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**Teviot & Liddesdale
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
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Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 19 November 2019

Time: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Location: Hawick High School, Hawick

AGENDA

Doors open 6pm for tea and coffee – meeting starts at 6.30 pm

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Feedback from Previous Meeting of 17 September 2019 (Pages 3 - 10) Minute from meeting of 17 September 2019. (Copy attached)
3.	Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Plan (Pages 11 - 22) Copy of draft Locality Plan attached.
4.	Theme: Health, Care and Wellbeing - Reducing isolation and social loneliness Presentations by Locality Co-ordination Team and What Matters Hub followed by a facilitated discussion.
5.	Teviot and Liddesdale Community Fund (Pages 23 - 38) Teviot and Liddesdale applications Copies attached of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documents outlining Teviot and Liddesdale Community Fund – current position• Alchemy Film & Arts Community Fund Assessment for consideration• Borders Green Team Community Fund Assessment for consideration
6.	Community Empowerment Act Update - easy read pack
7.	Open Forum Questions for Elected Members
8.	Future Agenda Items for Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership
9.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday, 18 February 2019

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick on Tuesday, 17 September 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors N Richards (Chair), D Paterson, C Ramage and G Turnbull, 15 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillors S Marshall & W McAtee
In Attendance:- Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Locality Development Co-ordinators (J Pringle, G Jardine), Clerk to the Council, Democratic Services Officer

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Councillor Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership. On behalf of the Area Partnership he expressed his sadness at the passing of Mr Jim Little.

2. LOCALITY BID FUND 1

The Chairman introduced Annette Reeves, from Artbeat Studios, who was in attendance to give an update on their successful bid to the Locality Bid Fund. Ms Reeves began by explaining that Artbeat Studios was a registered charity which had been in existence since 2002. The studio offered support and facilities for health and wellbeing and opened 16 hours a week. Currently there were 90 weekly attendees who were referred by the NHS, Scottish Borders Council, Job Centre and Occupational Health. Following on from the success of the studio, and after consultation with users and the local community, Artbeat Studios applied for Locality Bid funding for a Community Art Hub. The project had been successful in the voting process and was awarded £3,000. The Hub provided evening art sessions for the community such as pottery, felting, fine art and jewellery making. In response to questions, Ms Reeve explained that they did charge for classes to cover the cost of premises, heating lighting and equipment. Regarding the consultation, she explained that this had been a 'soft' approach, they had discussed with attendees and attended local events and schools. They also had a Facebook page for suggestions. Ms Reeves concluded her presentation by highlighting some of the artwork produced at the studio, advising that the Locality Bid Fund had achieved a continuing legacy for the local community.

3. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 11 JUNE 2019

The Minute of the Meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership held on 11 June 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion and a review of priorities identified in the draft Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Plan was attached as an Appendix to the Minute. One of the priorities was to improve the provision of transport in the area and how this could be improved to meet the needs of the local community. A range of comments were made including: passenger groups using digital platforms for journey planning, online booking system, flexibility in the school bus service, NHS scheduling based on locality, e-cars in villages and liaison with private bus companies to improve timetabling. These comments led on to the main theme for the evening which was transport networks and connections within Teviot and Liddesdale, as outlined below.

4. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE LOCALITY PLAN**
- 4.1 Scottish Borders Council Passenger Transport Manager, Timothy Stephenson and Transport Service Team Leader Gordon Grant were in attendance to give a presentation on Transport Planning in the Scottish Borders. Copies of the presentation on Transport Planning had been circulated with the agenda and were available at the meeting. Mr Stephenson explained that the Council currently subsidised local bus services at £1.5m per annum. However, local bus services were not a statutory requirement and like all local authority budgets were always being reviewed. In 2018, £200k saving has been made by alternatives being put in place and innovative thinking. In 2019, £85k had already been secured without further cuts but a further £165k savings was required for 2020. Some tough decisions had to be made and a workable plan found to make the required savings. A number of under-performing bus routes had been identified where passenger numbers were declining and subsidy per passenger was very high. However, rather than just making service cuts the Council wanted to meet communities to talk about transport. Bus User Scotland were also holding a public consultation to work with communities to form a transport plan. Mr Stephenson went on to discuss the local bus services being reviewed in the Teviot and Liddesdale area and subsidies per passenger ranging from 95p (Town Services 46/47/49) to £8.12 (Newcastleton – Hawick 4621) compared to the average cost per passenger of £3.65 across the Borders bus network. Mr Stephenson was keen to hear from communities who wanted to try new things and encourage community led transport projects: something alternative to ‘the traditional bus’, something flexible, that could be controlled locally and that communities could commit to. Mr Stephenson then gave examples of innovations in other areas such as NEED Ltd, an Alnwick Community Transport Scheme and Bo’ness Community Bus. He also referred to non-bus related options such as E-car, E-bike, Tripshare and Community Transport/Social Car Schemes. In response to questions, Mr Stephenson advised that 50% of bus passengers were non-paying. With regard to concessionary fares, the West Linton scheme had honoured concessions, and any similar scheme could have a similar set up. Regarding the school transport budget this was £3.5m, with £2.5m for special needs education. Certain school buses were registered to carry public passengers but this was dependent on capacity.
- 4.2 Following the presentation, the Chairman invited those present to take part in a round table discussion about transport planning in terms of potential options, solutions and actions within communities. There were templates on the tables to aid the discussion on which points should be recorded. A summary of the output of the discussion is attached as an appendix to this Minute.
5. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE INTERIM COMMUNITY FUND**
- 5.1 The Locality Development Co-Ordinator, Gillian Jardine, referred to documents which had been circulated and which were available at the meeting, which gave an overview of the Interim Community Fund and internal and external funding maps for Teviot and Liddesdale area. She explained that there was a total 2019/20 budget allocation of £174,308 for the Teviot and Liddesdale Community Fund. Within this fund, after committed allocations of £7,000 for Community Councils; £12,550 to Local Festivals; £4,729 to Village Halls; there was an available balance of £150,029 remaining in the Fund. Regarding the committed allocations, Ms Jardine explained that these would remain for the 2019/20 financial year. However, would be reviewed as part of the Area Partnership/Community Fund consultation.
- 5.2 Ms Jardine then explained the Interim Community Fund application process, advising that there was £10,000 available for constituted groups, £5,000 for non-constituted groups and up to £1,500 available for fast track applications. Applications would be brought to the Area Partnership for decision. Ms Jardine asked those in attendance to encourage community groups, who might be interested in applying to the Fund, to contact the Communities Partnership Team for guidance. Regarding any underspend at the end of the financial year, this had previously been carried forward to the next year financial year, but confirmation was

still awaited from Council – The Area Partnership requested that any underspend remained in the Teviot and Liddesdale locality.

- 5.3 The voting process was then discussed, Ms Jardine explained that applications would be brought to the Area Partnership meetings for consideration. If the consensus was to agree the application then the funding would be granted. If there was no consensus then elected members would be required to vote on the application. There was concern at the lack of transparency in relation to the grant process and that if a community council was unable to attend an Area Partnership how would they be able to support or raise any concerns? Ms Jardine explained that the application assessment would be circulated with the agenda, and any views could be fed back to officers for reporting at the meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman asked the meeting for any suggestions/proposals for future agenda items or any items to be submitted to Ms Jardine for the next meeting.

7. OPEN FORUM

- 7.1 There were concerns about the format of the Area Partnership meetings, and that elements from previous Area Forums should be incorporated, such as the Community Council Spotlight, reports from Police Scotland and from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. It was also noted that now the Locality Plans were in place, the Partnership should be discussing actions and projects arising from the Plan. Ms Jardine asked that everyone respond to the Area Partnership/Community Fund consultation raising their concerns and giving suggestions for improvement.

- 7.2 Regarding the Area Partnership/Community Fund consultation. Ms Malster explained that the community fund was an integral part of the Area Partnership meetings and that was why they were both included in the same consultation. However, she would review the format to improve accessibility and re-circulate if required.

- 7.3 Public Conveniences – no decision had been made on the future of the Council's public convenience.

- 7.4 Denholm Community Shed Asset Transfer - Ms Jardine would refer to the Council's Neighbourhood Services Team.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 The Chairman referred to the Home Energy Scotland information booklets on the tables and the Healthy Hawick newsletter which listed a range of activities around Scottish Borders Diversity Week.

- 8.2 Councillor Ramage invited everyone to attend the Burnfoot Benches Celebration on 10 October at Burnfoot Community Hub from 2 pm to 3.30 pm for an afternoon tea party.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership was scheduled for Tuesday, 19 November at Hawick High School. Councillor Richards thanked all those who had attended the meeting for their participation.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

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Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Plan – Community Transport: Solutions and Actions

Suggestions made:

- Electric solar information panels at key locations
- Border Integrated Transport App
- Expand volunteer driver schemes + social car share schemes
- E-bikes scheme (Energy Trust)
- SBC e-car scheme
- Extended Rail Connections/Accessibility
- Maximise the use of Borders College /SBC /NHS/Post Office/Third Sector minibuses
- Remove need for travel – extended outreach, use of skype for appointments, telecare
- Demand Responsive Transport i.e. community taxi, uber type scheme

Locality suggested transport solutions	Would this work in your community?	Who would take this forward – we need key champions/organisations	What support would be needed (financial, time, resources etc), and what would this look like?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real time information – More awareness of what services are operating (“Borders bus app” extension) • Promotion of Travel line Scotland. • Bus services are not a viable solution – flexible working, change of demographic and “car dependency” • Awareness raising of Young Scot benefits to encourage usage • E-Car – Flexibility of locations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be taken forward by Transport Scotland • This would be taken forward by the Scottish Borders Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For this project to be a success we would need to look into getting better Wi-Fi in the borders. • The discount only applies to single fare journeys • For this to be successful it would require a flexibility in overnight locations for the E-Cars

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing service provision – engage with bus operators • Joint working across the Borders (Councils/Companies) • Trip share to be researched • Community bus • Identify under used services and identify times when they would be better used and then change the times. • Identify one day a week when all people can arrange appointments (e.g. BGH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would only work in the Teviot and Liddesdale area if there was an improved service • This would only work if again there was an improved service • Subject to users • Subject to enough volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be taken forward by user groups and Local community groups • Joint Partners • Denholm are in conversation with Cllr Ramage • Tim Stevenson to be part of public meeting in Hawick to identify need and discuss options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-instate the train internet connection – need better coverage so community transport is contactable • Fast charge electricity units in Newcastleton need up rated sub station • Subsidy for Government compared for Scottish Borders to Highland and Islands
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Increase parking charges – charge behaviour force Education – Behaviour change (Developed reliance culture)			
UBER type scheme	Taxi style approached, unlicensed but approved. Access via smart phone technology/apps. Drivers Screened – criminal checks Safety Features built-in, tracking customer reviews, driver profiles Vehicle safety inspections		
Bo'ness and Area Community Bus Association – reintroduction of bus links between Bo'ness and Edinburgh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruited 2 Full Time drivers and 1 Part time driver and 1 Volunteer driver Recruited an Operations Consultant Recruited an Administration Assistant Delivered 10235 passenger journeys since February 2018 Make 58 journeys a week to and from Edinburgh Covered over 120,000 miles 		
Killin & District Volunteer Car Scheme	<p>Volunteer based scheme that aim to assist people in our district who have real problems in accessing transport or coping with the long journeys. The service is provided by volunteer drivers who use their cars to provide transport to people who struggle to access other forms of transport, due to a variety of reasons and where there is a need to access services that are essential and/or in the interest of their general wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journeys are subsidised – 45p per mile for drivers and 20p per mile for a passenger The driver's expenses cover fuel, maintenance and depreciation of their vehicle so that they are not out-of-pocket. 		
Badenoch & Strathspey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Transport model operating a set bus route, although providing door to door service Operates 5 days per week, 9.30-4.30pm Must be booked in advance 		
NEED Ltd (Alnwick)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largely self-financing model Range of services – car scheme / dial-a-ride / family vehicle / group transport Contracts for Council and NHS Entrepreneurial 		
Chariots (Wrexham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branded fleet of accessible vehicles Paid co-ordinator but all volunteer drivers <p>In 2015 provided 12,645 trips, of which 6,642 were for wheelchair users</p>		
Transport Access People (Cornwall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer car scheme for non-emergency healthcare appointments Journeys to and from the Hospitals in Truro and Plymouth Door to door transport for people who find difficulty accessing transport 		

Facilitator Initials:

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Scottish Borders

Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan

November 2019 *draft*

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Introduction

Welcome to the Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan. This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The actions that will be carried out
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resources *i* in the most effective way to reduce inequality



Resources – this could be:
funding (e.g. budget or grants),
people (e.g. staff or volunteers)
or assets (e.g. land, buildings
or equipment)

This plan will help those who are in greatest need, and focuses on what action can be taken to improve the quality of life for those who live in Teviot & Liddesdale.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Teviot & Liddesdale what would make the area better.

This plan is structured around four themes:

- Economy, Skills & Learning
- Health, Care & Wellbeing
- Safer Communities
- Environment & Place



Area Partnership – bringing together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

From the Area Partnership *i* meetings to date we have gathered all the comments and feedback which you gave and prioritised what you told us is important to you and what will make a difference to the lives of people in the Teviot & Liddesdale area.

Communities, community planning partners *i* and local service providers *i* will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership. The key actions are detailed at the end of this plan.

At a Locality level this is done through the Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan and the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership.

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans, are referenced at the end of this plan.

Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Area Profile 2019

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA PROFILE 2019

TOP 5 ISSUES FOR THE PEOPLE OF TEVIOT ARE:

- Growing the economy of the Borders, and supporting retailers and businesses
- Reinstatement of Reston Station and Borders railway link to Hawick and Carlisle
- Maintaining and improving the quality of our town centres and civic spaces
- Providing high quality care for older people
- Raising education attainment and achievement, and helping people of all ages obtain the skills they need

(SBHS2018)

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

National Records of Scotland (NRS) estimates the population of **Teviot** to be **17,942 population** (**15.6% of the Scottish Borders (SB)**)

16% aged 0-15 (SB = 16.3%; SCOT = 16.9%)
58.6% aged 16-64 (SB = 59.2%; SCOT = 64.4%)
25.4% aged 65+ (SB = 24.5%; SCOT = 18.7%)

(NRS 2017)

22.0% of people live in a settlements of under 500 people (**Scottish Borders = 28.5%**)

Larger settlements in Teviot:

13,889 Hawick
777 Newcastleton
695 Denholm

(NRS 2017)

The NRS projects that the population of **Teviot & Liddesdale** will be **16,102** people by 2036

Of these:

16.2% will be aged 0-15 (similar to present)
48.8% will be aged 16-64 (fewer than present)
35.5% will be aged 65+ (more than present)

(NRS 2012 based)

EDUCATION - CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (CFE)

% of pupils achieving expected standards of numeracy by end of education stage (2017/18)		
STAGE	TEVIOT	SB / SCOT
P1 [Early Level]	81%	80% / 85%
P4 [Level 1]	75%	79% / 76%
P7 [Level 2]	65%	74% / 75%
S3 [Level 3+]	89%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	50%	65% / 56%

(Seemis)

% of pupils achieving expected standards of reading by end of education stage (2017-18)		
STAGE	TEVIOT	SB / SCOT
P1 [Early Level]	79%	81% / 81%
P4 [Level 1]	75%	80% / 77%
P7 [Level 2]	74%	80% / 79%
S3 [Level 3+]	94%	94% / 90%
S3 (level 4)	58%	64% / 53%

(Seemis)

% of pupils achieving expected standards of writing by end of education stage (2017/18)		
STAGE	TEVIOT	SB / SCOT
P1 [Early Level]	77%	77% / 78%
P4 [Level 1]	71%	75% / 72%
P7 [Level 2]	67%	76% / 73%
S3 [Level 3+]	94%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	57%	59% / 51%

(Seemis)

INCOME AND POVERTY¹

An average of **18% of Teviot's children aged 0-15** lived in **Low Income Families** in 2016. (**Scottish Borders = 13%; Scotland = 17%**) This ranged from **0%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **38%** in the **most-deprived**.

(HMRC)

18% of Teviot's school roll received **Free School Meals** on grounds of low income in 2017-18 (**SB Average 11%**) At school level within Teviot, this ranged from **8%** to **41%**

(Seemis)

19.4% of Teviot's households were living in relatively low income in 2014¹ (**Scottish Average = 15%**) This ranged from **12.3%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **26.1%** in the **most-deprived**.

(SG-SIMD)

The **Average Weekly Gross Household Income** in 2014 was **£559** (**Scottish Average £684**) This ranged **within Teviot & Liddesdale** from **£449** in the **lowest-earning neighbourhood** to **£738** in the **highest-earning**.

(DWP May 2018)

13.8% of Teviot's population was considered to be **income-deprived** in 2016. (**Scottish Borders = 9.7%; Scotland = 12.5%**) This ranged within Teviot from **5% in the least-deprived neighbourhoods** to **27% in the most-deprived**

(SG-SIMD)

4.6% of people aged 60+ claimed **pension credit** in May 2018 (**SCOT = 7.2%**)

(DWP May 2018)

¹Relative low income (HBAI): % of households earning under 60% of the UK median gross income

ECONOMY AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

RETAIL VACANCY RATE 2016

14% Hawick
(SB = 11%)

(SBC-PR)

TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016

down **37%** Hawick
(SB = down 6%)

(SBC-PR)



UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE¹ ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

2.1% Hawick and Denholm
1.9% Hawick and Hermitage
(SB = 1.4%; SCOT = 1.8%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE¹ ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

5.2% Hawick and Denholm
6.1% Hawick and Hermitage
(SB = 3.4%; SCOT = 3.2%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

BROADBAND

3.2% of premises were unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband in 2016
(SB = 4.2%)

This ranged within Teviot from 0% in the least-affected neighbourhood to 26.2% in the most-affected.

(OfCom)

Teviot & Liddesdale had the highest levels of digital exclusion of the 5 localities in 2017; particularly in Hawick and Newcastleton

(Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

23.5% of pregnant women admitted to being current smokers in 2015-17
(SB = 16.7%; SCOT = 15.9%)

An annual average of **15.8%** of 27-30 month olds had "one or more developmental concerns" between 2014 and 2017
(SB = 17%; SCOT = 18.3%)

An annual average of **25.3%** of babies were still being exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks, 2015-2018
(SB = 36.1%; SCOT = 29.7%)

71% of P1 pupils had "no obvious dental decay" in 2017-18
(SB = 75.1%; SCOT = 70.4%)

78.1% of P1 children had a "healthy weight" in 2017-18
(SB = 77.8%; SCOT = 76.5%)

(ScotPHO/Statistics.gov.scot)

HEALTH²

421 per 100,000 people were discharged from hospital with Coronary Heart Disease, 2015-18
(SB = 343; SCOT = 381)

158 per 100,000 people aged under 75 died from cancer in 2015-17
(SB = 136; SCOT = 160)

6,555 per 100,000 people aged 65+ had 2 or more emergency hospital admissions in 2015-17
(SB = 5,443; SCOT = 5,422)

572 per 100,000 people were hospitalised due to alcohol misuse in 2017-18
(SB = 412; SCOT = 675)

(ScotPHO)



WELLBEING

34% of survey respondents in Teviot & Liddesdale say they sometimes or often feel lonely or isolated.
(Scottish Borders = 33%)

74% of survey respondents say they take part in moderate physical 30-minute exercise at least twice a week.
(Scottish Borders = 78%)

87.8% of Primary 7 pupils took part in "Active Schools" extra-curricular sports in 2017-18
(SB = 79.5%)

By S4 this was down to **21.1%**
(SB = 36.7%)



(SBHIS 2018/ScotPHO/SEEMIS)

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY

The SIMD Crime Rate in 2016 was **268** per 10,000 people³
(SB = 180; SCOT = 312)

This ranged from 0 in the safest neighbourhood to 618 in the least safe neighbourhood.

(SIMD 2016)

"Rubbish and litter lying around", "Animal nuisance such as noise or dog fouling" and "people being drunk or rowdy in public places" are the top three most-common neighbourhood problems that are more complained-about by survey respondents in Teviot & Liddesdale than average for Scottish Borders.

(SBHIS 2018)



14% of the people in Teviot live within the 10% most access deprived in all of Scotland
(SB = 27%)

(SIMD 2016)

An average rate² of **80.8** per year died or were hospitalised due to a road traffic accident between 2015 and 2017
(SB = 72.6; SCOT = 59.2)

(ScotPHO)

36% of survey respondents said that they feel "a bit" or "very" unsafe walking alone at night
(SB = 24%)



(SBHIS 2018)

56% of survey respondents are involved in voluntary work, such as supporting Parent Councils, committees or helping a neighbour with shopping
(SB = 59%)

(SBHIS 2018)



18% of survey respondents said they have difficulty accessing leisure facilities because of where they live
(SB = 18%)

(SBHIS 2018)

KEY: █ Better than SB and SCOT; █ In between SB and SCOT; █ Worse than SB and SCOT

¹Unemployment Claimant Rate = Claimant Count of JSA and unemployment-related Universal Credit, as a rate of the eligible population

²Rates per 100,000, age-sex standardised, so the differences in the figures are not due to the older population balance

³Selected recorded crimes per 10,000 people for the 2016 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation



Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership meetings over the past year. Going forward, our aim is to reach out to a wider range of people within the community as we recognise the importance of engaging with everyone in our community.

We will continue to build on this draft plan, and gain further understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities.

A vital part of this will be ongoing engagement and communication with the people of Teviot & Liddesdale, and to create further opportunities for people to talk to us in person, to take part in surveys or online. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

We have gathered the feedback that you gave us to help shape this plan, and it is really important that you continue to give us your views and thoughts as this plan will have an impact on the community that you live in.

We want the people in Teviot & Liddesdale to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

For information on how to get involved, join a local community group or community council, take part in local volunteering opportunities, please contact:

Volunteer Centre Borders

Riverside House

Ladhope Vale

Galashiels

TD1 1BT

Tel: 01896 754041

Web: www.vcborders.org.uk

Teviot & Liddesdale Wards



Hawick & Denholm

Population – 9,331

Hawick- 13,889

Denholm - 695



Hawick & Hermitage

Population – 8,611

Hawick- 13,889

Newcastleton- 777

Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- Learning and training which is accessible and affordable and which meets the needs of all individuals including local employers

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- Fast, reliable broadband and mobile connectivity for all communities and businesses
- Promote and support local and big business developments including Hawick's business incubator centre and offer support to businesses who need to diversify
- Promote alternative routes into employment, including the Centre of Excellence in Textiles
- Profile key areas for economic growth to inform business development and investigate opportunities for new industry
- Improve transport and road connectivity and consider the potential economic growth from connecting with Carlisle airport and Border Railway
- Increase the range of learning courses and qualifications available in the locality to reduce the need for people to travel / leave the area (added priority)
- Continue the development of a strong tourist offer and build on the profile created by Visit Scotland and Midlothian and Borders Tourism Action Group

Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- To communicate more effectively what treatment and support health services offer and to improve access to services

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas across **Teviot & Liddesdale and Hawick**
- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and supporting options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality
- Develop robust preventative services and early intervention for long term conditions
- Improve support for unpaid carers- **including young carers**
- Increase the availability and accessibility of local activities and information, **including grants available**, to improve health and well-being

Quality of Life

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- Improve communication of activities and services available in the locality and make it easier for groups to share their news

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- Provide activities and learning opportunities which respond to the needs of children and young people with an emphasis on early intervention and education
- Have a clearer understanding of what levels of anti-social behaviour exist and how services can efficiently promote community safety
- Ensure leisure and culture services are accessible in rural and urban areas and are responsive to the needs of local users
- Encourage people to look after their local area and take pride in where they live

Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- Regenerate Hawick town centre and villages
- Use vacant land and empty buildings for housing and business opportunities

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- A long term plan for environmentally friendly, sustainable housing and industrial building development and an increase in renewable energy projects
- Increase affordable and specialist homes to meet need in the locality
- Improve pathways around the locality to improve connectivity
- Extension of the Borders Railway – added priority

How we will measure success

The Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities. Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

Local Plans for Teviot & Liddesdale

Local Community Action Plans

- Burnfoot Community Futures
- Newcastleton & District Community Trust

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Teviot Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Teviot & Liddesdale are:

- >list to be drafted<

Teviot and Liddesdale Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of November 2019

Community Council Commitments	Value (£)
Burnfoot	£999
Denholm and District	£630
Hawick	£1,780
Hobkirk	£630
Newcastleton and District	£630
Southdean	£540
Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage	£540
Upper Teviot and Borthwick	£630
Total	£6,379

Local Festival Grants commitments	Value (£)
Burnfoot	£2,750
Hawick	£9,300
Newcastleton	£500
Total	£12,550

Roxburgh Federation of Village Halls commitment, includes	Value (£)
Appletreehall	£4,729
Bedrule	
Cogsmill	
Southdean	
Teviothead	
Wilton Dean	

Interim Community Fund	Value (£)
<i>Awarded (to date)</i>	
Burnfoot Community Council	£5,000
*Future Hawick	£588
<i>Applications (to be assessed)</i>	£14,948
Available balance	£154,954

*Award made in 2018/19. Payment made in 2019/20

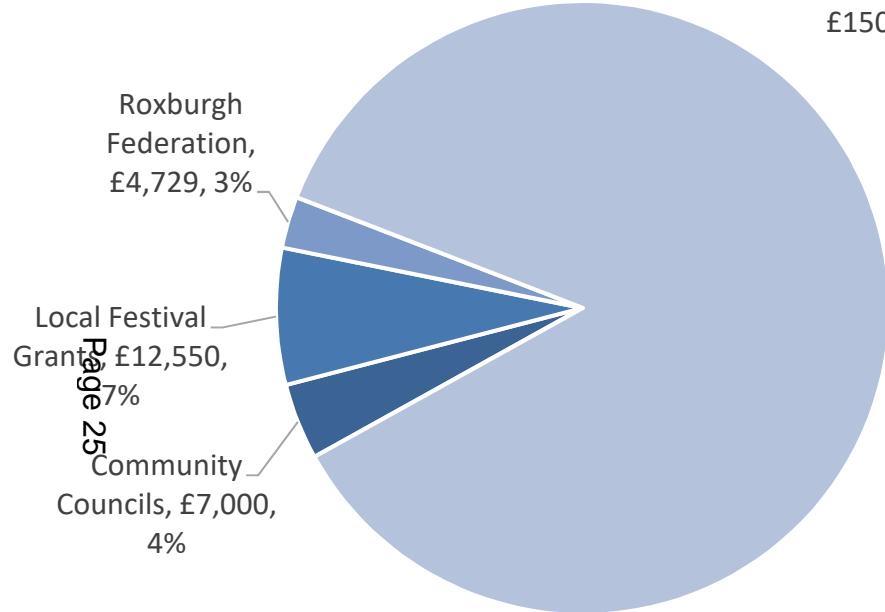
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Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of November 2019



Interim Community Fund 2019-20



Interim
Community Fund,
£150,029, 86%

Interim Community Fund (2019/20)	Value (£)
Total Budget Allocation	£174,308
Community Councils - <i>committed</i>	£7,000
Local Festival Grants - <i>committed</i>	£12,550
Roxburgh Federation of Village Halls (part) <i>committed</i>	£4,729
Balance (less <i>commitments</i>)	£150,029
Awarded (to date)	£5,588
Applications (to be assessed)	£14,948
Available Balance	£154,954

Other Funds in 2019/20 available to the Teviot and Liddesdale community

SBC Small Schemes	Value
Total	£34,700
Committed	£20,119
<i>Uncommitted</i>	£14,581

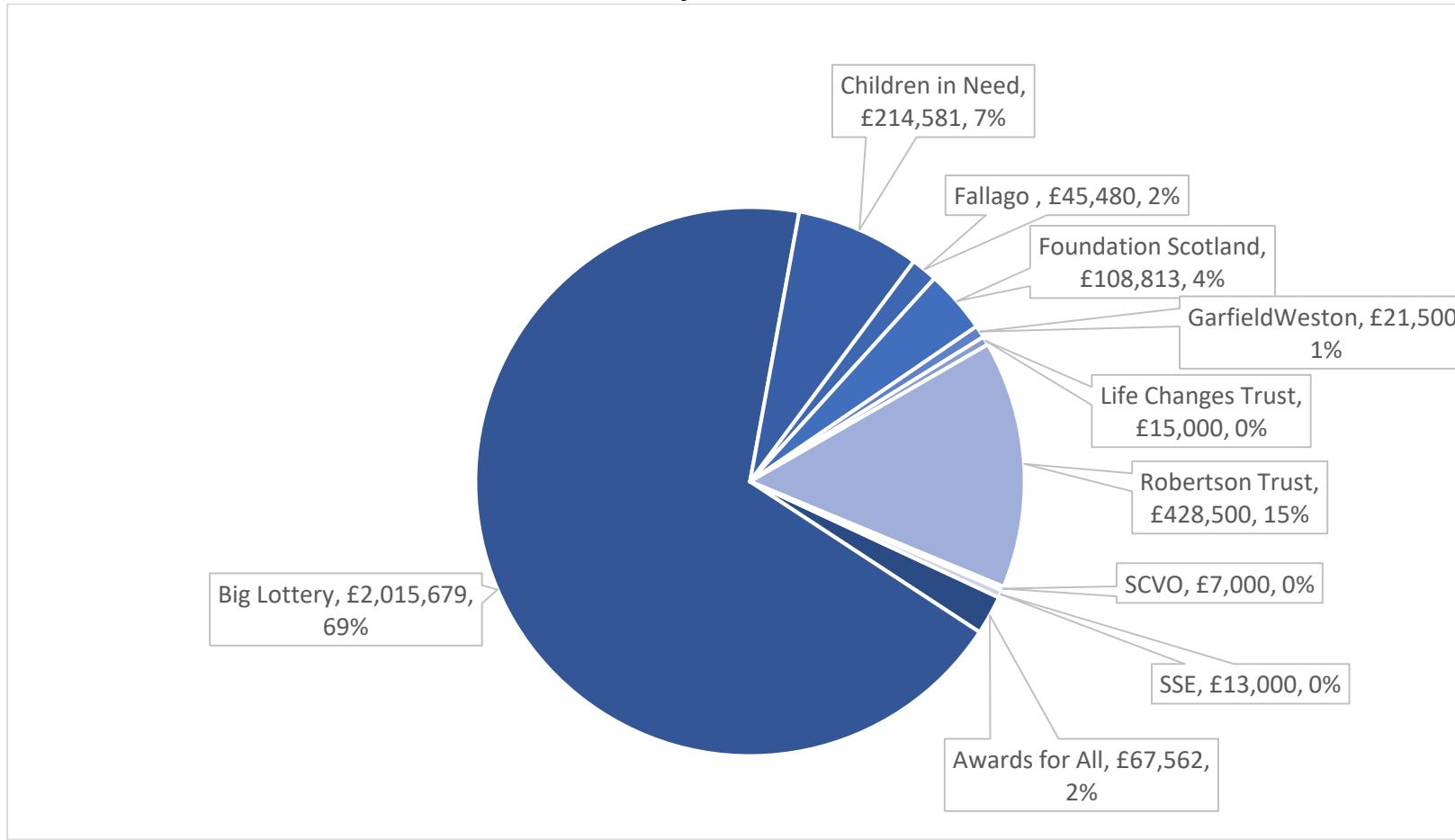
Trusts	Awarded	Available
Community Enhancement	£0	£2,551
Welfare	£0	£2,668

Common Good	Awarded	Available
Hawick	£31,000	£11,250

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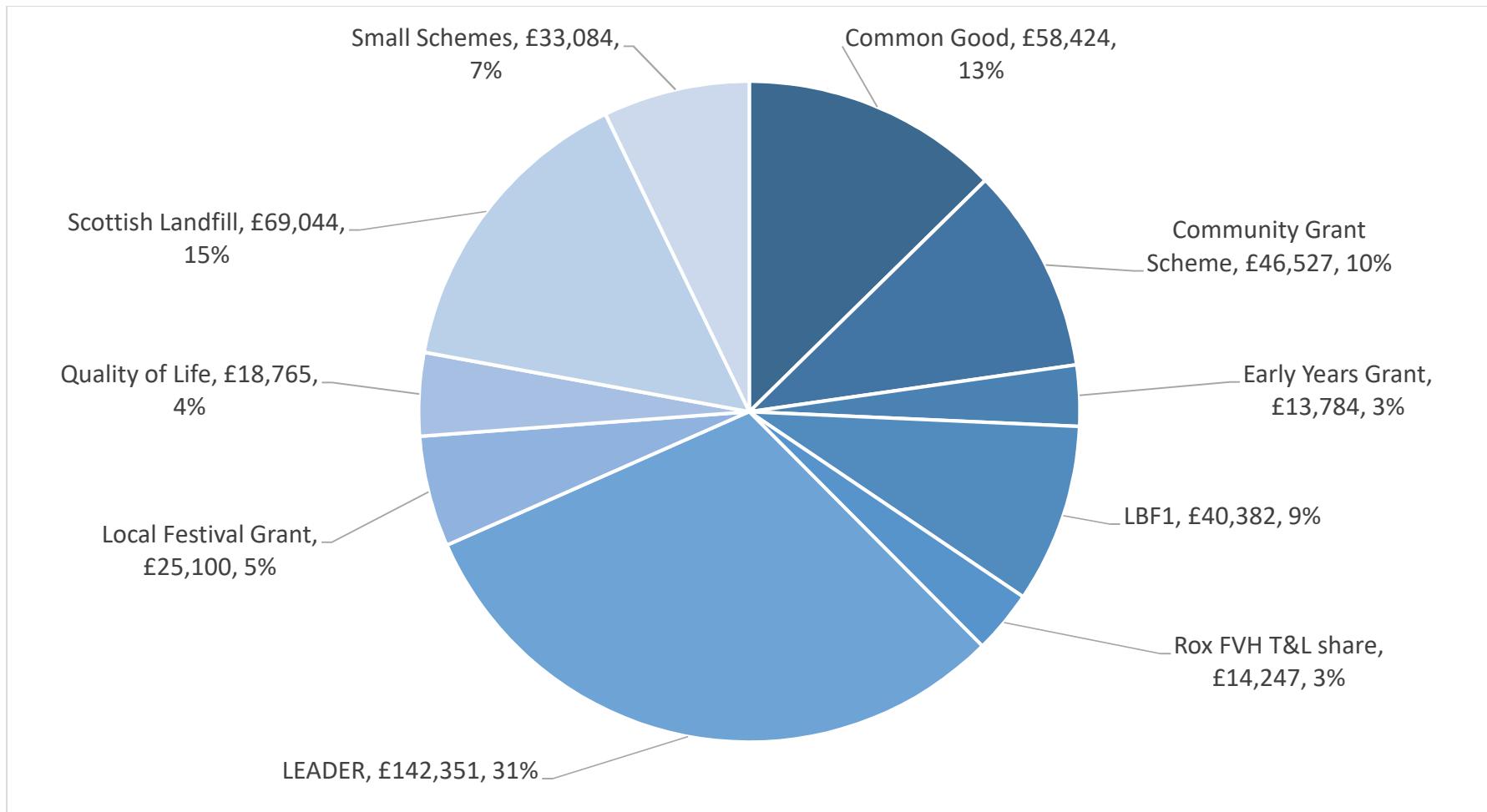


External Investment in Teviot and Liddesdale, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £852,266



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Internal investment in Teviot and Liddesdale, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £461,708



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2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality Teviot & Liddesdale:

Ref. No.: CF1920/T&L/9

Organisation Name: Alchemy Film & Arts

Funding Requested: £9,925

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)		
Annual Accounts Balance	£68,350		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Yes, £60,986 of funding is restricted. This is to cover salaries, core costs and core project overheads. £7,364 unrestricted funds are maintained to meet the running costs of the charity.			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	To part fund <i>Once Upon a Time in Hawick</i> – an exploration of the identities, industries and stories of Hawick through film. <i>Once Upon a Time in Hawick</i> will encompass: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a cinema programme involving five community groups who will tell a story through a public screening of a chosen film2. community film making workshops tailored to story telling3. two public exhibitions showcasing the legacy of Peter Scott and the untold stories of women in Hawick's industrial history4. produce local programmes for the annual film festival. The fund will be used to purchase film and screening equipment across all four projects, venue hire and

	set up costs, licensing, marketing, hospitality and volunteer training and expenses.	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	13.01.20	
Total Expenditure (£)	£36,972	
Community Fund Request (£)	£9,925	
10% Match-funding	£26,972	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	£7,873	Confirmed
	£2,000	Confirmed
	£16,000	Confirmed
	£1,100	In progress
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Visits to Alchemy Film & Arts events have grown from 778 in 2011 to 6,417 in 2019. 1,100 people attended this year's film & moving image festival. Interest in film amongst the local population is growing and there are a number of community groups who have requested film based activities including Hawick Congregational Church, Hawick Film and Video, Moving Image Makers Collective, Burnfoot Community Hub, Borders College, Streets Ahead, Scouts and Interest Link. Hawick High School and LGBT have also expressed an interest.</p> <p>A report by SBC (Year of the Young People 2018 Ambassadors) evidenced a lack of creative opportunities in Hawick. Alchemy Film & Arts is the only Creative Scotland 'Regular Funded Organisation' in the Scottish Borders so the opportunity for consistent participation in film & arts projects is limited.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>Alchemy Film & Arts estimate their contribution to Hawick's economy at £346,105 for 2018-19. Once Upon a Time in Hawick is a year long programme which will contribute to an economic and cultural regeneration of the town through engagement with both local people and visitors. Participants will be supported to develop their soft skills and self-expression as well as practical and cognitive skills through learning about film technique, film</p>

	<p>literacy and group participation. Several previous Alchemy Film & Art participants are now involved in a self-supporting group producing independent group exhibitions throughout the Borders as a result of the skillsets and confidence they developed. It is intended that 200 people will participate in the workshops. The exhibitions will showcase the history and culture of Hawick and inform both local people and visitors. Any films made or programmed from this funding will be free to access. There is no charge for entry to the exhibitions/installations/expanded cinema events during the festival.</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	The planned programme responds to requests from participants which include the production of films and watching films as a method of learning. Each group's workshop or workshop block will be tailored to the requests and needs of each group. In-kind support is provided through free venue hire from Live Borders for the film and moving image festival. Sponsorship has been secured previously for local events and there is a working relationship with local businesses.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	Funding has already been secured to cover staff costs and running costs for the programme. Elements of this project can be delivered on the funding secured to date but Alchemy Film & Arts would not be able to support the local narrative and tailor activities to showcase the culture of Hawick ie local films for the film festival without this funding.
What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	Alchemy Film & Arts will evaluate the impact of Once Upon a Time in Hawick upon completion. The aim is to raise the profile of Alchemy Film & Arts amongst local people and increase their engagement and participation. The purchase of new and additional equipment for this fund will help ensure they can provide a wide range of film experiences in the future. Alchemy Film & Arts are in Year 2 of three year funding so their service will continue in 2020/21.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	N/A

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application meets the criteria of the Scottish Borders Council Community Fund and if approved, is subject to the following terms and conditions:

In the unlikely event of Alchemy Film & Arts not continuing in the future, the funded equipment is to be returned to SBC for its redistribution in the Scottish Borders community.

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2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Teviot & Liddesdale

Ref. No.: CF1920/T&L/2

Organisation Name: The Borders Green Team Enterprises (BGT)

Funding Requested: £5,948.20

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Charitable company limited by guarantee		
Annual Accounts Balance	£51,154		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £50,000 of funds are ring-fenced to maintain six months basic running costs.			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What was it used for?
Learning Disability Team annual grant	2019/20	£44,602	£10,600 for rental costs and the remainder for salary costs
Learning Disability Team annual grant	2018/19	£44,602	£10,600 for rental costs and the remainder for salary costs
Learning Disability Team annual grant	2017/18	£44,602	£10,600 for rental costs and the remainder for salary costs

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	To purchase new and updated garden machinery to replace BGT's existing equipment which is old and beyond repair. Equipment includes 3 mowers and a ride of mower, a hedge cutter and hedge trimmer and a back pack blower. Service users will be trained to use the new equipment to provide a grass cutting service to organisations in the community.
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	December 2019
Total Expenditure (£)	£5,498.20

Community Fund Request (£)	£4,948.20	
10% Match-funding	£549.80	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	The Borders Green Team has a range of gardening maintenance contracts with a number of private, commercial and community organisations including Escape Youth Services and Katherine Elliot Day Centre as well as contracts out with the Teviot & Liddesdale area. If BGT are unable to replace their equipment they will be unable to provide a service within the town and unable to generate income to help maintain their organisation.
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	BGT's objective is to provide pre-employment training for individuals with learning and physical disabilities. BGT provides a five day week service and is currently working with 25 people with learning difficulties helping them to expand their skills within the 'Green Team' environment, in particular the use of new equipment. The skills and confidence developed through BGT activities enables service users to have fuller participation in their local community. It helps address stigma and showcases the contributions that people with disabilities make in their communities. BGT is continuing to develop as an independent social enterprise but still receives considerable financial support from SBC Social Work Department to cover core running costs.
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	BGT has the support of a number of community groups and businesses in the Locality who would like to see the service continue.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	The primary source of funding for BGT is grant funding. Donations and legacies as well as sales and fundraising help cover core costs. £41,682 was raised in sales of goods and services in 2018/19. Annual costs for the delivery of BGT services are around £100k

What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	The new equipment should enable BGT to provide a service in the community for the foreseeable future. If BGT continues to grow, it will consider broadening its remit to include engagement of people with mental health illnesses to fill the additional opportunities that may be created. The skillsets developed by service users has enabled some to secure employment after their placement with BGT has finished.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	N/A

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application meets the criteria of the Scottish Borders Council Community Fund and if approved, would be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. A requirement for Public Liability Insurance to be in place up to the value of £5m (with written confirmation from insurance company that this activity is covered within the policy)
2. A requirement for machine insurance to be in place
3. Adequate protocol for a Complaints Procedure
4. On machine purchase, you must ensure you have a designated 'Operator License Holder'
5. A risk assessment is completed and followed for use of the funded equipment
6. Confirmation that all users of the equipment wear the appropriate PPE Safety Equipment (safety goggles, ear defenders etc)
7. Equipment purchased must be available for wider community use and The Borders Green Team Enterprise must ensure that appropriate training and record management is in place for external use of the equipment

Consideration has been given that in order for this group to generate income, enhance provision and secure sustainability, they offer some of their services on a commercial basis. SBC Officers are satisfied that the impact of this provision on the commercial market is extremely low.

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