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The Chairman's Report – 2019

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank James Ruddick for his time and commitment over the last few years. James was a dedicated Parish Councillor for Crindledyke and was Vice Chairman latterly – we wish him every success.

With the recent City Council boundary changes we have also lost Councillors James Bainbridge and Marion Bowman. James was always willing to help with whatever he could, I believe he has been elected in the Morton area. Marion was part of the City Council when I first joined the Parish Council over 18 years ago; she has been an influential presence throughout this period and was always on the end of the phone when needed – she leaves big boots to fill. I would like to pass on my personal thanks to her.

We now have three new City Councillors, one of whom I believe is a member of the Green Party. I look forward to working with them all.

This year, Kingmoor and Rockcliffe Parish Councillors joined forces and have purchased a Tommy. The Tommy is a six-foot silhouette of a World War One Veteran and is a permanent tribute to our communities' military men and women who lost their lives and to those who continue to risk their lives for our Country. The silhouette was unveiled on the 5th October and can be found in the foyer of the Rockcliffe Centre.

Councillor Lesley Faulder has been the driving force behind the Cargo Mile. The Cargo Mile is a walk around Cargo which is fully supported by the Parish Council, the map displaying the route is on show in the Village notice boards and markers have been put up to show everyone the way.

On the planning front, there have been a further four applications for residential dwellings approved for Cargo. I find it odd that we have seen an increase in applications being approved given that twenty years ago there were to be no more houses built in Cargo as the village's sewerage system could not serve another residential dwelling.

I have heard whispers that the housing estate at Crindledyke may be starting again – we will have to wait and see what the future brings.

At Kingmoor Park we have seen development in quite a lot of places. The new Mercedes Garage is now open, this alone was a six million-pound development. Another car showroom and garage have recently been passed on the land between Tom Graham's and the main road.

The mobile phone service issue at Cargo is ongoing and we are now exploring a better landline service as a lot of the NHS Services are now provided over the phone, we will see where this gets us.

We are also in the process of buying and planning out Footpath Notice Boards, there will be three: one for each of the major villages.

I would like to close this statement by thanking all of the Parish Councillors for their continued efforts and the Clerk for her patience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.C. Graham', written over a horizontal line.

Rob Graham, Chairman