

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES



Location: Cruickshank Room, Victoria Halls, Selkirk
Date: Thursday 16th October 2025
Time: 7pm

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and apologies.

Chairman welcomed 23 members to the meeting, with apologies from 5 being received.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were approved by Sheena Chappell and seconded by Pat Clapperton.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

No issues were raised.

However, Chair reported that we have received no further comms from The Haining regarding housing our memorabilia. Lindsay Cockburn advised The Haining has experienced a 'set-back' which may take longer for this to be sorted out. Chair also said that LIVE Borders have increased their charges and in addition require us to have £5M public liability insurance (overall an approx. extra cost of £200 per year moving forward). Therefore, we may need to assess ticket prices for 2026 to cover the increased costs.

4. Common Riding 2025 feedback

We have made a profit of approximately £1,100 so far this year.

Members gave the following feedback this year:

- Sound issue – Guest Chair could hardly be heard, not ideal for the demographic who attends the Bussin Concert (Chair responded this could not be helped as she kept moving from the microphone – plan suggested to utilize headsets/lapel mic which will be tested for 2026)

- Provost speaks upstairs and downstairs is this necessary as this extends the speaking time at reception which could be better utilised for mingling with Exiles. Something for the AGM.
- Very few exile speakers or exile stories now (Chair advised he asks but does not always get anyone who is keen to do so)
- Positive feedback for singers, but some new faces would be good to see (Chair advised that a new singer was planned for 2026)

5. Social Evening Review

1 member gave feedback the meal was not great, with a few others in agreement. Members agreed to go somewhere different next year, possibly County Hotel.

6. Newsletter 2025

Thanks to Jane Graham this was sent out to all members recently and uploaded to the website by our newly appointed Web Manager, Shirley Redpath, many thanks to both.

7. Remembrance Day Parade

Parade is on 9th November anyone looking to join should attend the Church at 9:30am or Parade leaves the Church at 10:30am.

8. AOB

Chair advised he would like to appoint some members to other roles. Currently all admin is managed by three members. It would be better to spread the load which in turn would allow newer members the opportunity to get involved. Initially, as we are the only casting association who does not have a Flag Master, he would like to appoint Alan Heatlie to this role. Additionally, Shirley Redpath has taken over as Website Manager. Janette Stott and Jennifer McMennamin have volunteered to take on some duties. Chair would be keen on other people to take on tasks. One member queried when agreement was made on this. Chair advised there had been no formal discussion, and we could do this at AGM. Members, however, took the view that we should start now. If anyone is keen to take on some of the duties, and who has not already made themselves known, they are duly invited to do so.

9. Date of next meeting

AGM 11th March 2025.

Meeting closed 7:42pm.