

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Kelso Community Council
held in the Town Hall, Kelso
on Tuesday 10 May 2016, at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors John Bassett (Chair), Dean Weatherston, Fiona Scott, Harry Tomczyk, Betty Hodges, Tamzin Thomas, Gavin Horsburgh, Colin McGrath, and John King. Scottish Borders Councillors, Alec Nicol, Simon Mountford and Tom Weatherston.

IN ATTENDANCE: George Young (Acting Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Peter Cooper and Shirley Redgrave (Secretary).

Minute

The minute of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 was approved on the proposal of Councillor Tomczyk and seconded by Councillor McGrath.

Provost's Report

Fellow Councillors, the years seen to come in so fast, have attended several opening, and dozens of other meetings as a member of this Council, as always a special mention must go to Shirley for all her hard work she does in the background, unless you work with her, you do not realise how much work she puts in, just ask Harry, Dean and anyone else who needs help, she is always there to help.

I would also like to say thank you to the rest of you for your support, I could not mention just one or two of you, as you have all put in a lot of work over the last year. Betty and Dean are working away on Kelso in Bloom, thank you Betty for going in at the deep end, but they are doing a good job, also Harry for the help he gives Shirley.

Kelso has seen changes over the last year, the new High School, is back on track and building is going well. John King and Alec are still working hard trying to get a memorial wall up and running, the new Broomlands School will start in the summer, building a new future for the children of Kelso, With the help of you all I know we will achieve everything we put our minds too.

I know we still have problems with parking in and round the town, please be aware that we are not the only town in the Borders with the problem, SBC are working with the police to resolve this we hope to see some movement on this over the next year.

Our Facebook page has still been very positive and is still going from strength to strength, thank you Dean. We have saved money on running cost of the Community Council with the use of technology, plus the communication between all of us have set new standards in how we work with in the community.

Lastly I would like to say a special thank you to our three SBC Councillor's, Simon, Tom, and Alec for all their help, and good council, they attend every meeting and take a lot of stick, but they are always there if you need advice, thank you.

I like others on this Council would like to see more members of the public attend our meeting and have their say, if anyone could come up with ideas to bring people in please let me know, we can only change things if you tell us, and help us make this town the best place to live, in the Borders.

Annual Accounts

The statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2016 had been circulated. Mr Young highlighted the main features of these accounts. The general fund had shown a deficit of £69.75 leaving funds at 31st March 2016 of £1,747.22. The Floral Gateway account which had received the funds from the old historical floral account of £506.18 had been transferred to it. A donation of £200 had also been received. Following expenditure on materials of £467.84 funds in the Floral Gateway Account at 31st March 2016 amounted to £683.60.

Mr Young stated that the Youth and Community Fund and the Floral Account had both been closed during the course of the year. With regard to the CCTV account no expenditure had been incurred during the year and the funds in this account at 31st March 2016 amounted to £1,371.47.

With regard to the Kelso Memorial Fund following a donation to Kelso High School of £1,500 for a contribution to their Battlefield Trip only £4 of funds remained.

Councillor Horsburgh asked how the funds in the CCTV account would be used in the future. Provost Bassett stated that he understood that the maintenance on the camera which had been installed outside the park toilets and which had been provided by funding from the Community Council would continue to require maintenance.