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## TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA LOCALITY COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 2017

A MEETING of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA LOCALITY COMMITTEE will be held in the LESSER HALL, TOWN HALL, HAWICK on TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2017 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,

8 August 2017

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
3.	<b>Order of Business</b>	
4.	<b>Minute</b> (Pages 1 - 8)  Minute of the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Locality Committee of 20 June 2017 to be approved. (Copy attached).	2 mins
5.	<b>Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership</b>  Presentation by Chief Social Work Officer.	30 mins
6.	<b>Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life</b> (Pages 9 - 16)  Consider report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services (Copy attached).	5 mins
7.	<b>Police Scotland</b> (Pages 17 - 22)  Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area.	10 mins
8.	<b>Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> (Pages 23 - 26)  Update report by Station Manager detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area.	10 mins
9.	<b>Open Questions</b>  Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	10 mins

10.	<b>Community Council Spotlight</b> Consider matters of interest to Community Councils.	10 mins
11.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated</b>	
12.	<b>Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent</b>	
13.	<b>Date of next Teviot and Liddesdale Area Locality Committee</b> Tuesday, 19 September 20176 at 6.30 pm in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick.	2 mins

#### NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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**Membership of Committee:-** Councillors S. Marshall (Chairman), W. McAteer, D. Paterson, C. Ramage, N. Richards, G. Turnbull, Mr B Francombe (Upper Teviot and Borthwick Water), Mr C Griffiths (Hobkirk), Mr P Kerr (Southdean), Mr I Robson (Upper Teviot & Borthwick Water), Mr W Roberts (Denholm), Mr R Scott (Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage), Ms B Elborn (Newcastleton), Mr I Turnbull (Hawick) and Mr C Knox (Hawick)

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA LOCALITY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND  
LIDDESDALE AREA LOCALITY  
COMMITTEE held in LESSER HALL, TOWN  
HALL, HAWICK on Tuesday, 20 June 2017  
at 6.30 pm

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Present:- Councillors: S Marshall (Chairman), W McAteer, N Richards, G Turnbull.  
Community Councillors: Mrs B Elborn (Newcastleton), Mrs A Knight  
(Burnfoot), Mr C Griffiths (Hobkirk), Mr W Roberts (Denholm), Mr I Turnbull  
(Hawick)

Apologies Councillors Paterson and Ramage, Mr McAdam (Southdean Community  
Council)

In Attendance:- Neighbourhood Area Manager (Mr F Dunlop), Inspector Carol Wood (Police  
Scotland), Mr Russell Bell (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Democratic  
Services Officer (J Turnbull).

Members of the Public 7

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman, Councillor Marshall, welcomed Members, officers, community councillor representatives and the public to the first meeting of the new Teviot and Liddesdale Area Locality Committee.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Turnbull moved that Councillor Richards be appointed as Vice-Chairman and this was unanimously agreed.

**DECISION**

**AGREED that Councillor Richards be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Locality Committee.**

**3. MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 21 March 2017.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to approve the Minute of the Meeting held on 21 March 2017.**

**4. NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES**

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of 21 March 2017, there had been circulated a report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Locality Committee: felling of three conifer trees at the rear of Wilton Hill Terrace, Hawick; repair of existing handrail and replacement of missing handrail at Bright Street, Hawick; grass cutting at the Moat, Hawick in June and August.

**DECISION**

**AGREED contributions towards:-**

- (i) Felling of 3 conifer trees at the rear of Wilton Hill Terrace, Hawick £410**

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| (ii)  | <b>Repair of existing handrail and replacement of missing handrail at Bright Street, Hawick; and</b> | <b>£850</b> |
| (iii) | <b>Grass cutting at the Moat, Hawick</b>   | <b>£600</b> |

5. **QUALITY OF LIFE SCHEME**

With reference to paragraph 7.2 of the Minute of 17 November 2015 Members were asked to note the grant of £2,000 to the Hawick Welcome Fund Initiative for 2017/18 from the Hawick and Hermitage budget.

**DECISION**

**NOTED the grant of £2,000 to the Hawick Welcome Fund Initiative.**

6. **POLICE SCOTLAND**

6.1 There had been circulated a report from Inspector Carol Wood, Police Scotland, updating the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Locality Committee on performance activities and issues in the area. The Ward Plan priorities for Teviot and Liddesdale were highlighted as Drug Dealing and Misuse, Road Safety, Violent Crime and Antisocial Behaviour. In summary, with regard to the Drug Dealing and Misuse priority, Inspector Wood advised that during May, four separate males had been charged with possession of a controlled substance after being searched by officers. The males were aged 16-29 and were all from the Hawick area. Also in May, Police were called to a dispute in Earl Street, Hawick. A male was searched and found in possession of a controlled substance and also an uncapped needle. The male was charged with possession as well as culpable and reckless conduct.

6.2 In terms of the Road Safety priority, Community Officers continued to give attention to areas where they had received complaints of speeding and inconsiderate driving. In certain circumstances, motor vehicles could be seized by Police where there was evidence that the vehicle was being driven carelessly or off road. It was essential that complaints about driving behaviour were notified to the police via 101 at the time. Vehicles continued to receive parking tickets and drivers were warned for parking longer than they should or breaching yellow line restrictions throughout the town. During May officers in Denholm observed a caravan being towed with no lights to the rear. Officers stopped the vehicle and found that the 19 year old driver and his passenger did not have the correct driving authorisation for towing a vehicle. Both were charged with various driving offences. There was also an incident at the Sandbed roundabout, when a man crashed his vehicle into the barrier. He was found to be driving without insurance and charged accordingly. Also in May, officers were called to a domestic disturbance at Eildon Road, Hawick, where the perpetrator had made off in his vehicle. Officers located the male and he was subsequently arrested for failing a breath test. He was charged with drink driving as well as breach of the peace. There were also a number of road checks carried out during the month, resulting in fixed penalty tickets being issued for speeding, failing to wear a seatbelt and one vehicle being seized under antisocial behaviour legislation. Inspector Wood highlighted the Drivewise Project which had been well received by those participating. The Young Persons' and Older Peoples' Driving programmes continued, there was no cost to those participating and community councils were encouraged to promote the programme across their areas. Further information was available at [www.drivewiseborders.co.uk/index.html](http://www.drivewiseborders.co.uk/index.html)

6.3 In respect of the Violent Crime priority, there was one serious assault reported in Hawick during May. A 14 year old male had been assaulted in the Burnfoot area by four youths aged 13 and 14. The youths were charged with assault and have been reported through the youth justice system. Also in May, a male was charged with housebreaking as well as being in possession of drugs and a knife when searched by officers. The male has been detained in custody for appearance at court.

- 6.4 With regard to the Antisocial Behaviour priority, there was one fixed penalty ticket as well as eight police warnings given for antisocial behaviour.
- 6.5 Inspector Wood went on to advise that in the main, the Common Riding events had ran smoothly and without issue. However, Police had dealt with a number of issues at Hawick Mair on Common Riding Friday, alcohol playing a part. A full debrief would be held with Hawick Common Riding Committee and learning points and areas for improvement for next year's event would be discussed.
- 6.6 To conclude her report, Inspector Wood referred to recent terrorist events. She reassured the Committee that Police Scotland were working with those responsible for large scale events in order to keep people safe. This had included Hawick Common Riding and this focus would be maintained on local events throughout the summer months. The current threat for International Terrorism was at severe, this meant that an attack was highly likely and we should remain alert. When the threat level had been critical there had been an increase in numbers and visibility of Police at events. The Police would act on information from the public who reported suspicious people or behaviour and would provide an appropriate response to the information given. Inspector Wood encouraged everyone to remain vigilant and "If you suspect it, report it" by contacting Police Scotland directly by calling 101 or reporting through the anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321. If there was an attack the 'Stay Safe' principles (Run Hide Tell) gave actions to consider at an incident. Full details were available on the Police Scotland website at [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)
- 6.7 The Chairman thanked Inspector Wood for the comprehensive report and it was suggested that officers from Crimestoppers could be invited to give a presentation to a future Locality Committee to reassure the public of confidentiality when information was received by them. The Committee congratulated Police Scotland on their Drivewise Project and the Young Persons' and Older Peoples' Driving programmes. However, the number of fatal road accidents in the Scottish Borders was of concern. Inspector Wood advised that following a serious road accident, the site was scrutinised and road safety measures investigated.

## **DECISION**

**(a) NOTED the report;**

**(b) AGREED to invite Crimestoppers to attend a future Locality Committee to give a presentation.**

## **7. SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

- 7.1 There had been circulated a report from Station Manager Russell Bell, Hawick Fire Station, presenting service delivery activity in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area for the month of June 2017. In summary, the report detailed that during the period of the report there had been two house fires (one accidental and one chimney); two other fires (one vehicle and one shop); seven special service occurrences (three medical responder, one flooding, two animal collisions, one animal rescue); and 15 unwanted fire alarm signals (domestic and industrial). Mr Bell advised that Hawick Whole-time crews had completed their water based, swift water rescue training and now all staff were trained to enter the water and a proportional number had also been trained as boat operators. The station had also received a dedicated, fully kitted van with towing trailer and boat to allow full deployment to a water rescue incident. Hawick Station now had a 'live status' which meant that the crew could be mobilised to any part of the UK if requested. The high volume pump was still located at Hawick, as training had not been completed at Dundee, its final destination. The extended trial period for the out of hospital cardiac arrest service continued. A report had been passed to SFRS Strategic Leadership Team with recommendations that the trial continued, a decision was awaited

- 7.2 Mr Bell further advised that the 5 Watch Duty System had now been introduced. A buffer number of three staff had been retained at Hawick Fire Station in recognition of future retirements. Mr Bell referred to the ongoing activity within the area including: working with Borders College to provide road safety awareness training; Driving Into the Future – an initiative aimed at educating new/potential drivers; Home Fire Safety Visits, Firesharp and Crucial Crew. It was noted that unwanted fire alarm signals were being addressed by a phased intervention which would identify premises producing ‘false alarms’. The Fire Service would provide guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence and could also evoke legislation if occurrences failed to reduce in number.
- 7.3 Mr Bell went on to advise that the Spring season 2017 thematic plan was current, the aim of which was the reduction of: grass fires; woodland/forest fires; heathland/moorland fires; fires in derelict buildings; fires involving refuse/rubbish; raising awareness of business/commercial waste management and environmental responsibilities; encouraging operational personnel to support local community spring clean-up initiatives; and assisting Police Scotland identifying fire offenders and managing offending.
- 7.4 To conclude his report, Mr Bell referred to the recent tragic events at Grenfell Tower, London. Mr Bell advised that there were three to four storey flats in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. The Fire Service had inspected these premises and there were no concerns at the moment. However, he warned against residents leaving goods in stairwells as this was a fire hazard.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

8. **OPEN QUESTIONS**

In answer to a question, Mr Bell advised that the Fire and Rescue Service liaised with the Borders Water Rescue Team when necessary.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

9. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

- 9.1 Mrs Knight, Burnfoot Community Council, reported that in May the community council had held a Cornet’s night at Burnfoot School which had been well attended. The Burnfoot Carnival would take place on Saturday 8 July at Burnfoot School. There would be bands, shows, stalls and other entertainment, it was hoped that Councillors would be able to attend. Mrs Knight also reported that the Community Council required a secretary. Meetings were held on the last Tuesday of each month at Burnfoot School. If anyone was interested in the position, they were asked to contact Burnfoot Community Council.
- 9.2 Mr Griffiths, Hobkirk Community Council, advised that flood repair works had commenced at Bonchester Bridge and thanked Members and officers for their assistance. With reference to paragraph 11.2 of the Minute of 21 March, the community council had been informed that burial plots at Hobkirk Churchyard were owned by the community not the Church. The Council were investigating responsibility for maintenance and would respond to the community council. Mr Griffiths referred to the Birneyknowe Windfarm application which had been rejected unanimously by Scottish Borders Council. Banks Renewables, the applicants, were now appealing the decision in terms of economic benefit and visual amenity. This meant that the community were now faced with a Public Inquiry and would be required to give evidence. The community would require to be legally represented which could cost in the region of £10k to £20k. To conclude his report, on a positive note, Mr Griffiths advised that the community were holding a party on 25 August to coincide with the Scarecrow Festival. In answer to a question, Mr Dunlop advised that the estimate for a notice board was still awaited.

- 9.3 Mrs Elborn, Newcastleton Community Council, referred to their last meeting when it had been requested that Council officers addressed removal of the tarmac left at Douglas Square. The tarmac had been removed the following day, the community council had photographic evidence if the Council required to pursue for fly tipping. Mrs Elborn continued that following a meeting with the local Health Service the community council had been advised that the mobile dental service was to be removed from the primary school. No communication had been received regarding the closure and the removal was of concern to the community. It was noted that the community council requested that works to access roads and pathways at Eittleton Cemetery be resolved through the Small Scheme or Quality of Life Scheme before the onset of inclement weather. Mrs Elborn agreed to send Mr Dunlop details of the problem areas. Mrs Elborn advised that there was an ongoing problem with speeding timber transportation through the village and damage being caused to the roadside and verges. Police were carrying out speed checks but more were required. The community council would be attending the Transport Feasibility meeting to ensure that freight transportation would be considered as part of the railway line extension. There was also the requirement for the road infrastructure to be investigated as the increase and volume of timber extractions would continue to affect the road infrastructure. Representatives from the community council would also be attending the FCS Forestry Panel meeting. The change of use from farmland to planting without full consideration of the impact on flood management and the requirement for mobile phone technology and broadband was of concern. Trees had the potential to ruin line of site locations for masts resulting in no signal for areas. This was not a planning consideration and the community council were seeking to fund a project officer to investigate more fully. SBC's planning department were supportive of the communities' concerns. However, national policy required that 25% of Scotland's landscape should be covered by trees by 2020. Mrs Elborn further advised that the community council were also working with Borders Broadband to provide a rural solution for homes and business. It was important that the council worked with the community to delivery this project and noted that anything which obstructed the landscape, such as a tree(s), could jeopardize the project. The community council asked that the Council consider these issues and lobby Scottish Government regarding. Mrs Elborn went on to refer to the local topographical survey underway in the village to determine the flood plan. There had been an incident recently when rainfall fell from the hillside into the Lakes, this required to be investigated as a priority. Mrs Elborn further advised that there had been a large turnout at their last meeting when there had been a discussion on job cuts to temporary staff at Newcastleton Primary School. Officers from the Council had been unable to respond to the communities' concerns. The community council has since met with the SBC's education department and had been given reassurance that their concerns would be addressed. However, one issue regarding the concerns of a parent had yet to be resolved.
- 9.4 It was noted that there would be no community council meeting in July. There next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting, following which the community council election would be held. To conclude her report Mrs Elborn advised that Newcastleton Music Festival would take place in two weeks' time and all were invited.
- 9.5 Mr Roberts, Denholm Community Council, advised that the Denholm Ride-Out had not been been well attended, but was still a success. He thanked the Police for their presence at the event for which they had received many positive comments. Another successful event hosted by Denholm was the Jimmie Guthrie Memorial Run. With reference to paragraph 11.3 of the Minute of 21 March regarding the mobile phone mast, the site visit had identified a location which would be discussed at the community council meeting the next evening. The provision of an additional mast would result in a significant improvement in mobile phone coverage for the Denholm area.
- 9.6 Mr Turnbull, Hawick Community Council, referred to his appointment as the new chairman of Hawick Community Council, due to the resignation of Mrs Short. With reference to paragraph 11.5 of the Minute of 21 March regarding dog fouling, he reported that the community council had received funding from the Small Schemes budget for bags and

warning posters which were now in place. He enquired as to the status of enforcement officers, Mr Dunlop advised that he would investigate and report back to Mr Turnbull outwith the meeting. With regard to the Resilience Group, 23 members had been trained to use the defibrillators and he was pleased to advise that a defibrillator would be located at the Town Hall. Mr Turnbull further advised that the community council had purchased 10 two way radios which would enhance the Resilience Group's communication and would also be used at the Christmas Parade. Mr Turnbull concluded by advising that the community council had been disappointed that Wilton Park Café had still not opened, the cafe had lost valuable resources as they had missed another season.

#### **DECISION**

**(a) NOTED the reports;**

**(b) AGREED:-**

**(i) That NHS Borders be requested to supply a list of dates representatives would be available to attend Locality Committee meetings; and**

**(ii) Works to Ettleton Cemetery, Newcastleton be pursued through the Small Schemes or Quality of Life budget.**

#### **10. LOCALITIES COMMITTEE**

10.1 The Chairman, Councillor Marshall, referred to the change of name for the Committee. He explained, that this was the first stage in the development of the Council's new Locality Committees. At this point in time, this was the only change. A report would be presented to Council over the summer which would include proposals for developing arrangements. Locality Plans would sit with Locality Committees, as would some additional budgeting responsibilities including a new Localities Bid Fund. Guidance on this was currently being prepared and details would be provided to communities as soon as possible. A review was being carried out over the summer as to the shape of the new Locality Committees and communities would have the opportunity to feed into this process. The Chairman went on to advise that under a directive from the Scottish Government, as part of the Community Empowerment Act, £500k had been set aside from the Council's budget to be spread across the five localities. The Committee would decide how to allocate the money for which communities would be encouraged to bid to benefit their areas. The Quality of Life and Small Schemes budget would not be affected. The five Locality Committee Chairmen would attend a briefing in August which would include discussion on the parameters for the bidding process.

10.2 There followed a discussion, it was noted that although the funding was welcomed there was a concern that communities might not have the necessary time or effort to drive forward projects. The appointment of a development officer would be beneficial to maximise funding opportunities and provide advice. A further update would be provided at the next meeting.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the report.**

#### **11. DATES OF TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA LOCALITY COMMITTEES FOR 2017/18**

The dates for future meetings of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum were as follows:-

Tuesday, 15 August 2017 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 19 September 2017 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 14 November 2017 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 12 December 2017 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 20 February 2018 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 20 March 2017 at 6.30 pm



Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at 6.30 pm  
Tuesday, 19 June 2018 at 6.30 pm.

***The meeting concluded At 7.30 pm.***

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

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### **Report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure**

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## **TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE LOCALITY FORUM**

**15 August 2017**

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### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Locality Committee.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale Members:- mark parking area at Silverbuthall Road, Hawick; mark 4 parking areas at Chay Blyth Place, Hawick; mark parking area at Fraser Avenue, Hawick.
- 1.3 The following Quality of Life Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot and Liddesdale Members:- supply and install noticeboards at Bonchester Bridge; paint handrail between McLagan Drive and Burnfoot Road, Hawick; provide a financial contribution to Hawick Welcome Initiative.

### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Forum**
- (a) **Approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-**
- (i) **Mark parking area at Silverbuthall Road, Hawick** £325
- (ii) **Mark 4 parking areas at Chay Blyth place, Hawick** £552
- (iii) **Mark parking area at Fraser Avenue, Hawick** £368
- (b) **Approves the following new Quality of Life Schemes for implementation:-**
- (i) **Supply and install notice boards in Bonchester Bridge** £1,052
- (ii) **Paint handrail between McLagan Drive and Burnfoot Road, Hawick** £313
- (iii) **Contribution to Hawick Welcome Initiative** £1,500

- (c) **Notes the updates on previously approved neighbourhood Small schemes in 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix A to this Report.**
- (d) **Notes the updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes in 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix B to this report.**

### 3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Line mark parking area adjacent 125-131 Silverbuthall Road, Hawick to provide parking bays (£325). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (b) Line mark 4 parking areas at Chay Blyth Place, Hawick to provide parking bays (£552). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (c) Line mark Parking area adjacent 8-18 Fraser Avenue, Hawick (£368). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (d) Supply and install a double noticeboard at Bonchester Bridge (£1,052). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (e) Paint handrail between McLagan Drive and Burnfoot Road, Hawick (£313). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (f) Financial contribution to Hawick Welcome Initiative (£1,500). This request was received from Ward Councillors.

3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetable and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.

### 4 IMPLICATIONS

#### 4.1 Financial

(a)

	Quality of Life	Small Schemes	Total
2016/17 Carry Forward	3,159	0	3,159
2017/18 Budget	20,000	34,702	54,702
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>34,702</b>	<b>57,861</b>
Committed Previously	2,000	1,860	3,860
Proposed per Report	2,865	1,245	4,110
Remaining Balance	18,294	31,597	49,891

- (b) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2017/18. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £15,901 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £15,696 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.
- (c) In addition a budget of £23,159 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2017/18. If the above schemes are approved, there will be a remaining budget of £9,965 in the Hawick and Hermitage Ward and £8,329 in the Hawick and Denholm Ward for future schemes.

#### 4.2 **Risk and Mitigations**

If these budgets are not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

#### 4.3 **Equalities**

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

#### 4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 3.1.

#### 4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

#### 4.6 **Rural Proofing**

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

#### 4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There is no change to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation.

## 5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in the final report.

**Approved by**

**Martin Joyce**  
**Service Director Assets and Infrastructure**

**Signature .....**

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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA  
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

APPENDIX A

Location	Work Description	Origin	Date of Enquiry	Status <sup>1</sup>	Price	Available Budget	Comments
<b>2017/18 Budget available for Neighbourhood Small Schemes</b>						<b>£34,702</b>	
<b>Hawick &amp; Hermitage</b>						<b>£17,351</b>	
Bright Street, Hawick	Replace missing / repair existing handrail				£850	£16,501	
Moat Park, Hawick	Grass cutting on Moat June and August				£600	£15,901	
<b>Hawick &amp; Denholm</b>						<b>£17,351</b>	
Rear of Wilton Hill Terrace, Hawick	Fell three conifer trees				£410	£16,941	
<b>Remaining Balance for Neighbourhood Small Schemes</b>						<b>£32,842</b>	

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Location	Work Description	Origin	Date of Enquiry	Status <sup>1</sup>	Price	Available Budget	Comments
<b>2017/18 Budget available for Quality of Life Schemes</b>						<b>£20,000</b>	
<b>Hawick &amp; Hermitage</b>						<b>£11,965</b>	Including £1,965 carry over from 2016/17
Hawick Welcome Initiative	Financial contribution			Complete	£2,000	£9,965	
<b>Hawick &amp; Denholm</b>						<b>£11,194</b>	Including £1,194 carry over from 2016/17
<b>Remaining Balance for Quality of Life Schemes</b>						<b>£21,159</b>	

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## Teviot & Liddesdale Area Locality Committee

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Report from  
Inspector Carol Wood

### **Multi Member Ward Plans**

Consultation with residents has allowed us to prepare priority plans based on local concerns. The combined Ward plan Priorities are:

- ❑ **Drug Dealing and Misuse**
- ❑ **Road Safety**
- ❑ **Violent Crime**
- ❑ **Antisocial Behaviour**

### **Drug Dealing and Misuse**

We have, through intelligence gathered, carried out operations against people and premises involved in drug dealing and misuse, and where appropriate reported them to the Procurator Fiscal. We patrol areas where it has been identified people involved in the misuse of illegal drugs gather. We continue to deliver inputs at schools, highlighting the dangers of drug misuse.

We continue to be visible in the community to develop intelligence on people who deal in and use controlled drugs. We will continue to work with our partners, combining education and enforcement strategies. During the reporting period of June and July the following were of note:

- On 11<sup>th</sup> July a twenty-three year old female was arrested following a disturbance in the Loan for various offences including assaulting two Police officers by kicking one to the stomach and attempting to set fire to the hair of another and resisting arrest. At this time she was in possession of cannabis.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> July a twenty-one year old male was arrested in Silverbuthall Road for various offences including possession of Class B drugs (cannabis).
- On 4<sup>th</sup> July a twenty-one year old male was arrested for a disturbance in a common stair in Silverbuthall Road. He was charged with the associated offences and resisting arrest. During his arrest he was discovered to be in possession of Class B drugs (cannabis), which led to the application for and grant of a search warrant for his home address. On the execution of this warrant further Class B drugs (cannabis) were discovered leading to a Misuse of Drugs offence being libelled against an eighteen-year-old female.

- Following a search under warrant of premises in Beattie Court on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June a twenty-four year old male was reported for Misuse of Drugs offence – possession of Class B drugs (cannabis).
- On 19<sup>th</sup> June whilst being processed at Hawick Police Station for other offences a fifty-year-old Hawick male was found to be in possession of class B drugs (amphetamine).
- Similarly on 22<sup>nd</sup> June a thirty-nine year old local male was found to be in possession of class B drugs whilst being processed for police custody
- During the search of premises in McLagan Drive on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June under a warrant granted by the court class B drugs were discovered leading to a thirty-three year old male being charged with possession.
- Following the execution of a search warrant on 13<sup>th</sup> of June in Eildon Road a forty-seven year old male has been charged with the production of class B drugs (cannabis), the possession of same and other Misuse of Drugs offences.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> June a forty-one year old local male was discovered in possession of class B drugs whilst being processed at Hawick Police Station for custody
- Following the execution of a search warrant on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at premises in the Sandbed a fifty-three year old male has been reported for three separate charges of being concerned in the supply of cocaine, ecstasy and cannabis.

## **Road Safety**

### Speeding/Inconsiderate Driving

Community officers continue to give attention to areas where we have received complaints of speeding or inconsiderate driving when duties permit. We continue to link in with Scottish Borders Council in obtaining data for areas of complaint and where appropriate have discussions on road improvements. The camera safety vehicle continues to make an appearance in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. To find out where the camera safety vehicle will be located go to [www.lbsafetycameras.co.uk](http://www.lbsafetycameras.co.uk)

In certain circumstances, motor vehicles can be seized by Police where there is evidence that the vehicle is being driven carelessly, or off road. It is essential that all complaints about driving behaviour be notified to the police via 101 at the time.

### Parking and Road Traffic Issues

We continue to issue parking tickets and warn drivers for parking longer than they should or breaching yellow line restrictions throughout the town. We will continue to give illegal parking attention whenever possible. However I would continue to ask members of the public not to park in prohibited areas or remain longer than they should in timed zones.

- Following an accident in Havelock Bank on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July a thirty-two year old male has been charged with careless driving, no insurance and other road traffic offences . His vehicle was seized at this time.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> July following the report of an abandoned vehicle in Newcastleton a forty-eight year old male was traced to his home address and subsequently charged with a drink driving offence.
- Following enquiry into a road traffic incident at Hassendean on 28<sup>th</sup> June a thirty-eight year old male has been charged with no insurance and other road traffic offences.

- Similar following accidents on Branxholme Road on the 11<sup>th</sup> June a vehicle was traced leading to a thirty-six year old male being charged with numerous road traffic offences including – failing to stop at an accident, failing to report an accident, failing to comply with SORN legislation and no insurance. Further enquiry has led to the female keeper of this vehicle being charged with causing and permitting the above male to carry out these offences.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> June a fifty-five year old male was charged with no insurance, no driving licence and a construction and use offence in relation to a vehicle he had been using earlier in Havelock Street.

### **Violent Crime**

We continue to work in close partnership with licensed premises and their staff to tackle issues of drunkenness and disorderly behaviour to reduce these types of incidents.

We will continue to focus our patrols, targeting areas where violent crime has been reported and robustly deal with any person involved in this behaviour.

During the period under consideration there has been one reported serious assault and one reported assault to severe injury. Both investigations are still ongoing and cannot be further disclosed at this time.

- Following a report of an assault in a take away outlet in the Howegate on 28<sup>th</sup> June a forty-four year old male has been reported to the procurator fiscal.
- In addition to the earlier reported assault on two police officers a further officer was assaulted on 25<sup>th</sup> June by a twenty-seven year old male when being presented at Hawick Custody Centre. This assault has also been reported.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

We continue to carry out high visibility patrols whenever possible with the aim of reducing disorder and delivering public reassurance. We have worked with partners to deal with unruly residents and taken proactive measures to combat their behaviour.

Police are continuing to give attention to areas where youths congregate and we receive complaints about their behaviour. Police and Partners continue to work together in tackling youth issues and look at longer-term interventions that can target and deter those involved.

- Two thirteen-year-old male youths have been reported for throwing large stones at moving vehicles in Fraser Avenue on 10<sup>th</sup> July. A report for Culpable and Reckless Behaviour has been submitted to the youth justice system.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> July in Eildon Road a sixteen-year-old male was discovered wearing only his underpants and socks heavily under the influence of alcohol. He was seen by witnesses to lash out uncontrollably at parked vehicles and was

suitably arrested and held by Police until sober before being reported for his behaviour.

- A fifty-year-old male was seen by passers-by to be swearing, shouting and challenging others to fight in Hawick High Street on 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. He was subsequently arrested for an offence relating to breach of the peace.
- Similarly on 18<sup>th</sup> June in Wellfield Road a twenty year old male was arrested for an offence relating to breach of the peace having been seen to be shouting, swearing and causing a disturbance.
- Likewise on 15<sup>th</sup> June in Burnfoot Road a forty-six year old male was arrested for shouting, swearing and causing a disturbance
- During Hawick Common Riding Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> on the Mair teenage male youths heavily under the influence of alcohol were arrested for shouting, swearing, challenging others and the Police to fight. .

### **Other issues**

During the period under consideration numerous thefts were committed to business premises in the area. These were committed out with business hours and each required the offenders to overcome the security of the buildings concerned. These are actively being investigated by specialist officers from the Criminal Investigation Department and cannot be commented on further at this time.

Likewise overnight on 12<sup>th</sup> June an attempt was made to break into business premises in Galalaw Business Park. A vehicle made off on the culprits being disturbed but was later traced by Police. A thirty-six year old male and a thirty-seven year old male were arrested and held in custody to appear at court the following day.

Over the period there have been several shoplifting thefts reported by local retailers plus the reported use of forged currency. A twenty-four year old male has been charged with three separate occasions of tendering forged twenty-pound notes in the town.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this report please feel free to contact me.

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## **Teviot & Liddesdale Area Locality Committee- August 2017. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

**Station Manager Russell Bell.**

### **Purpose of the Report;**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Locality Committee on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity for the month of July 2017.

### **Service Delivery activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area.**

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	1	1 x accidental	0
Fire- Other	1	1 x woodland/ grass	0
Special Service	1	1 x effect entry	0
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	10	various domestic & industrial	N/A

### Water Rescue training

Hawick Wholetime crews are trained to swift water rescue (technician) level with all staff competent to enter the water, and a proportional number also trained as boat operators. The station is provided with a fully kitted, Mercedes Sprinter van with towing trailer & boat to allow a full deployment to a water rescue incident.

A live status has been achieved at Hawick as a Water Rescue Station. This is a not only a local, but a national asset, available to mobilise to any part of the country, or over the Border if it is requested.

The specialist high volume pump has been redeployed to Dundee to allow training to take place. Once completed it will be relocated permanently as part of the Review of Specialist Equipment (RoSE project). Training has not been completed at this point, so Hawick will service both these specialist resources until that time.

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### Flood response training

Hawick Retained crew have received flood first responder training. This skill set equips the staff to be effective during flooding incidents such as assessing and pumping out flooded premises, and assisting with rescues during low level flooding.

### 5 Watch Duty System

In April 2017, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service introduced a common duty system throughout all Wholetime stations in Scotland. The 5 watch duty system which was in use within the majority of the West Service Delivery Area was rolled out nationally. Staff figures at Hawick Station reduced from a total of 28 to 25 with 5 Watches of 5\*\*, replacing 4 Watches of 7. The new system provides a more flexible and effective use of staff and will not affect the number of staff who day to day attend operational incidents on the fire engine or as part of a water rescue team.

\*\*A 'buffer' number of staff (totalling 2) are retained at Hawick Station as the new system is introduced, recognising future planning to counteract upcoming retirements.

### **Service Transformation**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service realise as a public Service that we need to diversify and innovate as the needs of our communities become sharper into focus.

One of these focus areas is out of hospital cardiac arrest, where the survival rate is very low if no immediate assistance is available.

Following guidance from the Scottish Ambulance Service, Hawick was deemed a suitable location to trial\*\* the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services out of hospital cardiac arrest response.

Crews (both Whole time and Retained Duty System) have received enhanced joint training, (focussing on cardio pulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator use) from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service training staff and Scottish Ambulance Service partners which allows a response to local cardiac arrest emergencies, where appropriate. Hawick is now a 'live asset' and is on standby to meet the needs of our local communities.

\*\*The extended trial period continues. A report has been passed to SFRS Strategic Leadership Team with recommendations that trial stations continue to offer the 'out of hospital cardiac arrest' service and that it is rolled out to all stations in Scotland via a 3 year delivery plan.

### **Prevention and Protection activity.**

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

Activity, which is ongoing at the moment within the Teviot & Liddesdale area;

- Drivewise- Borders Schools secondary age school pupils have been brought to Charterhall Airfield to take part in a driving instruction initiative led by Police

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Scotland and assisted by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The initiative allows pupils to drive cars in a controlled and safe environment under close instruction.

- Following 3 road traffic collision fatalities on the A698 in under 3 years, Green Watch (Hawick) have been working with Borders College- Hawick Campus, to provide road safety awareness training. The sessions were both technical (classroom based consequences lecture), and practical, with a demonstration of a road traffic collision scene detailing our responsibilities, actions and techniques.
- Driving Into the Future- is an initiative aimed at educating new/ potential drivers. PowerPoint presentation in the classroom is followed by practical education with a crashed car in conjunction with local Scottish Fire and Rescue Service crews. This initiative has been running at Hawick High School and has received encouraging feedback from both students and staff.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service. Freephone number for this service is 0800 0731 999.
- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- Crucial Crew is the practical follow up to the P6 educational input. All P7 pupils in the area attend a multi-agency event at Tweedbank where they are placed in real life scenarios and guided on the appropriate safe actions.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms'. It provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number- operationally, this can result in a reduction in the number of fire engines which will attend a 'repeat offender'.
- Fire Case Study and Adult & Child Protection Policies ensure multi agency involvement is provided for the support and protection for our higher risk members of the community.

### Thematic Action Planning

The Prevention & Protection (P&P) departments of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service initiate thematic plans throughout the year aimed at making our communities safer.

The Summer season 2017 thematic plan is current and during this period, P&P management will be required to report our level of success against the following indicators:

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(Reduce the number of deliberate primary\* and secondary\*\* fires)

- Reduce the number of fires in derelict/ unoccupied buildings
- Reduce the number of fire involving refuse/ rubbish
- Reduce the number of outdoor fires involving grass/ heathland/ heather and/ or forested areas
- Reduce fire related anti-social behaviour
- Promote fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks (hotels, guest houses, boarding houses, caravan/ camping sites and holiday centres)
- Promote water safety and reduce the number of fires and accidents involving boats, leisure craft and ferries
- Contribute to the delivery of summer road safety

*\*Primary fires include buildings (including mobile homes) which are fit for occupation and those under construction. Caravans & vehicles (not derelict). Outdoor storage, plant and machinery. Agricultural and forestry premises & property.*

*\*\*Secondary fires include single derelict buildings. Grassland including heath, hedges, railway embankments and single trees. Intentional straw or stubble burning. Outdoor structures including lamp-posts, traffic signs, playground furniture, hoardings etc. Refuse and refuse containers. Derelict vehicles*

### Multi Ward Operating Plan

The Multi Ward Operating Plan for Teviot & Liddesdale, covering the Hawick & Hermitage/ Hawick & Denholm Wards is available. The plan sets out the priorities and objectives for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) within the area. The SFRS will continue to work closely with our partners in Teviot & Liddesdale to ensure we are all 'Working Together for a Safer Scotland'. The plan can be accessed electronically via the following link;

[Http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/ward-operational-plans.aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/ward-operational-plans.aspx)

The overarching Scottish Borders Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014- 2017 has been reviewed and its content will be provided via an agenda item in a near future Teviot & Liddesdale Area Locality Committee meeting.

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