



Galashiels Community Council  
Focus Centre  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Inaugural Meeting following  
Formal Election of Community Council Members and  
Re – election of Office Bearers**

**Community Council Members**

Tracey Alder  
Judith Cleghorn  
Eileen Frame  
Lorna Hanif  
Jessie Harrington  
Elizabeth Jardine  
Douglas Johnston  
Rick Kenney  
Gordon Richardson  
Marion Romeril  
Richard Romeril  
Bill White.

Cllr Harry Scott as Returning Officer took position of Chair throughout the Office Bearers Election

**Office Bearers**

**Proposed**

**Seconded**

<b>Chair - Judith Cleghorn</b>	<b>Eileen Frame</b>	<b>Marion Romeril</b>
<b>Vice-Chair -Rick Kenney</b>	<b>Tracey Alder</b>	<b>Richard Romeril</b>
<b>Secretary – Tracey Alder</b>	<b>Judith Cleghorn</b>	<b>Lorna Hanif</b>
<b>Treasurer – Eileen Frame</b>	<b>Douglas Johnston</b>	<b>Judith Cleghorn</b>

**Office Bearers will remain in Office for a period of 4 years or until which time they wish to or are asked to retire from their position.**

**Authorised signatories for Community Council Bank Account - Eileen Frame, Tracey Alder , Judith Cleghorn .**

**All Community Councillors agreed to abide by the code of conduct verbally and all were given a copy to sign.**

Cllr Harry Scott welcomed back the Office Bearers who had been re-elected and welcomed Eileen Frame as Treasurer taking over from Tom Ingoldsby and also welcomed Richard Romeril to the Community Council.

Cllr Scott then handed back the Chair to Judith Cleghorn for the brief Community Council meeting that would follow.

**1. Approval of Minutes 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved by Lorna Hanif and Seconded by Dougie Johnston.

**2. Matters Arising**

Liz questioned the wording of item 11 regarding CCTV and wished it to be reworded that a brief discussion took place and that the majority agreed with Cllr Scott not all and that the use of the word appalled was not used, Judith Cleghorn said that she was appalled and that is probably where the word in Tracey's minute taking had arisen.

**3. Sub Groups**

Briefly, John Gray member of sub group Gala in Bloom gave an update on the current situation with the planting of Old Gala House and Bank Street Gardens.

**4. Chairs Comments and update**

Judith was delighted to be back at the helm so to speak and thanked everyone.

**5. Treasurers update**

Eileen voiced that she was still in shock following her election as Treasurer. All accounts will be handed over to Eileen from Tom Ingoldsby in due course

**6. Secretary's update**

Tracey and Dougie had met with Stow Parish Council who are incredibly happy to join us for our application for the Sottish Borders Walking Festival in the meantime they are more than excited to join us with the Weekend Walking Festival in April.

**7. Planning/ Vice Chair updates**

Rick had sent out all copies of recent planning applications for individual comments.

**8. Councillors updates**

**Councillor Aitchison**

Community Funding still ongoing – will be a smoother process in future

Papers out soon on Play parks and Public conveniences

Budget was approved last week

Building of Academy has taken a leap forward

Tapestry building making good progress – still a lot of negativity around

Judith asked Cllr Aitchison if he could look in to the Focus Centre car park getting resurfaced

QA about the coach parking when the Tapestry is open – this will be Currie Road and Iceland car park may have the occasional coach.

**Cllr Anderson**

Cllr Anderson has been out and about with the dog handler

**Cllr Jardine**

Path on A72-this was spoke about at last meeting- wall has collapsed with the water surge.

Shrubs at Coulter's Candy statues are now at the end of their life.

Tracey asked what has happened to the bus that was due to start operating around the Mossilee area- Cllr Jardine will look in to how far along they are with it.

**Cllr Scott**

Cllr Scott has been sorting out individual issues

Looking into upgrading the Focus Centre toilets with Live Borders

Marion Romeril thanked Cllr Scott for speaking to the Girl Guides.

**Next Meeting via Zoom - Community Council AGM following on to a normal meeting– Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2020. 6.30pm**