should be leading the campaign against any proposed closures by Live Borders and asked how the CC will do this. AP advised that the CC will be represented at any public meetings and encouraged everyone to take part in the consultation. MoP1 also asked if the caravan park would be included in the proposed closure of the swimming pool. Unable to provide an answer to this but it was noted that current use of the park includes the use of facilities at the swimming pool. GK questioned why the new CEO of Live Borders won't be in office until August 2025.

MoP1 advised that she has spoken to CC about the area around the Millenium Footprints Project as it needs cleaned and cleared of weeds. JT suggested that residents who live nearby could take the area on and look after it.

10. **SBC Councillors' Reports:** none.

11. **Treasurer's Reports:**

SHMG

Grant £15,000 from SBC received.
£17,750 in account.

Community Council

£1,535 in account.

Reception in WS Courtroom - £98 hire of venue, £40 share of catering.

Gift for RBSB £75.

Upcoming expenditure – hire of venue and catering for SBs reception. JT reminded CC members to hand in any outstanding contributions of £10.

Blooming Selkirk

£2,015 in account.

Plants for Toll planters - £800 (£500 ring-fenced donation, £300 from funds).

Brighter Selkirk

£2,000 in account.

£250 from casting associations, £200 for Victoria Hall railings.

12. **Reports from Sub-Groups:**

SHMG: Next meeting will be held in July; storage shed needs repaired, Haggis hunt will return next year.

BrighterSelkirk/Blooming Selkirk: Toll planters are still to be planted.

CGFWG: no report.

PR Committee: no report.

Victoria Park Action Group: no report.

13. Reports from other community organisations and outside bodies:

Selkirk Response/Resilience Team: no report.

Plattling Twinning Group:

Reception was held on Tuesday 29th April for the East Bavarian Highlanders in Sir Walter Scott's Court Room.

Selkirk & The Valleys: report now available.

SBCCN/Eildon Area Partnership: no report.

A7 Action Group: no report.

COPS: New orchard is looking good, as are the other two. Will apply for Greener Gateway Award in the same categories as last time. Amy Alcorn (Food Strategy Officer) believes that there may be a greater chance of success this year due to the addition of the two orchards.

Selkirk Regeneration: no report. AM still chasing quote for replacing render on No. 1 Tower Street.
Action: AM

14. AOCB:

DP – one of the steps on the stairs by the town clock has been damaged. AP advised that he report to SBC.

GK – traffic lights in place again at the bottom of the Green but no sign of any work being carried out.

ESS – Philiphaugh Gardens have reopened.

SB (via email) – suggested that the two gym businesses in Selkirk could relocate to the leisure centre in a bid to save the building from closure.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked all for their participation.

Meeting was closed at 7:31pm.

AGM will be held **Monday 16th June 2025** in the Cruickshank Room, Victoria Halls, Selkirk at 6:30pm, followed by the main meeting at 7:00pm.