

Minutes of the Meeting of Kelso Community Council held by zoom on Tuesday 13 October 2020, at 7.00pm



- PRESENT:** Councillors Peter Cooper, Gavin Horsburgh, Colin McGrath, Paul Roberts, Harry Tomczyk, Dean Weatherston (Chair) and Scottish Borders Councillors Simon Mountford, Euan Robson and Tommy Weatherston.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Shirley Redgrave (Secretary), Tina Newton (Visit Kelso) Kirsty Smyth (Southern Reporter) and members of the public Teresa Dorward, Margaret and Martin Greenhow and Hazel Woodsell.
- APOLOGIES** KCC Councillors James Boulton and Ian Brown

- *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 October meeting being held by Zoom

Police Matters

The Provost advised Police Scotland were not allowed to join meetings by Zoom but PS Paul Begley had held a Teams meeting with our elected representatives. SBC Councillors Mountford and Weatherston advised they had had a good discussion and there was nothing new to add but emphasised the Police were dependent on local intelligence and any relevant issues/concerns could be reported unanimously via Crime Stoppers. SBC Councillor Weatherston advised good progress was being made into the vandalism incidents with the defibrillator and the Play Parks.

In response to a question why Police Scotland did not attend Zoom meetings SBC Councillor Robson advised this was due to security issues and they used Teams as their meeting platform.

Visit Kelso

Tina Newton advised while Visit Kelso have not had an official meeting since the KCC met last month they have continued to be active in their social media.

The Christmas sub-committee has met up and finalised the Christmas campaign which will centre around the theme of an advent calendar. Tina advised an email was sent to

members on Friday of last week asking for them to donate a £10 prize. Each day in the December run up to Christmas Visit Kelso will place a laminated announcement at a prominent Kelso Landmark where the lucky finder will be able to find instructions as to where to go to collect their prize. The deadline for applying is 23 October and so far they have 20 out of the 24 slots filled.

Tina advised that due to the Great British High Street award they have added new functionality to the website to allow members to amend their own listings. The user names, passwords and instructions for this have been sent this week.

In conclusion Tina advised Visit Kelso are holding a meeting by Zoom tomorrow so will have more to say next month and placed on record Visit Kelso's thanks to Kelso in Bloom for providing the floral displays in the town.

The Provost advised adverts had been placed in both Kelso Life and Gala Life to help increase the footfall as a result of restrictions and promote Kelso as a shopping / visitor destination.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020

The minutes held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 were approved. They were proposed by Councillor Paul Roberts and seconded by Councillor Gavin Horsburgh.

Matters arising

Kelso in Bloom

Councillor Horsburgh advised the autumn bedding plants had been planted up by Kelso Horticultural Society, maintained by Kelso in Bloom volunteers and paid for by Kelso in Bloom. Councillor Horsburgh wished to place on record his thanks to the excellent group of volunteers who carried out the duties to maintain the beds and the generous support from local traders who had provided some of the bedding plants and compost. Councillor Horsburgh advised he would be posting messages of thanks on the Kelso Community Council web pages.

Councillor Horsburgh raised the issue of funding going forward, particularly as there would be no funding available from CBAH and organised bag packs at Sainsburys. However, he did advise KIB had set up a Just Giving page and would place collection tins in local shops to encourage public donations. SBC Councillor Weatherston asked KIB to get in touch to discuss any shortfall.

Councillor Horsburgh advised a recent litter pick had been well attended and KIB would be holding a committee meeting next week and would report back next month.

Councillor Horsburgh placed on record his thanks to the Kelso Laddies for cutting the grass at the Memorial Garden.

Kelso USA Visit 2020

Councillor Colin McGrath advised he had been in contact with the USA group who continued to be enthusiastic about making plans to visit once restrictions had been lifted. Councillor McGrath showed the meeting a vase which had been given to Walter Blair senior on the occasion of his visit to Kelso USA in the 1980s. The vase had been made out of the volcanic dust from the eruption of Mount St Helens in 1980s. Councillor McGrath advised he would keep the vase to show to the American visitors when they came in the future.

Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

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.
- An application for the annual grant would be submitted now the September 2020 minutes had been approved.

Provost's Report

The Provost advised there had been no official events but he would be visiting Kelso High School next week to talk to the Duke of Edinburgh pupils on community pride, etc.

Councillor Tomczyk asked for an update on the radio interview with Borders Radio and the Provost advised he had done the interview and spoken about safeguarding routes and future possibilities but the broadcast had been delayed.

Christmas Lights 2020 plans

The Provost advised there would be no public event this year due to restriction but the lights would be switched on Sunday 21 November 2020.

Maintenance of The Square

Councillor Horsburgh commented that when he had helped to empty the flower pots in the Square he had noticed the containers needed to be power washed and some of them had been knocked off alignment and needed to be straightened and the benches needed to be re-varnished and asked whether SBC could undertake this work. The Provost commented that some of the bus shelters needed to be cleaned as well. SBC Councillor Weatherston advised he would speak to officers and report back.

Naming of streets Phase 6 North Broomlands and development off Angraflat Road

The Secretary advised she had been contacted by SBC for the Community Council to suggest names for 3 new roads at the development off Angraflat Road and one at Phase 6 of North Broomlands. At this stage Councillors had no suggestions and the Provost asked for the assistance of the Kelso Heritage Society to put forward suggestions. It was also suggested the names of former Provosts, including Blair, Renton and Scott be considered. The Secretary was asked to share this information with KHS.

Scottish Borders Council Community Network (SBCCN)

Councillor McGrath advised there had been no meetings held during lock down and none were planned and he was currently working on a paper to be submitted to the Scottish Government regarding Area Partnership.

Any Other Business

All business had been covered elsewhere.

Scottish Borders Council Report

Neighbourhood Services Update

SBC Councillor Weatherston advised Neighbourhood Services staff were now back from Covid duties and there had been big improvements in maintenance and grass cutting. Councillor Tomczyk commented he welcomed facilities being back to normal at the recycling centre and the Provost urged the public to be responsible when they visited it to avoid any shut down of this.

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.

Springwood Estate Boundary

SBC Councillor Robson commented he had been to inspect the fence at Springwood Estate and the SBC enforcement officer, Keith Robson was in discussion with the landowner. Councillor Robson advised in his opinion the new fence was unacceptable and would need to be moved back beyond the existing path.

Martin Greenhow, resident at Springwood Estate Village commented he was still concerned about the fence as it goes into the SSI. SBC Councillor Robson commented landowners were allowed to fence around the curtilage to protect their property but he undertook to clarify and report back.

Remembrance Sunday

SBC Councillor Weatherston advised he was still waiting for guidance on what could happen on Remembrance Sunday. However, it was noted that there would be no parade and at this stage there would only be a limited affair with one representative from each organisation laying a wreath at the Memorial and the public would be discouraged from attending. The Provost undertook to speak to the British Legion.

Town Hall Clock

The Provost advised the town hall clock had been going off hourly as quarter to the hour. As a result it had been taken out on the 7 October and sent away for repair, which could take 3 or 4 weeks.

Councillor Tomczyk commented he was disappointed with the work done on the pot hole and drain in Springwood road. SBC Councillor Mountford asked him to take a photo and send it to him and he would make enquiries.

The Provost asked if the national speed sign posts could be cleaned and debris removed to make it easier for people to see them from both sides.

Consideration of Licenses

There were no license applications for consideration.

Consideration of Plans

The following plans were considered.

20/01023/FUL – Alterations to dwellinghouse, The Gate House, Shedden Park Road, Kelso and 20/01035/LBC internal and external alterations. The Community Council looked at these applications and considered all of the planning Policies relevant to the area of the proposal and were happy to support the plans.

20/01098/LBC – internal and external alterations and installation of new signage and 20/01097/FUL external re-decoration of entrance door 11 Woodmarket, Kelso TD5 7AT. The Community Council looked at these applications and considered all of the planning Policies relevant to the area of the proposal and were happy to support the plans.

20/01125/FUL – erection of replacement summer house, Wedderburn Abbotsford Grove, Kelso TD5 7BN. The Community Council looked at this application and considered all of the planning Policies relevant to the area of the proposal and were happy to support the plans.

Councillor Cooper asked whether there had been any feedback on the Community Council's comments to consider installing a couple of electric car charging points in the car park at the Swimming Pool when the solar panels were installed. The Secretary undertook to follow up.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 November 2020

APPENDIX

KELSO COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS/CONSULTATIONS SEP 2020		
Date	Event/Correspondence	Venue and comments
09.09.20	KCC approved minutes submitted to the KCC and Visit Kelso FB pages for posting.	For information
11.09.20	Community update: Kelso Community Recycling Centre	For information
	Planning applications 20/0123/FUL – Alterations and 20/01035/LBC - Internal and external alterations SITE: The Gatehouse Shedden Park Road Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7AW	For comments please
	Live Borders - 'Connect & Collect'	For information
12.09.20	Police Scotland – LAC report Aug 20	For information
	Closure of Mens Shed	Circulated
	News release: Borders Railway celebrates fifth anniversary as Council commits to case for line extension	For information
16.09.20	TTRO - Road closure D101-4 Kalemouth Bridge	For information
	Draft Scottish Borders Food Growing Strategy	For information
	News release: Community Recycling Centres update	For information
16.02.20	Team South of Scotland News Release: Almost £40million of support provided to Borders businesses through COVID funds	For information
	Scottish Water Newsletter – September 2020 – Net Zero Routemap	For information
	Updates from the Scottish Government Rural team	For information
17.09.20	News release: Plans for latest phase of play parks programme unveiled	For information
23.09.20	News release: Community Fund opens to support Borders projects	Circulated
	Planning application external redecoration 11 Woodmarket	Circulated
	Development off Angraflat Road – naming of three roads	Oct agenda
	Phase 6 North Broomlands – naming of road	Oct agenda
28.09.20	Community and Third Sector Recovery Programme	For information
	Connecting Scotland Phase 2	Circulated
	Connect & Collect Survey and Library System Upgrades	Circulated
	Cheviot: Advance notice of 20mph signage	Circulated
2.10.20	Road Closure - D99-4 Roxburgh	For information

	News release: Scottish Government funding bid for new secondary schools to be discussed	For information
	A698 Kelso bypass - temporary speed restriction	For information
	Spaces for people - 40mph to 30mph trial	For information
05.10.20	News release: Spaces for People 20mph trial gets underway	For information
	News release: Council to mark Challenge Poverty Week by raising awareness of support that is available	For information
06.10.20	Papers for KCC meeting on the 13.10.20	For information
10.10.20	Temporary speed restriction - Kelso Bypass	For information
	Asset Transfer and Participation requests	For information
	Food Growing Strategy discussion	For information
	Update on STA Pilot + Wish list of training for your community councils	For information