

Minutes of the Meeting of Kelso Community Council on Tuesday 13 September 2022 at 7:00 in Kelso Town Hall



**PRESENT:** Councillors Owen Adams, James Boulton (Vice Chair), Peter Cooper, Christine Hamilton, Gavin Horsburgh (Provost), Colin McGrath, Paul Roberts and Gus Russell and Scottish Borders Councillors Simon Mountford, Euan Robson and Tommy Weatherston.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Shirley Redgrave (Secretary), Sharon Johnston (incoming Secretary, Mags Clark (Visit Kelso) and Laura Graham (Co-op), Eildon's Director of Community Services Amanda Miller, and the Care Services Manager (East) Andries Fourie.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors James McCombie, Toni Oliver and Gail Watson

- *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 and presenters and welcomed them back after the summer recess.

The Provost asked the Council to observe a minutes silence in respect of the passing of the late Queen Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

### **Police Matters**

The Provost advised the Multi Member Ward Plans for Kelso and District during the summer had been circulated and asked for comments. It was noted there were no comments forthcoming.

### **Visit Kelso**

Tina Newton had recorded her apologies and Mags Clark presented the report – Visit Kelso have been working hard over the summer months promoting the town on social media and celebrating all of the summer events that have been held over the last few months within Kelso.

They took the decision to take the hanging baskets down before the Tour of Britain came through Kelso as they felt that many baskets were past their best and it did not reflect well on the town.

Mags advised with thanks to funding from Adapt & Thrive they are planning a paid for advertising campaign on Social Media that will target audiences out with the area from October until March next year.

Visit Kelso had a good Civic Week window competition and the sub group who organised the Civic Week project are now turning their attention to Christmas with a meeting planned for this week to make a start on this year's campaign.

Mags commented that whilst these next 2 points are not really a direct remit for Visit Kelso they were brought to our last meeting as follows:

- Short term holiday let owners are finding more guests are coming in electric cars and they are therefore looking for charging points within the town. To support this issue we are planning to send a letter to Scottish Borders Council asking for more electric car charging points to be added within the town / region and would appreciate if the Community Council could also support this initiative and send a letter of support to SBC also.
- Holiday guest have also highlighted the number of 'brown tourist information signs' that are out of date (directing you to places that are closed or in wrong place), however we believe this is something you are already aware of and working on with SBC.

SBC Councillor Mountford commented SBC are aware there is a need for additional electric charging points but there are many infrastructure issues involved and SBC will be asking the Scottish Government for additional funding to address this. SBC Councillor Mountford advised that SBC recommend that Developers include charging points in any developments but SBC cannot currently insist on this. Other partners, such as supermarket and garages also need to be involved in developing the infrastructure.

The Community Council agreed to write a letter of support and this should be addressed to the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, John Curry.

### **Extra care services at the former Kelso High School**

The Provost welcomed Eildon Housing Association's Director of Community Services Amanda Miller and the Care Services Manager (East) Andries Fourie who attended the meeting to share proposals for the extra care service at the former Kelso High School, now named Poynder Place apartments.

Amanda explained this was an exciting opportunity for Kelso and care and support has always been an important part of their service delivery model. Amanda explained what was meant by Extra Care Housing and advised this was high quality accessible accommodation for people over 60 years of age (couples eligible) within a safe and secure community setting. Applicants must have a combination of housing, support and/or care needs, or are awaiting discharge from a formal care or hospital setting.

Tenants have full tenancy rights and would pay rent and service charges to Eildon to meet the cost of accommodation, local services and meals service.

In response to a question of what the monthly rent and service charges would be, Amanda advised Eildon were currently working through budgets but as a guideline their properties at

Wilkie Gardens, Galashiels currently charged circa £1140 per month for single occupancy and £1500 for double occupancy. In addition tenants would need to pay for the cost of heating within their property but the service charge covered the cost of heating in the communal areas.

Amanda highlighted the advantages of this model including providing choices for older people looking for alternative housing options and supporting the shift in the balance of care from traditional care models to a more flexible, person centred approach. She advised this was a step up from sheltered housing and an opportunity for people looking for supporting housing.

Amanda advised Poynder Apartments would consist of 36 properties and they are aiming to go live around May 2023.

Andries advised general marketing had commenced and there would be a recruitment and training drive to attract high level staff. SBC Councillor Weatherston declared an interest (holds the SBC portfolio for Health and Social Care) and advised there was a severe shortage of care staff in the Borders and it was important to attract additional staff into this sector. Andries asked whether it would be possible to display recruitment banners throughout the town. The Provost confirmed this was allowed and highlighted the sites but asked Eildon to share the contents of these banners with the Community Council.

Councillor Roberts asked whether there would be priority allocation for local people and was advised the allocation process was based on an agreed eligibility criteria and needs, assessed in conjunction with the local authority. Councillor Roberts asked what provision had been made for electric charging points and the provision of buggy storage. Amanda advised that infrastructure would be in place for electric charging points and they were working on the provision on a buggy store which would need to be in a space behind the building, due to its listed status. Eildon agreed to bring back proposals on the buggy storage to the Community Council.

SBC Councillor Weatherston advised he welcomed this development as it was a much better model than people going into a care home.

Councillor Boulton asked what measures would be put in place to protect tenants from disruptions from Phase 2 of the overall development (private housing and Eildon stock). Amanda advised she hoped disruptions would be kept to the minimum and appropriate screening would be put in place and consideration given to where tenants were located.

In response to a question on congestion with access at Orchard Park, Amanda advised a new thoroughfare was incorporated into the overall plan to minimise this.

Amanda and Andries advised they would be very happy for the Community Council to look around the development before tenants moved in and the Provost welcomed this.

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022**

The minutes held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 were approved. They were proposed by Councillor Boulton and seconded by Councillor McGrath.

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

- Food Larder – Councillor Russell advised he wished to apply to the Scottish Borders Community Led Local Development Fund to establish a community food larder where perishable food from supermarkets and other retail outlets would be available free-of-charge instead of going to landfill. It was agreed Councillors Russell, Horsburgh and Roberts would set up a small working group to process this application which needed to be submitted by 19 September. Laura Graham (Co-op) thanked the Community Council for their involvement and efforts.
- Litter Picks – the Provost thanked SBC Councillor Weatherston for arranging funding for additional litter pickers which will be stored in the cellar of the Town Hall. The Provost advised he had put a message on social media to advise these were available to members of the public who wished to undertake litter picks around their own area. SBC Councillor Weatherston commented this funding application had been supported by all three local SBC Councillors and in addition hi viz jackets had been provided.
- Water stagnation on The Cobby – Councillor Hamilton advised she had put in an online notification to SEPA about the water stagnation at the Hogarth Mill's end of The Cobby. She advised that SEPA had confirmed this was a landowner issue and had made contact with Hogarth's Mill. The cauld could be the property of Roxburghe Estates who would, therefore, be responsible for the upkeep of the upstream half. Hogarth's Mill undertook to approach SEPA requesting permission to remove the debris. The Provost commented there was a lot of debris and overgrown bushes and trees that would need attention in the area, however, currently there would be issue around birds nesting but the area should be looked at in the spring.

### **Questions from the public**

Mags Clarke asked whether SBC would consider introducing additional lighting along the Mayfield river path. SBC Councillor Weatherston commented this had previously been considered but as the area was subjected to flooding this was not feasible.

### **Kelso in Bloom**

The Provost advised he would be organising a committee meeting in the next few weeks to address how KIB wished to progress future planting etc. The Provost advised he had given permission for Kelso Horticultural Society to order the autumn/winter bedding plants.

The Provost advised there would be a community litter pick on Tuesday 20 September at 6.00pm meeting in the Square and all were welcome. The Provost advised that in response to requests from the volunteers doing the litter picks, KIB had purchased 20 bin bags hoops.

### **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 that he and Councillor Russell had met with Dennis Fancett, Chair of the Northumberland rail users' campaign group, SENRUG, which had been successful and enlightening.

The Provost thanked Councillor Boulton for his report.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Correspondence, consultations, planning, traffic regulations etc. had been circulated and captured and a summary is attached to the minutes.
- SBC Annual Paths Grant had been offered and this had been shared with the Kelso Heritage Society. Councillor Russell asked whether there was scope to use the grant towards the path at Broomlands. The secretary advised the annual path grant was limited to £450. SBC Councillor Weatherston commented that the grant could be used to purchase materials and the community service personnel could potentially be used to do the work.
- Our Data Protection Certificate had been received and noted.
- The Secretary advised she had compiled a list of duties of Community Councillors and asked for comments. This would be shared with SBC officials.

### **Provost Report**

The Provost introduced Sharon Johnston (incoming Secretary) and advised Sharon would take on the role of Secretary from November 2022. The current Secretary, Shirley would be standing down but had agreed to stay on as Treasurer to the Community Council and Kelso in Bloom.

The Provost advised he would like to co-op Shirley onto the Community Council and proposed her application. This was seconded by Councillor Boulton and unanimously approved.

The Provost advised he had participated in and attended various activities over Civic Week and congratulated the Kelso Laddies Association for an extremely successful week and thanked Councillors for attending the official events.

The Provost advised he had attended the Kelso Flower Show, a meeting of the Four Abbeys U3A, the handover meeting of the Gala Walking festival and the Proclamation of the new King. He advised he would be attending the Kelso High School Celebration of Learning Evening on 22 September and the Greener Gateway Community Awards on 27 September.

The Provost advised the Kelso time capsule would be opened when there was a Coronation, potentially 2023. It was noted this was located under the “bull ring” in the Square and was buried in 1953. It was agreed Kelso Community Council would co-ordinate any future opening of the time capsule and the public should be given to opportunity to inspect it. SBC Councillor Weatherston commented there was another time capsule located at the Millenium Viewpoint.

### **Walking Festival 2023**

The Secretary advised Rules for Kelso Walking Festival Committee of the KCC had been drawn up and circulated for approval. These were proposed by Councillor Boulton and seconded by the Provost and unanimously approved.

The Secretary advised she had circulated a summary of work undertaken by the committee including a draft walks programme.

SBC Councillor Mountford commented that the Convenor of the Council (Councillor Watson McActeer) would be happy to host a civic event and that the Secretary should write to his office with details. The Secretary advised she would like the 2023 Kelso Laddie to be involved in some of the events and was advised to write to the KLA.

The Secretary advised there would be a lot of work but was ably supported by Councillors Hamilton and Russell and would bring future updates to the meetings.

### **Consultations**

It was noted there were no current consultations for comment.

### **Caravan/Motorhome parking in Kelso**

The Provost advised he had circulated information after one of his “meet and greet” sessions whereby a couple had asked if Kelso could provide a proper pitch up area for campervans and motorhomes similar to other Border towns. He advised this would be a great opportunity, for someone to develop an area - with a business plan, similar to that outside Coldstream and would be a great asset for the town. Councillor Russell advised he had approached the Borders Events Centre to see whether they could open up for caravans / motorhomes for the 2023 walking festival. However they had advised they only open for rallies and don't operate as a 'regular' caravan / motorhomes / campsite.

SBC Councillor Weatherston commented the obvious area in the town would be the Racecourse as they had hard standing and toilets and showers in the stable quarters.

### **Scottish Borders Community Council Network**

Councillor McGrath's report had been circulated and the Provost asked for comments. The Provost commented that, as representative of Kelso Community Council, the Community Council should be asked to approve any views Councillor McGrath intended to put forward on its behalf. SBC Councillor Weatherston commented SBC had a legal duty to deliver services and currently public consultations were only undertaken by the Council. SBC Councillor Mountford commented that SBC Councillors had been elected to represent the interests of the community.

### **Scottish Borders Council Report**

Statement to be given by SBC Councillors on the following if there is an update.

#### **Parking/Traffic management**

SBC Councillor Robson advised SBC were in the process of removing out of date brown tourist signs (eg Roxburghe Hotel, Teviot Smokery) and where appropriate these would be updated and replaced but if there were any more these should be flagged . SBC Councillor Robson commented that due to limited funding, priority needed to be given to roundabouts, health and safety road signs, etc. SBC Councillor Robson advised that when funds were available new signage would be introduced directing visitors to the town's carparks.

The Provost asked that double yellow lines be introduced to Bridge Street and in front of the Kelsae Staine. SBC Councillor Weatherston agreed with the proposals but advised Traffic Orders were expensive so these may have to wait and be included with other alterations.

The Provost advised the new electric charging point in the square allowed for 2 vehicles to charge, however, there was insufficient space for 2 vehicles to park in the space. SBC Councillor Robson agreed to look at this.

#### **Toilets at Shedden Park**

SBC Councillor Mountford advised there was no update but reminded Councillors the previous administration had agreed to save £50,000 from the toilet budget. All public toilets had to close due to Covid and all but 14 in the Borders remained closed. There is currently a debate ongoing within the Council to see how many can be reopened. Councillor Boulton asked whether SBC Councillors supported the re-opening of Shedden and Croft Park toilets and SBC Councillor Robson confirmed yes if resources can be found. SBC Councillor Mountford commented SBC were currently looking into replacing the coin mechanism with a card swipe facility but this was expensive technology.

#### Dropped kerb at Railway walk entrance

SBC Councillor Mountford commented the work had been complete on this drop kerb. The Provost thanked SBC for undertaking this.

#### Ferneyhill Cemetery grass cutting

SBC Councillor Weatherston advised there were currently no issue with grass cutting due to the dry summer.

#### Short term let licence

SBC Councillor Weatherston advised the SBC Licensing committee had met to discuss this and they were currently looking at implementing a standard charge which would be fair to second home owners. He advised that whatever the charge this would only need to be sufficient to pay for the staff who would be required to oversee this. Councillor Russell advised he had attended a workshop regarding this and the proposed charges of circa £350 for 3 years appeared to be fair for small businesses. SBC Councillor Robson commented that SBC would need to provide advice and guidance to landlords. Mags Clarke asked for details of timescale for implementing the new licence and was advised new business would have to introduce this on 1.10.22 and existing businesses 1.4.23.

#### Border Hotel – building warrants

SBC Councillor Mountford advised the issue with the building warrants had been resolved, the delays had been caused from satisfying building regulations around the internal staircase.

#### Headstone Safety

SBC Councillor Mountford advised SBC is continuing with its programme of headstone safety. The next phase is due to commence from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and will include – Rosebank Cemetery. Advanced signage has been in place at all entrances for a minimum of 28 days.

#### Cobby carpark

SBC Councillor Robson advised SBC had secured funding to fill in the large pot holes. It was noted this is not a SBC carpark and this would only be a temporary fix, hopefully to last 18 months.

#### Garages at Croft Park

SBC Councillor Weatherston advised that the Council had served notice on tenants to take back the garages however most of the garages were not suitable for cars so were being used as lock ups, whereas the proposed use was far more beneficial to the community.

Councillor Roberts asked SBC to make efforts to keeping the town's bus stops in a clean state.

Councillor Russell asked the Community Council for permission to place a memorial bench in Rosebank Cemetery and this was unanimously approved.

**Consideration of Licensing applications**

It was noted there were no licensing applications.

**Consideration of planning applications**

The Secretary advised the following applications had been submitted for consideration. 22/01316/FUL - Mr Nicholas Britton - Installation of 2 no roof lights - South Knowes The Knowes, Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7BH. The Community Council supported this application.

The Provost thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 October 2022



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KELSO COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS/CONSULTATIONS – SUMMER 22		
Date	Event/Correspondence	Venue and comments
14.06.22	Approved May 2022 minutes for posting	For information
	Community Land Scotland - Final Report	For information
	Borders Third Sector Re-Imagined Project - The Bridge	For information
	Response to KLA re invites to Civic Week	For information
18.06.22	Planning - Notice of Review has been received by Scottish Borders Council in respect of 22/00093/PPP concerning the decision of the Council to refuse planning permission.	Responded no comments
	Planning – 22/00615/FUL – Re-consultation – Incorporating revisions to previous consultation - Mr & Mrs Robert Meins - Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, erection of two sheds and erection of fence - 8 Sutherland Gardens Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7BF	Responded no comments
	Planning – 22/00928/LBC - Jacobs And Turner Ltd - Repaint exterior and installation of signage - Shop 11 The Square Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7HH	Responded no comments
	Planning – 22/00930/FUL - Jacobs And Turner Ltd - Repaint exterior and installation of signage - Shop 11 The Square Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7HH	Responded no comments
	LOCAL COMMUNITY PATHS MAINTENANCE GRANT 2022-23	Dec 22
	News Release: Borderers invited to attend flag raising for Armed Forces Day – 2 June	For information
	Application for Annual Grant submitted – details sent to KHS	For information
03.07.22	News Release: Scottish Borders Council Chief Executive Announcement	For information
	Alcohol Focus Scotland - Alcohol Licensing Toolkit - Please consider sharing with your Community Councils	For information
	Roads - C46 Ednam Road, Stichill	For information
	Road Closure - B6400 Kirkmains - West of Crailing	For information
	SEPA notification, The Cobby	For information
	Drain in Woodmarket	For information
	SBCCN Updates	For information
	Will you help us by completing our survey on planning issues?	For information
	Community Council Support Grant 2022/23 Kelso – KCC and KHS form submitted	For information

	Events in July at Floors Castle	For information
	News Release: Scottish Borders Council Leader and Councillors set for road trip across 11 wards	For information
	Chest Heart and Stroke Charity shop – use of image	Action
	Traffic - Border Union Agricultural Show - 2022	For information
	Traffic - Kelso Civic Week 2022 (1)	For information
	Water stagnation at The Cobby, Hogarth's update	Agenda item
	Traffic - Kelso Civic Week/Kelso Laddies	For information
	EU citizens in Scotland want physical proof of their immigration status	For information
	Traffic lights on pipe well brae	For information
11.07.22	News release: Social Work and Social Care to be at Border Union Show	For information
	Regulations Roadshows regarding Short-term let licensing regulations in Scotland	Visit Kelso to organise
	FB - Travelling People	For information
	Request from Yetholm CC regarding defibrillators	Responded
	Email - Litter Thomson's Monument	Message put on FB
	Use of Image Kelso Community Council logo	Agenda item
	Planning - 20/00076/RCC   <u>To construct a road and associated works - Tweed Court, Kelso</u>   Abbeyfield Formerly Known As The Haven Jedburgh Road Kelso Scottish Borders	Responded no comments
	Community Council Support Grant 2022/23 Kelso	Submitted evaluation for annual grant and paths grant
	Civic Week activities	For information
	Police Scotland June report	For comments
	Chief Superintendent Paton Welcome Letter	For information
	SBC Community Engagement Officer Newsletter – comments suggest we should encourage groups to apply for funding (eg food ladder)	For information
18.07.22	Member of public asking for update on Glebe Wall, Rennie Bridge – responded to	
	Scottish Community Council newsletter July 2022	For information
	News Release: Partnership agrees key themes to support region over the next 12 months	For information
	Greener Gateway Awards – for KIB	Declined this year
	Pubic – Shedden park and the provision of seating and toilets – responded	
	News Release: Big Borders Butterfly Count to raise awareness of key pollinators	For information

	Facebook – cleaning of new play facility equipment at Shedden park	Sent to SBC
	Eildon’s Director of Community Services Amanda Miller, and the Care Services Manager (East) Andries Fourie to attend future KCC meeting to share our proposals for the extra care service at the former Kelso High School.	Sep Agenda item
26.07.22	Message from Chris Myers   Carers Needs Assessment to Community Councils	Response by 31.07.22
	Community Engagement newsletter June 22	For information
	Town Signs / Brown Tourist Signs	For comments from SBC
	New Dev at Former High School, Kelso – street naming	Names accepted
	What’s on Guide from Alzheimers Scotland for August	For information
	Film captures rare Victorian footbridge reinstalled after extensive renovation	For information
	Electric Charging Points and Parking	For information
	The Bridge - Members/Stakeholders Meetings	For information
	Planning - 22/01130/FUL - Mr Kieran Douglass - Change of use from Class 4 Business to Class 11 Fitness studio - C & R Tyres Unit Sprouston Road Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8EU	Replied
	Local Housing Strategy 2023-2028 – Engagement – closes 11.9.22	For feedback
31.07.22	Facebook – request from American Smokehouse to trade in town	Accepted
	Police Scotland monthly report and on line survey	For information
	Accounts Commission newsletter July 2022	For information
	News release: Official Reston station opening event pays tribute to local community	For information
	News Release: Public invited to have say on housing priorities	For information
	Third Sector Governance Code - Consultation from SCVO	
	Local People Leading	For information
02.08.22	Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership is committed to ensuring that the experiences of patients, service users and the public are central to the development and delivery of services through a constant cycle of feedback, evaluation and involvement in service design and change. We are currently undertaking an engagement exercise with the Borders public to help inform the updated Strategic Plan 2023-2026.	For information
	Scottish Land Commission - Virtual Public Meeting 18 August 2022	For information
	Cost of Living Stakeholder toolkit	For information
	News, Training and Events from Generations Working Together	For information
	Communities Mental Health and Well-being Fund Round 2	For information

	News Release: Trio of bids submitted for Levelling Up funding	For information
	Latest Tweed Forum Newsletter	For information
06.08.22	Draft List of Duties and proposed change to October meeting dates	For comments
	SBCCN Core Group Meeting Thurs 18th Aug 2022 at 7pm via zoom	For information
	Scotland's People 2022	For comments
	20mph Community Council Information EMAIL 11 update	For information
07.08.22	Kelso Merchandise	For comments
	Communities Survey – 17 August	For information
	Provost to give presentation to local U3A in September	For information
09.08.22	Motorhome and campervan parking in Kelso	Agenda item
	Planning 22/01204/FUL   <a href="#">Extension to dwellinghouse</a>   19 Hendersyde Park Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7TU	Replied
16.08.22	SBCCN meeting on Thurs 18/8 - revised agenda and paper for item 6	For information
	News release: Programme for free Doors Open Day festival in September revealed	For information
	SBCCN Meeting on Thursday 18 August at 7pm - via zoom	For information
20.08.22	High Croft play area improvements	For comments by 31.08.22
	Request to The Bridge to facilitate planning training with PAS	Requested dates
	Alzheimer Scotland “Racing Reminiscence which is about discussing motor sport from the past.”	For information
24.08.22	Traffic Regulations - Road Closure - Inch road, Kelso	For information
	Alzheimer’s Scotland - What's on Guide for September	For information
	Round 2 Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	For information
	Local People Leading	For information
	News release: Additional What Matters Hubs venues to be available across the central Borders	For information
	Planning - 22/01316/FUL - Mr Nicholas Britton - Installation of 2 no roof lights - South Knowes The Knowes Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7BH	For comments
	Road Closure - Forestfield, Kelso	For information
26.08.22	Feed back to concerns on - 22/01130/FUL - Mr Kieran Douglass - Change of use from Class 4 Business to Class 11 Fitness studio - C & R Tyres Unit Sprouston Road Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8EU	For comments

	Photographer based at Eccles would like to offer a photographic voucher as a prize for your Christmas Lights Raffle and wondered if it might be possible to photograph the switch on?	Copied to Toni
	Greener Gateway Community Awards Evening - Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September from 6:00pm	Gav to attend
02.09.22	News Release: New Community Led Local Development Fund launched	For information
05.09.22	Community Councils encouraged to apply to Cycling UK - Shift Fund	For information
	OU Course for Community Councillors	For information
	Elect Her's Event for Prospective Community Councillors	For information
	National Power of Attorney Campaign	For information
06.09.22	Note from Ian Abernethy to your Facebook Page Kelso Community Council	
	TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS – SPEED LIMITS (20, 30 and 40mph)	For information
	News Release: Scottish Borders stage of AJ Bell Tour of Britain provides excitement right to the finish line	For information
	Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund - Round 2	For information
	Introducing our Transmission Net Zero Fund	For comments
	Police Scotland Aug 2022 report	For information
11.09.22	Tweed Valley Railway Campaign / Railway Committee	For information
	Proclamation of the new King - Sunday 11 September – Kelso	For information
	Scottish 4G Infill Programme Evaluation - Benefits Survey	For information
	Examination of the Scottish Borders Proposed Local Development Plan 2020	For information
	Kelso Data Protection certificate	For information
	Remembrance Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 22 - Order of wreath	For information
	News release: Feedback from Borderers invited as legal process to make 20mph speed limit permanent progresses	For information
	News release: Partners set out actions to reduce child poverty in the Scottish Borders	For information

Tweed Valley Railway Campaign / Railway Committee  
Update for Kelso Community Council – 13 September 2022

- 1) A total of over 80 supporters have been signed up at the Border Union Show, thanks to SBC Councillor Euan Robson, and at the Kelso Farmers' Market, thanks to Councillor Russell.
- 2) Officers have met with John Lamont MP and Rachael Hamilton MSP and are seeking meetings with the Berwick MP, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, and with MSPs.
- 3) Councillors Boulton (Chair of the campaign) and Russell (its secretary) are due to meet with the Chair of the Northumberland rail users' campaign group, SENRUG, to discuss the possible location of a junction between the Tweed Valley Railway and the East Coast Mainline in Berwick-upon-Tweed / Tweedmouth.
- 4) The campaign has been invited to present to the St Boswells Parish, Sprouston and Coldstream and District Community Councils later this year.
- 5) Delegates are attending the Rail Futures conference, in Leeds, and the LNER conference, in Edinburgh, in order to promote the Tweed Valley Railway.
- 6) Councillor Adams has launched the Facebook and Instagram social-media presence for the campaign.
- 7) In Northumberland, Carham, Norham, Horncliffe and Ord Parish Councils and Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council have all expressed an interest in the campaign and are being kept up to date on developments.
- 8) The Campaign has secured corporate sponsorship from Schloss Roxburghe and is looking for other corporate sponsors in the Scottish Borders and Northumberland.
- 9) The first AGM will be held in October in Kelso.
- 10) The Scottish Government is due to publish the results of its Strategic Transport Project Review in the autumn and it is hoped that they will follow the Transport North East strategy and, at least, recognise the potential benefits of east-west connectivity the Tweed Valley Railway and an extended Borders Railway would bring to the region.

## **Scottish Borders Community Council Network – update for KCC September 2022 meeting**

1) At the last meeting of the Network 18th August 2022 I was nominated as the representative on the Community Planning Strategic Board and to cover all matters concerning Community Empowerment.

Following a Participation Request to SBC under part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to reinstate an established position in 2015 of the Network as the only Strategic Community Planning partner Board Member directly representing the community through the 69 community councils.

It was decided at the full Scottish Borders Council live meeting 25th August 2022 to confirm this appointment and on the 31st August 2022 on the recommendation of their sub-committee to take immediate effect also with the confirmation of the appointment of Colin McGrath to sit on the Community Planning Strategic Board representing the Scottish Borders Community Council Network who in turn represent the whole community in the Scottish Borders through their 69 community councils.

2) On the 18th of August at the Network meeting, formerly Network Chair James Anderson having been elected a Ward Councillor stood down in favour of a new Chair Wilson George Community Councillor for Hawick.

Councillor Colin McGrath

## **2023 Kelso Walking Festival – report to Kelso Community Council September 2022**

Dates: Sunday 3 September to Saturday 9 September 2023

Approval of Rules for Kelso Walking Festival (attached)

Committee consists of KCC Councillors Christine Hamilton, Gus Russell, Secretary Shirley Redgrave (Chair), Helen Rabour (Coldstream Ramblers), Sally Keen and Lorna Mackenzie (Eildon Ramblers), Jim Stone (U3A walking group) and Keith Robeson (SBC Chief Ranger)

Walks programme drafted –

- Risk Assessment for each walk
- Public liability insurance via the KCC scheme with an additional fee
- 4 walks daily including 2 walk it walks, dementia walk, family walk and doggie walk.
- All walks to be reseed this September and next year.
- First Aid training and navigation training to be offered to all walk leaders
- Each walk will have a trained First Aider.
- Transport being costed
- Ticket prices tbc

Social programme –

- Town Hall booked for opening ceremony on Saturday 2 September 2023 and handover ceremony on Saturday 9 September 2023.
- Varied programme, still being worked on but want to include the local community.

Funding –

- Ticket sales via Evenbrite
- Sponsorship
- Area Partnership funding application – Oct 2022

Venue –

- Tebbutt Rooms for reception
- Coffee lounge in Abbey Row for afternoon tea