



SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

Location: Victoria Halls, Selkirk
Date: Wednesday 11th March 2026
Time: 7pm

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed 22 members to the meeting, with apologies from 12 members received.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were approved by Sandy Monks and seconded by Andy Moyes.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

The Chair had the following responses to matters raised at the last meeting:

Bussin' concert sound concerns - Meeting planned with LIVE Borders.

Provost - After investigation, it was established that the Provost had been invited to the Reception since 1954. Jim Henderson confirmed that the Provost addressed the people of Selkirk at the Bussin Concert then addressed the exiles at the Reception. Members unanimously agreed to continue this tradition.

Encourage exiles to speak - Exile numbers are usually now in the low 20's, compared with low 50s thirty years ago. After discounting the CSB family and friends plus "annual" returners we can only count a half dozen or so new visitors/exiles. Making an evening out of so few would be an impossibility. Whilst encouraging exiles to speak, they cannot be forced, but the Chair will do what he can.

Roles & responsibilities:

Treasurer and Secretary will continue as before but with the following being co-opted to assist.

- Janette Stott & Jennifer McMenamin - Common Riding Sec.
- Alan Heatlie - Flag Master



Shirley Redpath (web), Jane Graham (FB) and Sheena Chappell (badges/ties) also continue in their roles.

The Society guidelines were adjusted accordingly and approved by members.

4. Correspondence items

None received.

5. Formal Appointment of SC Standard Bearer 2026

A profile of Frances Anderson was shared with members and articles will be in the local papers, our website and on Facebook in the coming weeks.

The Chair advised that applications for 2027 close tonight.

[Note – two valid applications were received for consideration at the May meeting]

6. Accounts for 2026 with Treasurer's report and remarks from Auditor

See attached summaries from Treasurer and Auditor.

The treasurer proposed increasing the Reception ticket price to £20 this year, to help with increased costs.

Members agreed to this.

Merchandise update - We have only 12 ties left. Alan Heatlie to look into costs of new ties with possible new design.

Accounts approved by George Thomson and Seconded by Lindsay Cockburn.

7. Donations for 2025

Requests were made for donations to The Haining Trust and Selkirk Youth Rugby trip.

Agreed donations for 2026:

• The Haining Trust	£50
• Silver Band	£50
• Flute Band	£50
• CR Trust	£100
• Brighter Selkirk	£50
• Children's Picnic	£50
• Selkirk Youth Rugby	£50

8. Appointment of Office Bearers

The chair confirmed that Elana Lawrie will continue as Secretary, Catriona Heatlie will continue as Treasurer and Andy Moyes will continue as CR Trust representative.



The Chair also advised that as he plans to step down after 2026, he would like to propose Jane Tait as the incoming Chair from 2027. Brian Nesbitt seconded the motion.

Congratulations were given to Jane! She will shadow the current Chair throughout 2026.

9. Common Riding 2026

Members agreed that ticket prices to remain @ £3 for Concert & increase to £20 for Reception.

Robert Mailer Anderson has agreed to be Guest Chair at the Bussin' concert.

Poppie Waldie/Willson will make the Waldie Medallion presentation.

Jane & Elana will attend Spurs Night to represent Society & Ian, Andy & Alan will attend the Crafts Dinner along with Frances Anderson.

Ian & Pat will attend the Community Council Presentation.

10. Winter Social Night

Elana advised The County have agreed we can block book for an evening and she is currently awaiting menu/prices by email. Members present agreed the best date would likely be 10th September 2026. However, this date is not set in stone and if members preferred to hold the function in October or November, they should let the secretary know asap before final arrangements are made.

11. Any other competent business

Nothing raised.

12. Date of next meetings

Confirmed as 23rd April 2026 @7pm in Cruickshank Room, Victoria Halls.

Meeting closed 8:10pm.