Minutes of the Meeting of Kelso Community Council on Tuesday 18 October 2022 at 7:00 in Kelso Town Hall



**PRESENT**: Councillors James Boulton (Vice Chair), Christine Hamilton,

Gavin Horsburgh (Provost), James McCombie, Colin McGrath,

Toni Oliver, Gus Russell and Gail Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Redgrave (Secretary), Sharon Johnston (incoming

Secretary, June Swan (Visit Kelso)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Owen Adams, Peter Cooper and Paul Roberts and

SBC Councillors Euan Robson, Simon Mountford and Tommy

Weatherston.

 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.

- Councillors to make a declaration of interest prior to discussion.
- All correspondence to be circulated via the Secretary.
- All Councillors and attendees to act in a courteous manner and direct question through the Chairperson.

## Welcome

The Provost extended a warm welcome to Councillors.

#### **Police Matters**

The Provost advised the Multi Member Ward Plans for Kelso and District for September had been circulated and asked for comments. It was noted there were no comments forthcoming. The Secretary advised she had given Police Scotland the dates of future meetings and they had given an undertaking to attend once a guarter.

The Provost advised he had notified Police Scotland of a couple of issues -

The dumping of rubbish at the Community Orchard, however, the culprit had been identified from the information on the rubbish left and details sent to Police Scotland.

An abandoned horsebox had been left in Woodside Park football ground since Civic Week and details had been sent to Police Scotland and SBC, the latter had undertaken to make arrangements for it to be picked up.

#### **Visit Kelso**

Tina Newton had recorded her apologies and June Swan presented the report -

Firstly Visit Kelso would like to thank Shirley for all her hard work over the years in her role as secretary and hope she enjoys her newly found free time. We would also like to wish her successor all the best in taking on the secretarial duties for Kelso Community Council.

It is pleasing to say that we have had a large number of visitors to the town over the past few weeks and a number of them have commented how clean and tidy the town is so again Visit Kelso would like to thank Community Council and all the volunteers who carry out the litter picks as this creates a great impression of the town and visitors go away happy and wanting to return.

An email was sent Monday 17 to ask members if they wanted to take part in the Christmas Advent campaign (a voucher is secreted around town each day and when found is taken to the relevant business where a prize can be collected.) We have 14 positive responses so far.

We also asked the Visit Kelso members if they wanted to hire a stall for the Kelso Christmas market. So far we have filled 7 out of the 15 slots available. This market will be held on Sunday 4 December.

Visit Kelso had hit a new milestone on 9 October where they now have 7500 followers on Facebook, where along with Instagram we continue to promote the town.

## Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2022

The minutes held on Tuesday 13 September 2022 were approved subject to some minor amendments. They were proposed by Councillor Boulton and seconded by Councillor Hamilton.

# Matters arising from the minutes

- Letter to SBC to support Visit Kelso with the provision of electrical charging points The Secretary advised she had submitted a letter of support to SBC which had been acknowledged.
- Food Larder Councillor Russell advised he had submitted an application to the Community Led Local Development Fund which had been oversubscribed but would await the outcome. Councillor Russell advised the Rev Anna Rodwell of Kelso North and Parish Church had offered a room at the church to house the Food Larder. The Provost, on behalf of Kelso Community Council, thanked Anna for providing this facility and Laura Graham from the Co-op for all her assistance. Councillor Russell advised he and fellow Councillors had recently attended a meeting of the Coldstream Community Food Larder. He advised Coldstream had an extensive volunteer base and asked how Kelso could build up a group of volunteers and asked that an appeal for volunteers be published on the KCC Facebook pages. Councillor Russell advised that a Community Food Larder dealt with perishable goods and was open to all people as it was intended to avoid food waste and was separate to a Food Bank, where a referral was required. Laura Graham advised there was potential for additional funding through HUBBUB and this could potentially cover the cost of fridge/freezer facilities.
- Water stagnation on the Cobby Councillor Hamilton advised she would follow this up in the New Year. The Provost commented that the overgrowth on the island had been mentioned at both the Kelso Amenities and District Society and Kelso Heritage Society and would need to be addressed.

 Caravan / Motorhome parking within Kelso – Councillor Russell advised he had approached the Racecourse, on behalf of the Walking Festival and they had agreed to offer ten spaces during the Walking Festival at a price to be confirmed.

## **Questions from the public**

The Provost advised that there had been no questions from the public.

## Kelso in Bloom

The Provost advised the subcommittee had meet on the 29 September 2022 and highlighted the following -

- Coldstream Road discussion regarding the planting of bulbs, shrubs and alternative perennials rather than the current annual bedding plants, as the former would be more environmentally sustainable.
- The War Memorial discussion as to whether the kidney shaped bed on the left hand side should be put to grass.
- Bridge-end Park discussion regarding the planting of bulbs, shrubs and alternative perennials rather than the current annual bedding plants, for the same reason as above.
- Greener Gateway Awards The Provost and Councillor Watson attended these awards at the SBC Headquarters on Tuesday the 27 September 2022. This was a lovely evening and the attendees came away with many new ideas for the beds in Kelso.
- Fundraising a bag pack at Sainsbury's has been arranged for Friday 25 November

   volunteers required. An application had been submitted to the Cheviot
   Neighbourhood Fund for Kelso in Bloom.
- Volunteers Evening invitations will be sent to all volunteers asking them to an
  evening on the 25 November at the Registrars Room at the Town Hall, Kelso. Mark
  Hay has kindly offered to donate wine for the evening. This is an invitation to all
  volunteers of Kelso in Bloom and the Resilience group and all the Councillors are
  also invited.
- Watering of Baskets It was felt that it would be better if these were done first thing in the morning and late at night.
- The Linn it was felt that planting crocus bulbs, similar to what has been done along the bypass, would be a good idea. The Provost is to contact the housing association to establish who owns the land and distribute letters through the doors asking if residents would like to become involved in the upkeep of these bedding and grass areas.
- Community Litter pick the next litter pick will be on Sunday 20 November at 13.00 meeting in the Square.

The Provost advised that it was no longer sustainable to use bedding plants due to the excessive cost as well as the environmental cost of replacing the bedding plants rather than having continual cover. The Provost advised the autumn/winter bedding plants had been planted and thanked Mayfield Garden Centre for providing the bedding plants in the Square, free of charge, as well as offering a significant discount for the bedding plants for the other beds throughout the town. The Provost also extended thanks to the Kelso Horticultural Society for ordering and planting the beds along with KIB volunteers.

Councillor Watson will send out an email to all volunteers inviting them to the Volunteers evening and asking for help with the Sainsbury's bag pack.

## Tweed Valley Railway Campaign and KCC Railway Committee

Councillor Boulton advised an update had previously been circulated, which is appended to the minutes and highlighted.

Councillor Boulton thanked Laura Graham Co-op Member Pioneer for hosting a Tweed Valley Railway Campaign stall on 1 October, which had resulted in additional supporters being signed up.

Councillor Hamilton sought clarity on the situation with the STRP2 and how this affected the Tweed Valley Railway. Councillors Boulton and Russell explained that the Tweed Valley Railway was reliant on the Campaign for Border Rail successfully building the route through St Boswells and on to Hawick and beyond, however the £10million funding that had been pledged 50:50 from the Scottish and English Authorities for the feasibility study for the route to Carlisle, had not yet been forthcoming and there was some speculation as to why not and whilst this would not necessarily preclude the Tweed Valley Railway from progressing, it would require a significant change in thinking.

The Provost thanked Councillor Boulton for his report.

## Secretary's Report

- Correspondence, consultations, planning, traffic regulations etc. had been circulated and a summary is attached to the minutes.
- The Secretary advised she had received copies of the latest Scottish Borders National Park campaign newsletter.

## **Provost Report**

The Provost thanked all Community Councillors for their hard work and support they have given to both the Provost and the town over the past year.

"It certainly has been a busy year, from the work of the Resilience Group to storms at the end of last year, which led to the cancellation of the switch on of the lights. We got the town's CCTV back working and we still urge for responsible parking within the town, something we still push for and looking at options to keep the traffic flowing. All the organisation of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event which was a huge weekend for the town and very successful. Our involvement with the Ukrainian appeal, the declaration of the 2022 Kelso Laddie and all events at Kelso civic week. Plus, the new picnic benches in Shedden Park and the proclamation of King Charles III, to name a few."

Thanks were given to the councillors involved in the Railway Campaign and the Walking Festival.

"A thank you evening on behalf of Kelso In Bloom and Kelso Resilience Group, where volunteers who have given their time to the town this past year are invited to come along to the Town Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm for a glass of wine (or two). This is so we can say thank you for all your involvement, whether it be maintaining and planting the

flowers, litter picks, covid response, and everything else that the public and you, the Community Council has done this year."

The Provost advised that Kelso in Bloom had changed the litter pick times to a Sunday afternoon over the autumn/winter months and that the next pick would be Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at 1pm in the Square. Additional litter pick sticks which have been provided by SBC, are available for residents if they would like one.

"We give a huge thanks to the volunteers of the Kelso Ladies Poppy group who have worked tirelessly over the year again to create another wonderful display at the Kelso War Memorial – and also those of the Kelso Lights Committee who again have done some tremendous fundraising for our towns Christmas lights – we cannot wait to see the town lit up and switched on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November."

## Walking Festival 2023

The Secretary advised she had circulated a summary of work undertaken by the committee including a draft walks programme. She advised an application for funding to the Cheviot Area Partnership would be made early next year. The Secretary also advised there were several meetings organised to finalise the walks programme, draft the social programme and discuss budgets, promotion and branding.

## **Consultations**

Councillor Russell advised there was a public consultation, active until 30th October regarding the proposed Short Term Lets Licensing Policy Statement –

https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/regulatory-services/short-term-lets-licensing/

## **Scottish Borders Community Council Network**

Councillor McGrath's advised there was no update as the SBCCN had not held any meetings but there was a meeting planned for Thursday 20 October via zoom, details had previously been circulated.

## **Scottish Borders Council Report**

Councillor Boulton asked for an update on the scaffolding between Roxburgh Street and Bowmont Street, along with the status of the Abbey and the Glebe Wall.

Councillor Oliver asked if CCTV could be put up in Shedden Park to help alleviate the problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs and of vandalism. The Provost replied that the Cricket Club did have CCTV in the past and he agreed to speak with them about reinstating it. Councillor Hamilton suggested using CCTV signage without CCTV as a deterrent. It was agreed that this should be put to SBC Councillors at the next meeting.

Councillor Russell remarked that the Runners Shelter in Shedden Park was being used as a litter bin. The Provost advised that one of the extra waste bins was for the Runners Shelter along with the bridge at Springwood and the path between the ice rink and the Co-op.

The Provost advised that as there was no attendance from SBC Councillors, an email would be sent seeking an update on these issues and would share with Councillors.

# **Consideration of Licensing applications**

It was noted there were no licensing applications.

## **Consideration of planning applications**

It was noted there were no planning applications for consideration.

## Any other business

In response to a question on how often the toilets were checked and cleaned, the Provost advised this was done twice daily. It was agreed that confirmation from SBC that the door to the public toilets is now working should be sought.

Councillor Oliver asked that the bus stops be swept and power washed on a more regular basis.

Councillor Hamilton asked whether it would be worth looking into the possibility of reintroducing the Citizen of the Year award which had previously been overseen by the Ex-Rotary Club. The Council agreed that this was an excellent idea and The Provost agreed to contact a member of the Ex-Rotary Club to find out more about the award.

The Provost advised that he had attended Kelso High School Achievement Awards. He advised that a discussion with the Rector had taken place regarding Youth Participation where 6<sup>th</sup> year students previously attended KCC and that the Rector was very keen to reinstate this..

The Provost commented that he was keen to involve the youngsters of Kelso and as a Community Council we have a duty to consider providing things for them to do. Some suggestions were to invite High School students to KCC to give a presentation of what they would like, reintroducing a Dry Bar, using the skate park for skate jams and coaching, and making use of the ice rink during the summer months. Councillor Hamilton agreed to put the feelers out to high school students. It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

An e-mail had been received from Abundant Borders – Kelso North and Ednam Church, regarding the allotment behind Lidl's stating that they would be interested in tapping into the Foodbank and the Larder.

Councillor Redgrave advised that MSPs had been invited along to KCC to discuss the possible changing of legislation around dog fouling. However, they responded that it would not be feasible on a Tuesday due to Parliamentary business. Councillor Boulton suggested that a couple of members of KCC might attend one of their local surgeries on a Monday or Friday. The Provost advised he had printed and laminated 25 posters and displayed them in the town to hopefully remind dog owners to pick up after their dog.

A discussion took place regarding the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and the possibility of contacting Buckingham Palace to invite a representative to the unveiling of the time capsule. Colin Henderson (Kelso Heritage Society) would be the person with most

knowledge of the capsule and therefore the person to get in contact with. It was agreed the community should be involved in this and the items from the time capsule could be displayed in the window of the Registrar's office. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Provost invited Kelso Community Councillors to attend the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 13 November commencing at 10.45am at the War Memorial and then the British Legion for soup and refreshments.

The Provost thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 November 2022

	KELSO COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS/CONSULTATIONS – SEP/OCT 22	
Date	Event/Correspondence	Venue and comments
13.09.22	Approved June 2022 minutes for posting	For information
	Planning application 22/01316/FUL 2 roof lights, South Knowes – approved.	For information
	Laying of Wreath - along with the Kelso branch of the Royal British Legion, I shall be laying a wreath at Kelso War Memorial, on behalf of the people of Kelso at 6.00pm on Wednesday 14 September	For information
	News Release: Council schools and services to be closed on day of Her Majesty The Queen's State Funeral	For information
	Traffic regulations - Kelso Remembrance Day Parade	For information
14.09.22	Request from SBC insurance to cover cost of laptop which is being disputed	For information
	News Release: Council shows support for Scottish Housing Day 2022	For information
	Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Reopens	For information
	Request to SBCCN for planning training with PAS	For information
	Bookings for the Kelso Town House for KCC public meetings 2022 – 2023	For information
19.09.22	Funding for Kelso Food Larder submitted	For information
	KELSO AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING - Thursday 27th October 2022 at 7.30 pm.	For information
	Sustainable Development Committee - Item No. 6 - Transport Update Slides	For information
	R&B CAB AGM 31 October	For information
22.09.22	Road Closure - B6350 Redden - East of Kelso - 20th October 2022	For information
	Disturbance in bus shelter – shared with Police and facebook	For information
	Sick swans at the Cobby	For information
	News release: Community Planning Partnership sets out work plan to support communities	For information
23.09.22	Scottish Government Planning Update	For information
24.09.22	News Release: Council looks to appoint external members to Audit Committee	For information
	Contact details of local Police officers	For information
	Notification to SBC of list of duties and contact details and new Secretary	For information
26.09.22	Friends of Kelso Library	For information
	20mph Community Council Information EMAIL 12 update	For information
	Land East Of 16 Hendersyde Avenue Kelso Scottish Borders - 22/00093/PPP and 22/00021/	For information
	News Release: Scottish Borders' nature tourism developments highlighted to Swedish delegation	For information

	Reminder Email for the Scottish 4G Infill Programme Evaluation - Benefits Survey	For information
30.09.22	Facebook – details of record sale	For information
	Police Scotland September report	For comments
	Facebook - Researcher at BBC Scotland, we're currently working on a brand new entertainment programme called 'Scotland Sings'	For information
	Calling Notice - SBCCN meeting on 20th October 2022 via zoom	For information
	Update on various matters from SBC Councillor Robson	For information
	Facebook – Christmas fayre enquiry	For information
	Community Kelso Orchard disposal of rubbish	For information
	News release: Winners announced at inaugural Greener Gateway Community Awards prize giving ceremony	For information
	Alzheimer's Scotland Events and Activities	For information
	Facebook – community litter picks	For information
	Facebook – request for litter pick	For information
	Facebook – damaged mess on by pass	For information
	Facebook – dog fouling in Croft Park (Michael Douglas)	To invite MSP to future meeting
	Town Hall painting of external bell tower	For information
	QME Care Press Release - Art Exhibition in memory of Sheila Ashby	For information
01.10.22	Request to Emma Harper and Rachael Hamilton MSPs to attend future KCC meeting re dog fouling	For information
05.10.22	Road closure - D93/4 Ladyrig - South of Kelso - 17th October 2022	For information
	News Release: Council to mark Challenge Poverty Week by raising awareness of available support	For information
08.10.22	Letter to SBC requesting additional electric car charging points	For information
	Papers for meeting to be held on 18 October 2022	Note new date
15.10.22	News Release: Broomlands Primary named Apple Distinguished School	For information
	Town Hall booking for Kelso Cinema AGM 30.11.22	For information
	Road closure - B6396 Pots Close, East of Kelso - 31st October 2022	For information
	Scottish Water Newsletter	For information
	Face book comment - Jane Somers -Organiser: Cheviot Togs	For information
	Scottish Borders Community Councils' Network meeting Thurs 20th Oct at 7pm via zoom	For information
	Alzheimer's Scotland - Café Connect, Forget Me Not Café and Carers Afternoon Tea Party.	For information
	Papers for KCC meeting on 18.10.22 reissued	For information

# Kelso Walking Festival – report to Kelso Community Council October 2022

Dates: Sunday 3 September to Saturday 9 September 2023

Committee consists of KCC Councillors Christine Hamilton, Gus Russell and Shirley Redgrave (Chair), Helen Rabour (Coldstream Ramblers), Sally Keen and Lorna Mackenzie (Eildon Ramblers), Jim Stone (U3A walking group) Keith Robeson (SBC Chief Ranger) and Visit Kelso (June Swan or Tina Newton).

Walks programme drafted and to be confirmed by end of November

- Transport being costed
- Ticket prices tbc
- All walks will have a risk assessment
- All walks will have a trained First Aider to be funded and provided by SBC Walk it Walks
- Public liability insurance to be provided under KCC and additional premium to be covered.

## Social programme -

- Town Hall booked for opening civic and welcoming ceremony on Saturday 2
  September 2023 (invites to be issued to Leader Councillor Euan Jardine and
  Convenor Councillor Watson McActeer, Kelso Laddies Association and Kelso
  Together Churches) and a hand over ceremony on Saturday 9 September 2023.
- Varied programme, still being worked on but want to include the local community.

#### Funding –

- Ticket sales via Evenbrite or alternative
- Sponsorship opportunities via local traders
- Area Partnership funding application Oct 2022
- Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing grant (Councillor Hamilton to pursue)

Publicity, marketing, branding – will be working with Visit Kelso.

#### Venue -

- Tebbutt Rooms for reception
- Coffee lounge in Abbey Row for afternoon tea local groups to be invited to host.
- Kelso Town Hall for civic and welcoming ceremony on Saturday 2 September and handover ceremony on Saturday 9 September 2023).

# Tweed Valley Railway Campaign / Railway Committee Update for Kelso Community Council – 18 October 2022

1) Co-op Roxburgh Street (thanks to the efforts of their Member Pioneer, Laura Graham), hosted a Tweed Valley Railway Campaign stall on 1 October. We signed up 21 supporters in one hour.



- 2) Our total member and supporter base now stands at over 135.
- 3) Established in Kelso Town Hall, just under one year ago, we held our first AGM there on 4 October. The Chair's report is attached. Our finances are in good order and we will soon start to prepare funding applications for 2023.
- 4) There is real concern that the Transport Scotland's second Strategic Transport Project Review (STPR2) may not list the extension of Borders Rail as one of the transport priorities during the next 20 years. A decision not to extend Borders Rail south from Tweedbank would be damaging to the Tweed Valley Railway Campaign because the most likely junction lies at or near Newtown St Boswells. The final STPR2 report is due to be published this autumn. In light of this sensitivity, following discussions with SBC officials, the campaign has temporarily pared back its political engagement activities. This is to avoid the perceived risk that support for the Tweed Valley Railway at this critical time could undermine SBC's and the Campaign for Borders Rail's efforts to secure the extension of Borders Rail to Hawick and on to Carlisle as a transport priority for Scotland.
- 5) We remain fully supportive of the extension of Borders Rail and make the case that one of its benefits would be that it would enable a future rail link eastwards to the East Coast Mainline, through Kelso and other communities. This would provide important east-west connectivity between the ECML and West Coast Mainline and would connect settlements in the Scottish Borders and North Northumberland.
- 6) To restart our engagement programme, on 1 November a delegation will present to the Sprouston Community Council.

# Tweed Valley Railway Campaign Chair's Report AGM 4 October 2022

The *Tweed Valley Railway Campaign* was formally established on 25 October 2021. Our goal is to restore rail services between St Boswells and Berwick-upon-Tweed. I would judge our first year to have been a success.

The Campaign currently has a Management Committee of seven people. I am delighted with what we have all achieved and am keen to recruit more people with energy and expertise so we have a full team of a dozen to keep up our momentum.

We are very grateful to the Cheviot Area Partnership, operated by Scottish Borders Council, who granted the campaign £2,500 of funding which has enabled the Campaign to take its crucial, first steps.

We issued our first press release, in March, and secured a front-page headline in the *Berwick Advertiser* and good coverage with the BBC and local radio. It led to a 60% growth in membership.

Our website went live in June, followed by the set-up of our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram.

I realised that we have much to learn so one of the key priorities has been to build relationships with experts in rail campaigning. I am particularly delighted that we have developed very good links with some highly respected campaigns, notably Rail Action Group for East Scotland (RAGES) and South-East Northumberland Rail Users Group (SENRUG), whose clever, diligent and steadfast campaigning has served their members very well with the opening of Reston station and future opening of East Linton station and the restoration of passenger services on the Northumberland Line. We hope to strengthen these bonds and to develop new ones in the years ahead.

At the beginning of 2022, there were some key developments in rail in the region.

First, was the consultation on the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2), being carried out by Transport Scotland. The immediate challenge was that the proposals did not include any commitment to the extension of the Borders Railway to Hawick and on to Carlisle and only noted that there is to be a feasibility study under the auspices of the Borderlands Partnership. This is a concern for the Tweed Valley Railway Campaign because the line needs to be extended south from Tweedbank to Newtown St Boswells, or thereabouts, so it can turn east towards Kelso and the East Coast Mainline. Although new to the game, on behalf of the campaign I wrote to the Scottish Government's Minister for Transport, Jenny Gilruth MSP, expressing our strong support for the extension of the Borders Railway and asking that the possible future extension of the rail network from the Borders Railway to the East Coast Mainline be included as a strategic national project during the next two decades. We await the results of STPR2 at the end of 2022.

Secondly, we responded to the South-East Scotland Transport (SEStran) consultation on their own 20-year transport strategy for the region, the outcome of which will also be known shortly.

Thirdly, following our response to the North-East Rail and Metro Strategy consultation, we secured an acknowledgement that our campaign and feasibility studies on the extension of the Borders Railway would, if successful, restore East-West rail connectivity in the Borderlands.

In May, the Secretary and I attended the North Northumberland Local Area Council and were delighted by the positive response we received to our campaign's objectives. This gives us a good base on which to build further engagement with councils along the possible route. We have also started to build relationships with key officials in Northumberland County Council who have first-hand experience of rail infrastructure projects.

The summer saw us massively grow our supporter base with stands at the Border Union Show and the Kelso Farmers' Market. We have also been offered a stand in Co-op supermarkets to spread the word and sign up more supporters.

We have started our engagement programme of meetings with lawmakers from both Holyrood and Westminster with a plan to accelerate this activity next year. We are also setting up meetings with Community, Parish and Town Councils along the Tweed Valley. The precise route of any new line will be the subject of a feasibility study.

Local businesses are showing an interest and we are delighted to have secured corporate sponsorship from the prestigious Schloss Roxburghe and are looking to welcoming other corporate sponsors in the Scottish Borders and Northumberland who see the obvious benefits of restoring a rail connection in the region.

In one year, we signed up over 120 supporters and members and made some excellent contacts and inroads. For next year, once again the goal remains generating interest in, passion about and support for the Tweed Valley Railway. We need this so we can use that support to push for studies which demonstrate the many benefits of restoring rail services between Berwick-upon-Tweed and St Boswells.

Based on what we have done in one year, I am confident that, in 2023, with your continued support, passion and commitment we can achieve much, much more.