The Clock for the Town House.

21st June 1735

The Provost reported that the Committee formerly named for commuening wt Alexr. Smith anent making a Clock to the Town House, - that they had accordingly communed with him, and that he was willing to make a clock to the Town House of any Dimensions the Councill was pleased to name, and to allow them a six months tryall, and to Referr the sufficiency and price of the said Clock to two tradesmen, to be chosen one by the Town and anoyer by him, after said tryall, and if not found sufficient, to take her back. The Councill recommend to the Provost that Bailie Kinloch, when at Edinburgh, to advise what kind of clock will be best –whether ane eight-day or thirty-hour clock.

On 15th July, 1735, the Provost reported that he had inquired in Edinburgh what clock would be most proper to the Town House, and recommended that a thirty-hour clock was best, and that the wheels were all to be made of brass.

After the clock had been tried for six months, two referees were appointed to value it, as agreed on. – George Scott, Clockmaker, Cannongate, Edinburgh, being the Town's Referee, - and they made a Report to the council on 5th May 1737, that the referees had valued the clock at £150, and £8.8s was allowed between the referees as their fees for the Report, - all of which was approved of.

The cost of the Town House, Clock, and Steeple Furnishings, with various alterations, may be stated to have come to nearly £4,000.