



# The Royal Burgh of Selkirk and District Community Council

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## Minute: Meeting held in the Committee Room, Victoria Halls, Selkirk on Tuesday 22nd June, 2010, at 7pm

- 1) **Present:** Community Councillors Gordon Edgar (chair), David Bethune (secretary), Caroline Cruikshank, Graham Easton, Jim Gibson, Bob Kerr, Ian King, John Munro and Alistair Pattullo, and Scottish Borders Councillor Vicky Davidson.

[also in attendance: PC Lesley Shiell (until end of item 6), no member of the Press and one member of the public]

Chairman Gordon Edgar reminded those present that all comments should be addressed through the chair, and that all recording devices should be switched off.

- 2) **Apologies:** were received from Community Councillors Dr. Lindsay Neil (vice-chair), Tom Combe, -Wilma Gunn and Scottish Borders Councillor Kenneth Gunn.
- 3) **The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May** were approved (proposed: B. Kerr; seconded: G. Easton).
- 4) **Matters arising from the minute not otherwise included on agenda**  
none
- 5) **Declarations of interest** – J. Gibson expressed a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 7(a)(iii) as a neighbour.
- 6) **(a) Lothians and Borders Police**  
PC L. Shiell reported on 19 crimes recorded, and 11 crimes solved, during May. The crimes recorded included 1 drug-related offence, 10 vandalism, several thefts and 2 cases of lewd and libidinous practices. The police have responded to a number of calls related to travelling people. G. Edgar confirmed that the piece of ground used by the travelling people is to be fenced off to prevent further access. The Local Integration Officer, PC Rachel Stevenson, had carried out a survey of young people at Selkirk High School; this led to a “blue light” disco in partnership with Rowland’s, attended by 75 S1-S3 pupils. Also, “midnight football” sessions, in partnership with Selkirk Football Club, will take place on Friday evenings in July in the Pringle Park. These events are financed by “proceeds of crime” funds.  
In response to a question from I. King about litter on Selkirk Hill, PC Shiell will liaise with the Local Integration Officer, with the possibility of inviting some young people to a Selkirk Hill Management Group meeting.  
In response to a question about dangerous parking, particularly at the Curror Street / Bleachfield Road junction, PC Shiell advised J. Gibson to phone the police directly, giving registration numbers where possible.
- (b) SB Wardens**  
no report
- 7) **Planning:**  
**(a) Planning applications considered:**

	<b>application</b>	<b>applicant</b>	<b>action / comments</b>
(i)	10/00713/FUL: extension to dwelling house, 4 Victoria Crescent	Mr & Mrs Lindores	recommended approval

(ii)	10/00829/LBC: reformation of former doorway to join 56 and 56A High Street	Borders Mobility	recommended approval
(iii)	10/00785/PPP: erection of 4 dwelling houses, land west of 1 Fairfield Drive	P. Hermiston	defer decision pending site meeting (noted that all trees on the site are under a TPO)

**(b) Other planning matters:**

- i. SBC have advised that a Notice of Review has been received in respect of application 10/00162/PPP – the erection of dwelling house, land SE of Eastfield stables, Buxton and this will take place at Council HQ on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.
- ii. I. King encouraged Councillors to attend the SESPlan consultation meeting in Galashiels on 3<sup>rd</sup> August (see item 10(a))

[SBC Cllr. V. Davidson arrived at this point]

**OPEN FORUM**

**(a) Dougie Purves raised several repeat issues, which have not yet been resolved:**

- a. the boundary fence adjacent to Eildon Housing development (V. Davidson will chase up Eildon);
- b. uncleared drains at foot of Stey Brae, Kilncroft, Riverside, Bridge Street
- c. the lack of an up-to-date tourist brochure; (G. Edgar reported difficulty of funding this);

**(b) Dougie Purves also raised the following issues:**

- a. the delay in completing the repair to the wall on The Green (V. Davidson explained that this was currently delayed while new sandstone coping was made)
- b. the need for the speed limit on Lingle Road to be reduced to 30; (G. Edgar explained that the 40mph limit was considered appropriate by the Police and by SBC)
- c. the forthcoming 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of David 1<sup>st</sup> as “Prince of the Cumbrians” in Selkirk; (G. Edgar agreed to raise this with the Flodden 500 Committee)
- d. what is ‘plan B’ for the by-pass now that it has been abandoned by the Scottish Government? (G. Edgar pointed out that it has been postponed, not abandoned, and that it is vital that the line of the route be safeguarded in the SBC Local Plan; V. Davidson will try to arrange a “walk the route of the by-pass” event later this year)

**(c) J. Gibson raised the continuing lack of drain clearing by BEAR Scotland on the A7 trunk road through Selkirk; he, and others, are advised to complain directly to BEAR on 0800 587 1107.**

**8) Reports from SBC Councillors:**

**(a) Councillor Davidson:**

- (i) reported that the Pant Well had been cleaned;
- (ii) is liaising with SBC Parks Department re hanging baskets in the Market Place; it was agreed to move baskets from The Green to the Market Place, where they will be maintained by SBC;
- (iii) reported that the timing of plantings is to be reviewed to dovetail correctly with the Common Riding;
- (iv) reported that she has spoken with the Enforcement Officer, leading to an agreement with the owners of the untidy properties in Mill Street and the owners of various mill buildings;
- (v) agreed to investigate further the lack of a suitably positioned handrail at the “clown steps”;
- (vi) agreed to enquire about the ownership of the derelict shop and flat at the end of Curror Street;
- (vii) agreed to enquire about the clearing of the blocked drains at the Swimming Pool car park.

**(b) Councillor Gunn:** not present – no report

**(c) Councillor Riddell-Carre:** not present – no report

**9) Common Good Fund Operation – no report.**

**10) Correspondence**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Action</b>
(a)	notification of SESplan main issues report consultation meeting (3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug, Galashiels)	SBC	members encouraged to attend

(b)	notification of public consultation on supplementary planning guidelines on affordable housing and development contributions	SBC	I. King to respond if appropriate
(c)	notification of consultation on draft supplementary planning guidance on wind energy	SBC	passed to G. Edgar for consideration
(d)	call for expression of interest to host SB Walking Festival 2011 and beyond	Vantage Events	Secretary to reply, indicating an interest (but not 2013)
(e)	notice of submission of unresolved issues for the finalised SBC local plan amendment	SBC	noted
(f)	information re nominations for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (circulated electronically)	Queen's Award for Voluntary Service	A. Pattullo to nominate the Rowland's volunteer team
(g)	notice of Better Community Engagement conference, 15 <sup>th</sup> June (circulated electronically)	SBC	noted
(h)	copy of SBC "Best Value 2 Audit Report" (circulated electronically)	SBC	noted
(i)	Selkirk Flood Protection Scheme update e-mail (circulated)	Conor Price, SBC	noted
(j)	e-mail re induction loop for Victoria Halls meeting room (circulated)	V. Davidson	welcomed; V. Davidson to ask about a loop system for the main hall
(k)	letter re SBCCN Annual Seminar – call for ideas for input	SBCCN	noted
(l)	letter re interest in allotments	SBC	Secretary to reply stating that there is a waiting list for allotments in Selkirk, despite the excellent work done by John Howie and local group
(m)	literature	Scottish Health Council	noted
(n)	notification of military flying activity 5-15 July	Army	noted
(o)	agenda for SBCCN meeting 30 <sup>th</sup> June	SBCCN	noted
(p)	notification of High Street one-way closure 19-23 July	SBC	noted

#### 11) Reports from Sub-committees and associated groups

- (a) **Selkirk Hill Management Group** – G. Edgar reported on productive meeting with Selkirk Golf Club re trimming of trees and shrubs; successful meeting and practice with Selkirk Fire Brigade; dependence on SBC paying its grant on time; recent break-in at the Chinese shelter.
- (b) **Plattling Twinning Group** – J. Munro reported on a successful visit by 20 police, fire officers and musicians to Plattling, and Plattling's twin town in Austria, and of a planned visit by 20 from Plattling, arriving on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Also reported that the Riddell Fiddles will be visiting Plattling in July to take part in their festival.

#### 12) Reports from working group

- (a) **Evening Study Groups** – no report.

- 13) **Litter pick:** A. Pattullo reported a successful litter pick by 6 volunteers, resulting in 16 bags of rubbish being collected. This will be repeated next year, at an earlier time with the hope that more people could become involved. A. Patullo was thanked for his efforts.

- 14) **Community Council Finance:** It was proposed that the Council should consider giving financial support to the Selkirk Hill Management group, the Clapperton Trust and / or The Plattling Twinning Group.

