



PRESENT: Councillors John Bassett, James Boulton, Peter Cooper, Gavin Horsburgh, James McCombie, Colin McGrath, Paul Roberts, Harry Tomczyk, Dean Weatherston (Chair) and Scottish Borders Councillors Simon Mountford, Euan Robson (part) and Tommy Weatherston.

IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Redgrave (Secretary), Tina Newton (Visit Kelso), Chloe Dobson (Living Streets), Kirsty Smyth (Southern Reporter), Cameron Knox (Chair of Hawick Community Council) and members of the public Teresa Dorward, Christine Hamilton, Margaret and Martin Greenhow, Shona MacCorquodale and Hazel Woodsell.

APOLOGIES KCC Councillors Ian Brown and Kerry Yule

- *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.*
- *All Councillors and attendees to act in a courteous manner and direct question through the Chairperson.*

Welcome

The Provost welcomed everyone to the November meeting being held by Zoom

Police Matters

The Provost advised Police Scotland were not allowed to join meetings by Zoom and advised the Multi Member Ward Plan for Kelso and District for October 2020 had previously been circulated and if there were any comments or concerns to feedback to ourselves or Police Scotland.

Visit Kelso

Tina Newton advised Visit Kelso have three new members who joined last month. Two being new businesses which is great to see them starting up in Kelso especially at this uncertain time and the third is a long established business which has decided this year was the time to join.

Social Media has been very active with the staycation and shop local campaigns over the last few months and the Christmas Advent Calendar promotion all set to go from 1st December.

The Christmas Sub Group have been working hard and have placed adverts in both the Gala and Kelso Life magazines. Tina advised sadly there would be no Visit Kelso Christmas Market this year due to the restrictions needed to protect from Covid.

Councillor Tomczyk asked Tina how the local traders were coping with the current restrictions and Tina advised during the summer business had been buoyant and they had seen a 20% increase in footfall which was welcomed but now business was generally slowing down.

Councillor Horsburgh commented it was good to see new businesses opening in the town and thanked Visit Kelso for all their endeavours.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2020

The minutes held on Tuesday 13 October 2020 were approved. They were proposed by Councillor Harry Tomczyk and seconded by Councillor Gavin Horsburgh.

Matters arising

Kelso in Bloom

Councillor Horsburgh advised the KIB committee had met and agreed to carry on the community litter picks throughout the winter. The next scheduled one is on Sunday 15 November at 1.00pm (meet in the Square) and he encouraged the public and Councillors to attend. He advised all care would be given to ensure participants adhered to social distancing rules.

Councillor Horsburgh commented the Just Giving page was proving successful and thanked everyone who had made a donation through it or by sending a cheque direct to the Treasurer.

Councillor Horsburgh placed on record his thanks to Mayfield Garden Centre, A Hume's, Douglas Home & Co and the Cross Keys Hotel for providing planting in the various beds in and around the Square and to the volunteers who planted them.

SBC Councillor Weatherston advised the Common Good Fund committee had met earlier today and KIB had been awarded a grant to purchase litter picks and black bags to enable the community litter picks to take place. Councillor Horsburgh thanked the CGF committee for their generosity and advised these would be purchased from Stuart Douglas who had agreed to sell them at trade price.

The Provost commented the benches and bus shelters had been cleaned and thanked SBC for undertaking this work.

Councillor Tomczyk advised Betty Hodges, the former Chair of KIB was currently in hospital awaiting an operation. The Provost and Councillors passed on their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Naming of streets

The Provost advised Kelso Heritage Society had been consulted.

Angraflat Development (49 new houses with 3 new streets for Eildon Housing): It was agreed these should be called Sandy Blair Drive (after the late Provost), Bobby Service Road (after the first Kelso Laddie) and Orchies Place (in acknowledgement of Kelso's twin town). The Provost will speak to Walter Blair to advise him on this suggestion. There will be more streets in this area to be named in the future. It was noted a street should be named Nethershot to safeguard the name of this site.

Phase 6, North Broomlands, Kelso:

It was agreed to call this Peter Crawford Place after the person who founded the township of Kelso, Washington, USA.

Councillor McGrath welcomed the suggestion of using Peter Crawford and would convey this information to his colleagues in Kelso, USA and suggested that when the visit was rescheduled there could be an event to commemorate the naming of this street.

Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

Living Streets, Out and About Project

Chloe Dobson introduced herself as the new Living Streets, Out and About Project Coordinator for the Scottish Borders. Her role is to establish new groups for older people in the Borders, promoting everyday walking; encouraging and increasing older people's confidence and motivation to undertake everyday walks within their local community. She will also support older adults who wish to improve their wellbeing by empowering them to act and be involved in decision making about streets, spaces, and places for everyday walking and report any problems within the local area that make walking difficult.

Chloe advised to make sure this project is useful she would like to get some input from people living in and around Kelso to find out what their experience of walking and trying to stay active has been during this challenging time. Chloe commented there was a Guide to Better Streets and Pavement document which she would share with the Secretary and arrange for some hard copies to be sent to the Community Council.

The Provost thanked Chloe for attending the meeting and welcomed this initiative and advised the Community Council were happy to support this.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary gave the following update –

- Correspondence, consultations, planning, traffic regulations etc. had been circulated and captured and a summary would be attached to the minutes.
- The annual grant had been received.

Provost's Report

The Provost advised there had been no official events but he laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the town early on Remembrance Sunday morning.

Earlier in the week Mr Steven Patterson welcomed the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Edinburgh to Kelso and they both laid a wreath at Roxburgh Castle.

The Provost advised there would be a virtual meeting on the Review of Community Councils and he would feedback.

Scottish Borders Council Community Network (SBCCN)

Councillor McGrath advised he would be meeting with Councillor Robin Tatler - Executive Member for Community Development and Localities, Jenni Craig – Service Director Customer and Communities and Jenny Wilkinson - Clerk to the Council on the 19 November to continue the discussion on Community Empowerment and Area Partnerships.

Councillor McGrath advised a revised handbook for Community Councils had been drafted by Berwickshire and this would be circulated shortly for information.

Councillor McGrath advised the new Scottish Borders Budget Challenge was a good way for the community to put forward its views on spending priorities. The Provost advised the Budget calculator had been posted on the KCC Facebook page.

Councillor McGrath commented there had been changes to the Executive Committee and wondered whether there was an up to date list of members and their responsibilities.

Any Other Business

Councillor Paul Roberts advised he welcomed the new 20mph speed restriction but said there were issues at the top of Roxburgh Street and asked whether a couple of repeater signs could be installed. SBC Councillor Mountford advised the frequency of the repeater signs were set by law but SBC Councillors would ask the question. SBC Councillor Weatherston undertook to do this.

Councillor Tomczyk asked for an update on the location of the proposed new cycle racks and the Provost advised he was in discussion with SBC officers and they were looking at different locations and would report back to the Council.

Councillor Bolton asked for his thanks to be placed on record for the excellent work undertaken to decorate the War Memorial with knitted poppies, etc. The Provost endorsed this and advised he would be putting a formal thank you in the December issue of Kelso Life to those concerned.

Councillor Cooper advised he had seen the SBC Press Release related to landowners keeping their boundaries free from overhanging branches and keeping their hedges cut and raised the issue of the overhanging branches and hedges in Dryinghouse Lane and signage opposite Bullet Loan that was obscured by foliage, both areas being the responsibility of SBC.

Councillor Cooper asked whether the Local Development Plan provision safeguard the railway line. SBC Councillor Robson advised he had been given assurances that the safeguarding of the rail line would be included in the LDP but if it was not he would be making representations. It was noted comments are due back on the LDP by 25 January 2021.

Councillor Horsburgh advised the roadworks at the Sainsbury's roundabout would be completed by the weekend.

Member of the public Martin Greenhow asked for an update on the Teviot Bridge repairs and SBC Councillor Robson undertook to follow this up.

Scottish Borders Council Report

Parking /Traffic Management

SBC Councillor Robson commented the 20mph trial was ongoing and he had received mixed comments about this. He advised he was still progressing work on introducing additional parking spaces, disabled spaces and better signage to car parks around the town.

SBC Councillor T Weatherston commented it was important to make provision in the LDP identification of land to provide future car parking.

SBC Councillor Mountford commented it was important the public looked at the Local Development Plan and feed in any comments and suggestions as this would form the basis of priorities over the next ten years.

Springwood Estate Boundary

SBC Councillor Robson advised he had written to both the SBC Solicitor and Access officer and had received no response. He undertook to chase this up and report back.

Councillor Horsburgh asked for an update on the removal of equipment from the play parks and was advised this would happen over the winter period. The Provost declared an interest and asked who if the issue of ownership of playparks at Wallaceneuk had been resolved. He was advised that this was still being investigated.

Councillor Tomczyk asked for an update to repairs to Springwood Bank and SBC
Councillor Mountford undertook to follow this up.

Consideration of Licenses

The Secretary advised an application had been received from Lidl Store to increase the capacity of the alcohol display area. There were no objections to the plans.

Consideration of Plans

The Secretary advised there were no plans for consideration.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 December 2020

APPENDIX

KELSO COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS/CONSULTATIONS OCT 2020		
Date	Event/Correspondence	Venue and comments
14.10.20	KCC approved minutes submitted to the KCC and Visit Kelso FB pages for posting.	For information
21.10.20	Community Council Event Guidance - inc Remembrance	For information
	Road Closure - D79/4 Race Course Road, Kelso	For information
	News release: Business Hardship Fund opens to eligible Borders firms	For information
	News Release: CGI managed IT services contract with Scottish Borders Council extended to 2040	For information
	News release: Award nominations open for inspiring young Borderers	For information
	Payment made to British Legion for wreath	For information
	Payment made to British Legion for VE Day grant	For information
23.10.20	News release: Appeal to landowners to play their part and maintain trees and hedges	For information
	Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 - Application for Variation of Premises Licence - Lidl Great Britain Ltd - Lidl Store, 31-33 Shedden Park Road, Kelso	For agenda
30.10.20	Drafted funding application for KIB to apply to Common Good fund to purchase litter picks	For information
	OSCR events - trustees' week 2020	For information
	The Bridge 2020 AGM invitation - Thursday 19th November 2020 at 4pm - Zoom	For information
	Joint statement from NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council	For information
	Community Council update - letter from Councillor David Parker providing updated guidance on meetings, elections and membership.	For information
31.10.20	20mph Community Council Information Survey 1	For information – comments back to Provost
	News release: Borderers asked to display poppy's at home following Level Two Remembrance event guidance	For information
	Community Council update Remembrance events guidance	For information
02.11.20	Secretary submitted application on behalf of Kelso in Bloom to the Common Goods Fund to purchase community litter picks	For information

	News release: Community recycling centres trade permit service returns	For information
	Kelso and District MMW Plan October 2020	For information and agenda
03.11.20	Papers for KCC meeting to be held on 10.11.20	For information
	News release: Scottish Borders secures largest recycling rate increase in Scotland	For information
	Scottish Borders Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan	For information
09.11.20	Borders College Community Day and Evening Courses - Survey	For completion