



**Selkirk Regeneration Company
9th Annual General Meeting
held at Selkirk Parish Church Hall
at 7pm, on Tuesday 7th May 2019**

1. **Welcome:** Jenna Agate, in the chair, welcomed those members present: Anne Bethune, David Bethune, Janis Cornwall, Margaret Milne, Lindsay Neil, Lawrence Robertson, Ken Turnbull (associate member) and Nick de Burgh Whyte.
[and by proxy: Sue Cook, Bill Drew and Cath Henderson]

With 8 ordinary members in attendance, and 3 by proxy, the AGM was declared quorate.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Ian King, Trevor Timms and those noted above submitting proxies
3. **Additional items to be added to the agenda:** Black Bob event
4. **Chairperson's report:** Members were referred to the Trustees' Report from pages 1-2 of the 2017-18 Financial Statements (see attached), which summarises various past, present and future projects of SRC. Brief updates followed on current projects, including:
 - a. the on-going success of **1 Tower Street** as a pop-up shop, benefitting the community and generating a small net income for SRC;
 - b. the successful conclusion of the **CARS project** in improving the appearance and condition of 1, 3 and 5 Tower Street, funded mainly by grants, although the contribution from SRC funds has left our account seriously depleted in the short term;
 - c. progress with the former fish shop at **5 Tower Street**, using a small grant from Awards for All to eradicate the dry rot and partially demolish the rear part of the building; a successful fundraiser by members Cath Henderson, Margaret Milne and Sue Cook had raised sufficient funds to allow plans to be drawn up for a single-storey replacement at the rear; planning approval has now been obtained, and £61K in grants promised; a further £15K is required, and it is hoped that this can come from the Localities Bid Fund, which will require encouraging enough local people to show their support through SBC's participatory budget voting;
 - d. an application made to the **Climate Challenge Fund** to support an energy advice centre staffed by two employees had not been successful, but further discussion with the fund advisor indicates that it might be possible to adjust and resubmit the application for the period 2020-22;
 - e. the establishment of **Selkirk Community Shed** as an independent vibrant organisation in premises adjacent to the High School; this means that our interest in purchasing the Chapel Street building through Scottish Land Fund support has been ended;
 - f. the continued success of the **Edwards Photographic Archive** project, with proceeds of book sales allowing SRC to fund other activities, particularly the CARS project; Janis Cornwall and Margaret Milne will investigate the rest of the archive, currently held at Old Gala House, and how it could be used;
 - g. the on-going attempts by Lindsay Neil to increase local control over Common Good assets under the Community Empowerment Act.

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- 5. Election of Directors:** Jenna Agate explained that as required, two (being 1/3 rounded up) of the elected Directors must stand down at each AGM, but may be eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term.

At this AGM,

- David Bethune and Lawrence Robertson stand down as elected Directors, but are eligible (and willing) to be re-elected to a second consecutive term,
- Jenna Agate, Ian King and Lindsay Neil continue in their first term as elected Directors,
- Ken Turnbull is willing to continue as a co-opted Director,
- Nick de Burgh Whyte's resignation as co-opted Director is accepted.

David Bethune and Lawrence Robertson were nominated as Elected Directors, proposed by Lindsay Neil, seconded Nick de Burgh Whyte.

Ken Turnbull was co-opted as a Director, proposed by Lawrence Robertson, seconded by Lindsay Neil.

These nominations were approved unanimously.

No other nominations had been received from members.

David Bethune and Lawrence Robertson were thereby elected to a second consecutive term of office.

The Board for the coming year therefore consists of **Jenna Agate, David Bethune, Ian King, Lindsay Neil, Lawrence Robertson and Ken Turnbull** (co-opted).

The Board will consider whether to co-opt further Directors to share the workload.

- 6. Setting of Annual Subscriptions:** It was agreed there should be no annual subscription for 2019-20.
- 7. Annual Accounts:** The financial statements for the period October 2017 to September 2018, approved by the Board on 12th March 2019, were presented to the members. Treasurer David Bethune guided the meeting through a summary of these accounts, and presented additional information on the current state of finances. The full financial statements, which have been submitted to OSCR and Companies House as required, may be obtained from the Treasurer on request. The Treasurer drew attention to the need for some further fund-raising events to build up funds over the coming year.
- 8. Independent Examiners report:** The independent examiner's report, included in the financial statements, was noted.
- 9. Approval of Accounts:** Approval of the accounts was proposed by Lawrence Robertson and seconded by Lindsay Neil, and agreed unanimously.
- 10. Appointment of Independent Examiner:** David Bethune proposed Viv Ross remain the Independent Examiner. This was approved unanimously. Viv had indicated her willingness to continue, so was duly appointed.

End of formal AGM business

/other business continued overleaf

Renewable Energy Projects

Ken Turnbull described current actions relating to possible future renewable energy projects in or around Selkirk.

- A meeting with SBC planners had reinforced the view that a wind turbine project would not likely gain approval, but that a photovoltaic field array might be possible.
- Ken was attending Community Energy Scotland seminars on behalf of SRC, and these were providing useful information and contacts.
- CES will also provide us with 5 days of consultancy support to take forward any projects. Community engagement is key to success.
- It would be useful to draw on Hawick's experience with electric vehicles – this might tie in with our deferred CCF project.
- Links should be maintained with Ettrick & Yarrow Development trust, who are going ahead with smart grid and hydro projects.

There was further discussion around these ideas, and about options for increasing recycling, demonstrating e-bikes or other sustainability-related activities, possibly working out of 5TS once refurbishment has been completed.

Black Bob Fun Day

Ken Turnbull and Lawrence Robertson outlined tentative plans for a fun family/community event in September on a "Black Bob" theme. This might raise some funds for SRC, but that would not be its main purpose. The treasurer re-iterated the need for members to consider other fund-raisers, and thanked Margaret Milne for the £156.50 raised by her quiz.

There being no further business, members were thanked for their attendance, and the AGM closed at 9pm.

Localities Bid

Board members agreed to meet at 12 noon on Thursday 9th May at Jenna's house to discuss how to raise public support for the Localities Bid for 5 Tower Street.

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