Paterson: It's definitely my last stint

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"together" with his fellow councillors and put "differences aside".
He told us: "I've been a councillor for 25 years and to be honest a year ago I really didn't think I would be back in this position. I must thank all the people who once again put their faith in me, and if it isn't been for so many people encouraging me to stand again I would probably have stepped away. But this will definitely be my last stint."
He added: "I'm determined to work with the other five councillors this time - we need to work together for the betterment of Hawick. We have some new faces as well as people with experience and it is important that we put our differences aside and do what is best for Hawick. I stated this at the hustings and I am standing by it."
"We can make a difference if we are united and not working in different tangles."
Mr Paterson, who is an Independent, polled his first preference votes compared to 1,312 in the 2013 Scottish Borders Council elections. He was SBC's portfolio holder for environmental services under the last administration.

Candidates declared for Holyrood vote

Four candidates are set to contest in the Elibrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire by-election. It has been confirmed.
The Holyrood seat is vacant following the resignation earlier this month of Conservative MSP John Lamont, who is among those contesting the Berwickshires, Roxburgh and Selkirk constituencies in the General Election.
A statement from Scottish Borders Council revealed that the following four candidates have been nominated for the Scottish Parliament berth: Catriona Bhatia, Scottish Liberal Democrat: Rachael Hamilton, Scottish Conservatives; Gail Hendry, Scottish National Party; and Sally Prentice, Scottish Labour Party.
The Holyrood vote and the General Election will take place on Common Riding Thursday, June 8.

McAteer tops poll as ward switch pays off

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Independent councillor Watson McAteer's decision to switch from Hawick and Denholm to the Hawick and Hermitage ward was vindicated at last Friday's elections.
Councillor McAteer was elected at stage one of the process alongside George Turnbull (Scottish Conservative), while Davie Paterson (Independent) was elected at stage two.
The Hawick Paper can now reveal that Mr McAteer won nine of the ten ballot boxes in the ward.
The percentage of the vote was 50.1 per cent. There were 3,450 valid ballots, with 53 rejected papers.
The quota of votes required for a candidate to be elected at stage one of the process was 886.
The first preference votes were as follows: Watson McAteer (Independent) 1,496; George Turnbull (Scottish Conservatives) 931; Davie Paterson (Independent) 865; Iain Whyte (SNP) 396.
The consensus from all three elected members was that differences should now be cast aside for the good of the town.
Mr McAteer said: "I am really grateful to the people of Hawick and Hermitage for supporting me, and I am looking forward to building on my previous experiences as a councillor."
"Like my colleague, Stuart Marshall, I am very much about working through local issues and supporting people.
I have been recognised for the work I have previously done in the Hawick and Denholm ward and I intend to open the new stage one today."
Mr Marshall stepped aside to work on housing in the Hawick and Hermitage ward.
Mr McAteer said: "I am really delighted to have been re-elected and it is a great privilege. I can't wait to get on with the job. My nerves have been shedded once again with this experience."
It was always going to be a hard campaign but everyone was respectful to each other.
The hard work starts now, though, and I look forward to working as a team.
Mr McAteer was re-elected on a vastly reduced percentage of the vote from previous campaigns, and said: "A year ago I didn't think I would be in this position given the hassle I was receiving over the green waste and other issues."
"But I am delighted to have made it and I now want all the Hawick councillors to work together for the betterment of the town."

Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011

Application for Authorisation

Hawick Flood Protection Scheme

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Scottish Borders Council for authorisation to control activities at or in connection with Hawick Flood Protection Scheme, namely:

- the storage of controlled activities may have a significant adverse impact on the water environment and the introduction of other sources of the same activity, being activities included in the application that are considered not to have such an impact and are not listed below.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the Scott Reynie Projects office, 228 High Street, Hawick, and on its website: www.sepa.org.uk/registrations/environmental-applications/authorisation-connec-
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Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, either by writing to SEPA at or to the following address, giving reference number: C10/108960.

Regulatory Division, SEPA, Angus Smith Building, 5 Parkhead Avenue, Environment, Scottish Borders, EH40 1DR

Within representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should be kept private. Where such a request is made, SEPA will include a statement in the register indicating that representations have been made which are the subject of such a request.

Before determining the application, SEPA will:
- assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying out of the activity or activities;
- assess the indirect effects of that impact on any other aspects of the environment which are likely to be significantly affected by the activity or activities;
- consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use; and
- apply and take expert advice on relevant legislation.

SEPA(1) will advise grant or refuse the application.

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Roles for local members still unknown

Scottish Borders Council was this week remaining tight-lipped over whether any newly-elected Hawick councillors would be offered portfolio roles in the new administration.
A spokesperson told The Hawick Paper: "We haven't been given that information yet but we will issue a (press) release with those details as soon as we have them."