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**Eildon
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Thursday, 10 February 2022
Time: 6pm
Location: via MS Teams

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from Meeting of 11 November 2021 (Pages 3 - 16) Menti meeting evaluation from meeting held on 11 November 2021. (Copy attached). Minute from meeting on 11 November 2021. (Copy Attached).
3.	Additional Information (Pages 17 - 24) Papers sent in advance of meeting. (Copy attached). Hannah Macleod to provide information on the Common Good Consultation.
	Section 1: Service & Partner Updates and Consultations
4.	Place Making Update
5.	Jim Clark Rally 2022 Public Consultation Process (Pages 25 - 44) Consider report by Director of Infrastructure & Environment. (Copy attached).
	Section 2: Local Priorities
6.	Low and Slow Pilot Project - Update
	Section 3: Community Empowerment
7.	Participatory Budget Update from SCDC Training (Pages 45 - 170) Community Funding
8.	Funding Table Overview (Pages 171 - 172)
9.	Community Fund Applications (Pages 173 - 174) Consider funding recommendations from the Eildon Assessment Panel. (Recommendations attached).

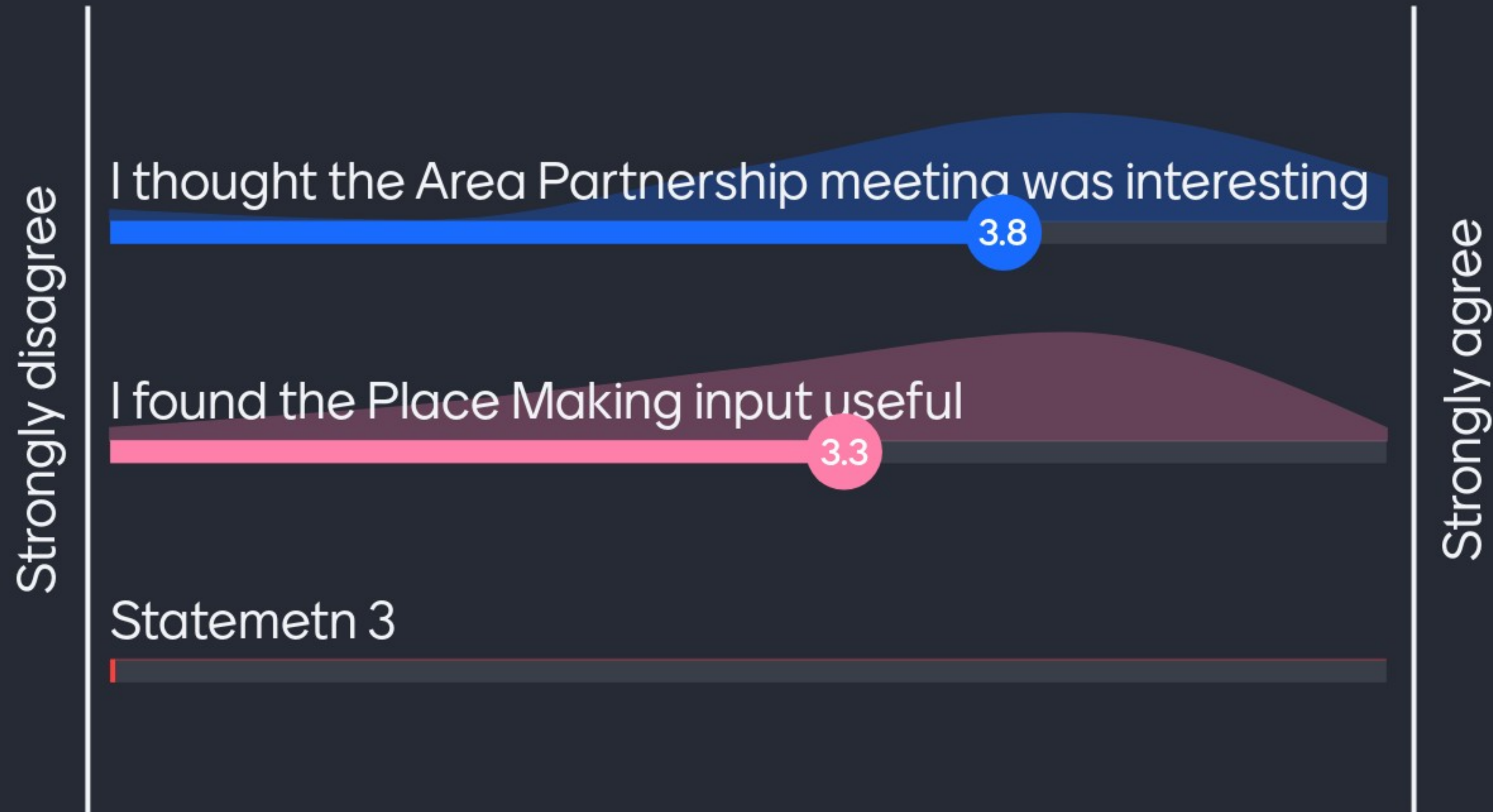
10.	<p>Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund Applications (Pages 175 - 208)</p> <p>Consider 7 applications for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a) Go Wild Scotland - £4,883 • (b) Riddle Fiddles - £2,160 • (c) Borders Disability Sport - £6,554.97 • (d) Roxburgh Reivers - £5,265.22 • (e) Abbotsford Bowling Club - £15,000 • (f) Café ReCharge - £8,070 • (g) Transform Arts - £3,762 <p>(Assessments attached).</p> <p>Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr</p>
11.	Eildon Funding Evaluations
	Section 4: Other
12.	<p>Next Area Partnership Date</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team</p>
13.	Future Meeting Dates
14.	Meeting Evaluation

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Eildon Area Partnership Evaluation



Please use the sliders below to choose whether you agree or disagree with the following statements



Please rank the agenda items in order of interest and/or importance to you



Would you like to attend a further meeting on Place Making?



Which topics would you like to see covered at future Area Partnership meetings?

More information on Place making

transport

Live borders discussion

It was an interesting night

Place making

transport

Winter maintenance

place making

Wider Live Borders Offerings

Which topics would you like to see covered at future Area Partnership meetings?

Place making

Place making

Improving access to sports for older people

Public transport

Children s leisure activity places in the Borders
Provision of Youth leisure places in our area
Provision of Family activities in the Borders

Transport

Leisure activity centres in our locality to attract visitors .

Do you have any further questions or comments?

No

More presentations for external agencies

no

This is a great way to do an evaluation

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no

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MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA
PARTNERSHIP held remotely by Microsoft
Teams on Thursday, 11 November 2021 at
6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), S. Aitchison, C. Cochrane E. Jardine (from para 9), J. Linehan, H. Scott and E Thornton-Nicol together with 22 representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils, and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillor D. Parker

Absent:- Councillor T. Miers

In Attendance:- Director Resilient Communities, Communities & Partnership Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Community Engagement Officer (E. Coltman), Portfolio Manager (J. Lamb), Democratic Services Team Leader, Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall)

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held remotely via Microsoft teams, which included elected Members, guests attending within the meeting and those watching via the Live Stream. The Chairman outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

3. **FUNDING TABLE OVERVIEW**

A copy of the Eildon Area Partnership Funding Table had been circulated. Regarding the Community Fund 2021/22, Mr Harrow referred to the table and explained that £77,750 had been awarded. He advised that if the pending applications were approved there would be a balance of £19,524 to last until the new financial year. Mr Harrow invited applications to the Fund.

4. **COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE / APPLICATIONS**

4.1 A report outlining the recommendations of the Eildon Area Partnership Assessment Panel on five applications to the Eildon Community Fund had been circulated. Jenny Mushlin proceeded to go through each of the applications. She confirmed that all decisions by the Panel had been unanimous.

4.2 **Selkirk Silver Band**

The application from the Selkirk Silver Band was for a grant of £2,198.44 to help digitalise and preserve the original manuscripts of a series of songs. New copies of the music would also be generated, and laminated for the use of the current players in the band. The request for £2,198.44 was granted in full.

4.3 **Newstead Village Community Trust**

Newstead Village Community Trust was applying for a grant of £13,758 to fund the development of a community action and business plan. The panel was of the opinion that

that the application was better suited to apply to the BBBB Fund. Following discussions the application was denied and the funding was not granted.

4.4 Melrose and District Community Council

The application for £1,500 from Melrose and District Community Council to upgrade their existing festive light system had been considered under the fast track provisions. The panel granted the funding in full on the basis that the upgrade was environmentally friendly and demonstrated community need.

4.5 Lilliesleaf Community Development Limited

The application from Lilliesleaf Community Development Limited had been dealt with as a fast track application. The panel had granted £1,500 to cover the ongoing expense of an accountant, insurance and grass cutting to support the group following the purchase of the green area in the village.

4.6 Trustees of Bowden Common

The Trustees of Bowden Common had applied for a grant of £896.48 to fund the replacement of shed doors and football nets. The nets used on the goalposts on the football pitch at the edge of the common were ageing and in need of replacement. The doors on the shed were falling into a state of disrepair and also required replacement. The application had been considered as a fast track application and granted in full by the panel.

4.7 Oxton & Channelkirk Community Council

Oxton & Channelkirk Community Council had applied for a grant of £1,400 to fund the repair of a community tractor. Jenny Mushlin advised the meeting that during the panel's considerations a member of the assessment panel had declared an interest in the application and took no part in the discussion. The panel had considered the application under as a fast track application. Funds had been granted in full on the basis that the tractor plays an important role in helping community resilience.

5. BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND UPDATE / APPLICATIONS

5.1 The Chairman asked Mr Harrow to provide an overview of the applications to the Build Back a Better Borders Fund. Mr Harrow explained that The Build Back a Better Borders fund had to date awarded £34,259. He advised that if the pending applications were approved there would be a balance of £44,583.39. Mr Harrow proceeded to give an outline of each application.

5.2 The Abbotsford Trust

The Abbotsford Trust were applying for £15,000 to help develop a pilot project to help people living in the local community whose mental health and well-being had been affected by the pandemic. The project aimed to engage with 20 individuals, delivered over four blocks, with each block lasting six weeks, involving 5 participants at a time. The participants in the project would have the opportunity to undertake a variety of practical duties across the gardens and estate of Abbotsford House. The funding applied for would cover key staff costs. Following considerable discussions the application for £15,000 was unanimously granted.

5.3 Eildon West Youth Hub (TD1 Youth Hub)

The application from TD1 Youth Hub was for £12,384 to allow them to offer a new outreach service over the winter months that would allow young people to access the TD1 youth hub in Galashiels town. It would allow the Hub to offer new outreach opportunities to those living in the Langlee area, within the community and from the Queens Centre. The Hub would also provide regular group activities offering the chance for young people to take part in youth work opportunities with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour by allowing young people the opportunity to engage twice a week in organised activity. The funding would cover the cost of providing those free activities, vehicle hire, staff costs and resources for activities. The Members in attendance praised the merits of the application,

highlighted the exemplary work being undertaken by the Hub and undertook to send a letter to the developer of Melrose Gait, signed by all Eildon Area Councillors, asking whether they would like to financially contribute to the provision of outreach services to the development given the dearth of opportunities present in the locale. Members unanimously granted the funding of £12,384.

5.4 **Selkirk Rotary**

The Rotary Club of Selkirk were applying for £4,500 to help deliver a Community and Economic Project on 27 November 2021. The event would include stage entertainment from local theatrical and musical groups, a fashion show, a live radio broadcast and children's entertainment. The funding applied for would cover the costs to allow the event to be free of charge, helping bring the whole of the local community together. Members praised the application and granted the funding of £4,500 in full. It was agreed that the marketing materials for the event would be circulated via the Area Partnership by Mr Harrow.

5.5 **Gala Rugby**

Gala Rugby had applied for £4,025 to fund the appointment of an assistant development officer for a 6 month period. The new staff member would allow Gala Rugby to engage with young people and schools that they have lacked the capacity to work with previously. They club would provide rugby activities within Langlee and Balmoral primary schools and focus on encouraging girls in early secondary school to participate in rugby. The application for £4,025 was granted in full.

5.6 **Melrose Bowling club**

The application from Melrose Bowling Club was seeking £9,828 to fund the purchase of a new lawn mower suitable for the needs of a modern-day bowling green. The current mower was increasingly no longer fit for purpose due to its age and the grass on the bowling green requiring regular cutting. Members praised the efforts of the club to be accessible to all and granted the application for £9,828 in full.

5.7 **Ettrick Forest Archers**

Ettrick Forest Archers were applying for £6,700 to enable them to purchase equipment to hold "Come and Try" sessions and open days. The funding would also allow the group to offer four free two-hour training sessions to the first five new junior members and first five new senior members who wish to join the club. The application for £6,700 was granted in full.

5.8 **Melrose Tennis**

The application from Melrose Waverly Tennis Club was for £8,163 to allow them to extend and expand their coaching sessions for children, and also reach out to new children. The Club would like to install a practice fence to extend the active time for all of the children taking part in coaching sessions. Additionally, the club would introduce a new 6-week block of free coaching aimed at 5 year olds who have not taken part in the sport previously. Members praised the application and granted the application for £8,163 in full.

5.9 **Newstead Village Community trust**

The application from Newstead Village Community Trust was for £12,382 to help appoint a professional consultant to work with the community to develop a Community Action Plan and Business Plan. The trust wished to build on the community spirit and togetherness that had arisen as a result of the impact of COVID-19. Members praised the application, granted the application for £12,382 in full and recognised that the work to be undertaken by the Trust could act as a template for other similar communities in the Borders.

6. **GROUP EVALUATIONS**

6.1 **Maroon'd**

Ian Dalgleish of Gala Rugby joined the meeting to provide feedback on a rugby 7s event held by Club on 21 August 2021. Despite poor weather attendance figures had been

good, with approximately 3500-4000 people attending. Different new features had been introduced to the event this year, including live music, running events and football. As part of the evaluation the Club had used SurveyMonkey to get feedback from attendees of the event. 90% of those who completed the survey indicated that the event was well run, 93% indicated that they would attend similar future events, 76% rated the quality of food as high, and 40% stated that they had visited local businesses in Galashiels prior to attending. The Members in attendance, some having attended, praised the event for being very successful and fun to attend. Mr Dalgleish agreed to provide photographs of the event to Mr Harrow in order to publicise the impact that BBBB funding was having in the local community.

MEMBER

Councillor Cochrane left during the discussion of the above item.

6.2 Friends and Family of Newtown Primary School

There had been circulated copies of a written evaluation from the Friends and Family of Newtown Primary School on a grant that had allowed the completion of a sporting area. The sports facility allowed games such as football/netball/basketball to be played in Newtown free of charge for all. Councillor Thornton-Nicol provided some additional feedback on the impact of the project on the local community, explaining that the apparatus had made an extremely positive impact.

7 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The Chairman explained that the additional information document included a wide range of useful information and links.

8 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 23 September 2021 had been circulated and was noted.

9. PLACE MAKING UPDATE

9.1. Portfolio Manager, James Lamb, gave a presentation providing an update of the Place Making Approach. Mr Lamb explained that the report discussed at the previous meeting was a draft which had now been approved by full Council. Recruitment of the 9 newly created posts had progressed, with 5 Community Engagement Officers successfully recruited, 4 of which had started work. The Green Space Programme Officer was also in place. 2 Place Planning and Regeneration Officers would be in post before the end of this month. The recruitment of the Climate Change Officer remained a challenge, with ways to improve the attractiveness of the post being considered. Further work had gone into creating smaller settlements profiles, which incorporated statistics taken from national level on population change, access to amenities and deprivation levels. This would be published on the Council's website along with the smaller town index,

9.2 Following the previous meeting, Mr Lamb had asked the Area Partnership attendees to provide feedback on the proposed Joint Principles, the Framework, Prioritisation and the terms of reference. 21 responses had been received across the 5 area partnership areas, with 2 from the Eildon Area. Overall, this represented less than 4% participation rate, and Mr Lamb acknowledged that the results were more informative than representative. Mr Lamb acknowledged that a Council report was not an effective way of communicating with Area Partnerships. Those in attendance suggested using bullet points and simpler language as a more effective way of engaging with people. The feedback on the Joint Framework was largely positive, with the focus primarily on the need to simplify the language used and whether the approach was sustainable in the long term.

9.3 Regarding the prioritisation of initial communities, Councillor Aitchison drew attention to Newtown St Boswells as a potential area to prioritise, highlighting the impact that workers being largely absent from Council Headquarters had on the number of people visiting the village on a day-to-day basis. The Chairman suggested that the Portfolio Manager

organise a workshop with all interested parties in line with what other Area Partnerships were doing to examine the approach to identifying initial communities. Mr Harrow indicated that the workshop would likely take place late January or early February. The Chairman indicated a preference that the workshop take place at the end of January and thanked Mr Lamb for his presentation and the work that he had undertaken.

MEMBER

Councillor Scott left during the discussion of the above item. Councillor Jardine joined during the discussion of the above item.

10 SBC ROADS UPDATE ON PLANNED WORKS PROGRAMME

Donald Scott, Team Leader, Road Assets Team gave an update on the Roads asset programme. He explained the strategic approach that his team used to manage and carry out works on the road network across the region. There were 3000km of roads under the responsibility of SBC, 43.5% of which required treatment or work carried out to it. £12million had been identified as the sum required to maintain the network in its current state. £6million was being spent on planned and routine maintenance this financial year. Two new trainees had begun work recently, it was hoped that their recruitment would improve the capacity for works to be carried out in the long term. Mr Scott explained that the Road Assets Team used a blended approach, with third party contractors brought in to carry out work where necessary. Mr Scott went on explain that in wintery conditions the primary road network would be prioritised for treatment, after which secondary roads and then tertiary roads would be salted where conditions and resources allowed. Changes made to the planned works programme were outlined and Mr Scott concluded with an update on projects that had been completed. In response to a question, Mr Scott clarified that when he referred to the deferral of work to alleviate drainage problems on the Lauder road, the work would be carried out in the new calendar year. The Chairman thanked Mr Scott for his excellent and informative presentation and it was agreed that a copy of the slide presentation would be issued.

11 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE HUB UPDATE

Mr Harrow explained that an information update on the Community Assistance Hub was included as part of the additional information document. Oonagh McGarry thanked the volunteers who continue to support the hub.

12 NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 10 February 2022. Suggestions for agenda items could be sent to the Locality Development Co-ordinator at kenny.harrow@scotborders.gov.uk.

13 MEETING EVALUATION

Mr Coltman gave a demonstration of Menti, a tool designed to allow better participation in online meetings. The tool worked by asking users to scan a QR code with a mobile phone or tablet computer. Those in attendance provided answers to questions that were collated and shared on screen.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.

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Current SBC Consultations

2022/23 Budget Survey

We have launched a survey to understand the priorities of Borderers and give local people the opportunity to influence our next budget and a range of other important service areas for the future

A [short video](#) is available which provides more information about the survey and the questions being asked.

The [online survey](#) is live until 30 January.

Common Good Consultation 2022

This consultation seeks your views on the Common Good registers for the former Burghs of the Scottish Borders.

All former Burghs have a 'Common Good' which comprises the land, buildings, art, artefacts and funds which were owned and managed by the Burgh Council on behalf of the residents of the Burgh. The Burgh system was extinguished in 1975 but the assets owned by the Burgh at that date continue to be owned by the Common Good, which is administered by Councillors who sit as Common Good Trustees.

We are seeking your views on whether you think any additional assets should be included on these registers, and if so, why. You may also have further information on the assets noted. Or you may think that an item on the register is not Common Good.

[Common Good Consultation 2022 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

SBC building authorisation form

We continue to live with the threat of COVID-19, highlighted by the number of new cases in the Scottish Borders in recent weeks.

As a result, our absolute priority remains the safety of the public and staff, including external groups who previously accessed Council buildings for service provision and meetings.

This authorisation form has been created for external groups such as third sector organisations, community or volunteer groups who deem themselves to be an essential service which require access to a Council building to deliver this service.

[Authorisation form for organisations/groups requesting Council building access - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Local Housing Strategy early engagement

The Local Housing Strategy (LHS) will set out how Scottish Borders Council and its partners plan to address the housing and housing related opportunities and challenges over the five year period 2023 – 2028. This new plan will build on the significant progress made on the issues identified in the [LHS 2017-2022](#) and will address newly arising housing matters

particularly in response to the publication of new [LHS Guidance](#), [Housing to 2040](#) and the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Early Engagement Survey - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#) – closes 30th November

Waste and Recycling Survey – Magdala Terrace & High Buckholmside

The Council is keen to reduce the number of bins on the pavement on Magdala Terrace and High Buckholmside, and would like to work with residents to try and find a way forward.

[Waste & Recycling Survey 2021 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#) – closes 21st November

Community Information

Tenant Grant Fund

A Tenant Grant Fund has been set up to help tenants who are at risk of becoming homeless because they've fallen behind with rent payments during COVID-19.

Applications will be assessed to ensure that support is provided to households at greatest risk of becoming homeless.

Eligibility

If you're a tenant and have struggled financially as a direct result of the pandemic you should apply before 31 March 2022.

Your rent arrears must have built up between 23 March 2020 and 9 August 2021, and your landlord should have carried out steps to resolve the issue with you.

We'll make full or partial payments if your application is successful, and for a maximum period of 12 months between the above dates.

How to apply

Tenants can [apply online](#).

There's information you'll need to hand to be able to submit your application, which is detailed at the beginning of the form.

If you need support with your application you can ask your landlord or a member of your family or a friend. You can also contact your local [Citizen's Advice Bureau](#) for support.

Information for landlords

Payment will be made directly to you to reduce your tenant's arrears. As a condition of the payment you must agree to end any ongoing proceedings.

Private landlords must be registered on the [Scottish Landlord Register](#).

[Financial support | COVID-19 Financial Assistance | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Eldon has reintroduced our **What Matters Hub in Galashiels at Café Recharge at 58 Island Street, Galashiels TD1 1NU every Tuesday between 1-4pm**

What is the Hub?

- The Hub is a place where clients can meet:
- People from community groups and voluntary organisations from across the Borders
- People from the council such as social workers and occupational therapists

How can the Hub Help?

We Can:

- Help to get you information and advice quickly to remain in your own home and get involved in your community.
- Help you to find support you need to stay independent, such as equipment, transport or help at home.
- Provide advice for carers about support available in your area
- Provide information about what is happening in your local area and where you could meet new people.
- Provide information about volunteering opportunities.

New on-demand transport booking service launched

A new on-demand transport service mobile application has been launched to provide Borderers in the Ettrick Valley and Bonchester Bridge areas with better access to public and shared transport.

'Go Borders' will begin operating on the existing 910 Hawick – Bonchester Bridge and 911/912 Ettrick Valley - Hawick/Galashiels services to provide increased and more convenient access to public transport.

The service will enable residents in areas which are not serviced by public transport routes access to on-demand transport through the 'Go Borders' smart phone app or the existing telephony service.

The specially-created mobile application shows real-time updates and allows users to view and book journeys in the matter of a few clicks whilst also tracking the vehicle along its route by viewing live arrival information.

Payment will then be made in the traditional way via cash or concessionary card on board the bus when passengers begin their journey.

The service has been created in partnership with [Moovit](#), an Intel company, and leading 'Mobility as a Service' solutions provider. The Go Borders app is powered by Moovit's technology, and the transport service is powered by Moovit On-Demand solution.

Gordon Edgar, Executive Member for Infrastructure, Travel and Transport, said: "Given the rural nature of so many of our communities in the Scottish Borders, the traditional forms of public transport struggle to meet the diverse travel needs of our residents.

"Go Borders will provide unprecedented flexibility and offer greater convenience for residents, especially those living in some of the most remote locations where there are little or no public transport services at present.

"I think this is an extremely positive development and look forward to exploring how services like this can be expanded geographically to other areas of the region."

Yovav Meydad, Moovit's Chief Growth and Marketing Officer, said: "We are excited to partner with Scottish Borders Council and power this new mobility offering for Scottish Borders residents for greater access to transport and shorter walk and wait times.

"Complementary to traditional modes of transport, Moovit On-Demand can help residents get around more efficiently and gain more transparency into their ride."

The Go Borders app is available to download on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Passengers without a smartphone who are unable to use the Go Borders DRT app can also phone the Council on 01835 826753 to book their bus.

Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities

The [Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities](#) (SCLD) has launched a new app, 'Human Rights Town', designed to help people with learning disabilities to understand their human rights.

<https://www.sclld.org.uk/welcome-to-human-rights-town/>

Dyslexia pop up shop, Selkirk 30th Oct

Our volunteer-led Dyslexia Scotland Borders branch will be at the pop up shop on 1 Tower Street, Selkirk on Saturday 30th October from 10am – 2pm to answer any of your questions about dyslexia.

We provide information for children, young people and adult with dyslexia, their families, teachers, employers and others.

Anyone is very welcome to drop in anytime to look at information and chat to our friendly volunteers.

Volunteer Centre Borders

A promotional graphic for Volunteer Centre Borders. The top section has a pink background with the text 'WE CARE: WE VOLUNTEER' in white, followed by 'VOLUNTEER CENTRE BORDERS' in large white letters. To the right is a circular logo featuring a stylized green and pink flower above a green hill and blue sky, with the text 'Volunteer Centre Borders' below it. Below the text is a collage of photos showing various community events, including people in Santa suits, a large orange inflatable octopus, and people holding signs. The bottom section has a pink background with the text 'Get involved in Volunteering.' followed by the website 'www.vcborders.org.uk', email 'enquiries@vcborders.org.uk', and phone number '01896754041.'

WE CARE: WE VOLUNTEER
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01896754041.

Community Ownership Fund

You may be aware that the UK Government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund. This will provide funding over four years to support community groups to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost. From the summer onwards, voluntary and community groups can bid for up to £250,000 (up to £1M for sport projects) at 50% match funding to help them purchase or take over important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community.

The intention is to help ensure key assets within a community are not lost. The UK Government has not published a definite list of eligible assets as they want to hear what matters to communities but the fund could support community ownership proposals including:

- sporting and leisure facilities

- cinemas and theatres
- music venues
- museums
- galleries
- parks
- pubs
- post office buildings
- shops

Applicants will need to be able to demonstrate the value of the asset to local people and the sustainability of the project as well as the risk of losing the amenity without community intervention.

The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total. Key dates are as follows:

- 30th July - online portal opens for submission of applications
- 13 August 2021 – deadline for submitting applications to the first bidding round
- December 2021 – round 2 will open
- May 2022 – round 3 will open

The first round is primarily focused on capital costs with an expectation that development funding will be available from round 2 onwards. The UK Government intends to update the fund's prospectus and guidance notes for round 2 in the autumn based on their learning from round 1.

For more details, please see the [Community Ownership Fund prospectus](#). A copy of the application form is attached.

Locality Plan and Action Plans

[Eildon Locality Plan | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Eildon Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityempowerment>

Information Pack on Community Empowerment for Area Partnerships:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20015/your_council/472/area_partnerships/7

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or formal Asset Transfer requests being considered within the Eildon

area. Information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is available on the Council's website: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

	Section 4: Further Support
20.	<p>Useful Links below</p> <p>Debt Advice:</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>Salvation Army</p> <p>NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store</p> <p>Business support:</p> <p>www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business</p> <p>www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot</p> <p>General Funding:</p> <p>https://fundingscotland.com/</p> <p>https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/</p> <p>SBC Community Fund</p> <p>SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust</p> <p>Sustainable Development Fund</p> <p>Heating & energy:</p> <p>www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth</p> <p>Covid-19:</p> <p>www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus</p> <p>http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing</p>

Health & Wellbeing:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

Community Empowerment:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies_plans_and_policies/357/community_empowerment_scotland_act_2015

Scottish Community Council Newsletter:

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/>



JIM CLARK RALLY 2022 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

Report by Director of Infrastructure & Environment

EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP

10 February 2022

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Partnership and the local community an opportunity to consider and comment on the proposals submitted by event organisers of the Jim Clark Rally to hold a rally on closed roads in the Scottish Borders on the weekend of the 27 to 29 May 2022.**
- 1.2 Revised legislation was introduced in 2019 to allow motor sports events to take place on closed public roads. The new regulations build upon previous experience through the Jim Clark Rally and other events and are intended to introduce increased rigor to the procedure for organising and running such events.
- 1.3 The 2019 regulations introduce a two stage procedure where organisers must first successfully apply to an "authorised body" for a permit before applying to the local roads authority for a Motor Sports Order.
- 1.4 In determining whether to make a Motor Sports Order Scottish Borders Council, as local roads authority, must consider a number of factors that are laid out in the regulations. This report outlines those factors and provides an opportunity to, in particular, examine the proposals submitted by the rally organisers in respect of the routes and timings for the rally on 27 and 29 May 2020.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Area Partnership:-**
 - (a) Notes the application by organisers of the Jim Clark Rally to run an event on the weekend of the 27th to 29th May 2022.**
 - (b) Makes known any comments it has about the proposal to run an event and/or the proposed routes and timings for that event**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 From 1996 through to 2014 the Jim Clark Rally took place annually on closed roads in the Berwickshire area. The legislation that allowed this to happen was the Scottish Borders Council (Jim Clark Memorial Rally) Order Confirmation Act 1996.
- 3.2 Following the tragic events at the 2014 Jim Clark Rally a Motor Sport Event Safety Review Group was set up to determine how such events might be made safer in the future. This, along with the findings of the Fatal Accident Inquiry carried out into the 2014 event, has led to more robust procedures and new legislation being put in place for all motor sport events going forward.
- 3.3 The Motor Sport on Public Roads (Scotland) Regulations 2019 came into force on 17 April 2019 and revoked the previously used 1996 Act that is discussed in 3.1 above. The new regulations introduce increased rigor to the planning process and aims to reduce the likelihood of a repeat of the tragic events of 2014. They introduce a two stage procedure where organisers must first successfully apply to an "authorised body" for a permit before applying to the local roads authority for a Motor Sports Order. The latter procedure must be received at least 6 months prior to an event taking place.
- 3.4 An important point to note is that the previous 1996 Act was specific to the Jim Clark Rally and restricted routes to the Berwickshire Area. The 2019 Regulations applies to the whole of Scotland and an application can be made by anyone who wishes to promote a race or trial of speed between motor vehicles on a public road in Scotland. Similar legislation is in place for the rest of the United Kingdom.
- 3.5 The Jim Clark Rally held in November 2019 was the first event in the Scottish Borders to be held under the new legislation. There have been no subsequent JCR events as a result of COVID restrictions.
- 3.6 In determining whether to make a Motor Sports Order roads authorities must consider:
 - the likely impact of the event on the local community;
 - potential local economic and other benefits
 - and any other matters that it considers relevant.
- 3.7 The new legislation also states that the roads authority may make the Motor Sports Order if it is satisfied that:
 - adequate arrangements have been made to allow the views of the local community to be taken into account
 - adequate arrangements have been made to involve local residents, the police and other emergency services in the planning and implementation of the event
 - adequate public safety arrangements have been or will be made for the event, and
 - adequate traffic management arrangements have been or will be made for the event.

4 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The organisers of the Jim Clark Rally, having successfully applied for a permit from “the authorised body”, have lodged an application with Scottish Borders Council (within the specified 6 month period required to allow consideration) seeking a Motor Sports Order to undertake an event on Friday 27, Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 May 2022. It should be noted that the event organisers have also been in regular consultation with representatives of Scottish Borders Council and Police Scotland through the established Safety Advisory Group (SAG) system that is in place at the Council.
- 4.2 The SAG process is separate from the operational management of an event. SAG meetings are a multi-agency forum normally made up of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services, Scottish Ambulance Services and Scottish Borders Council along with the event promoters and organisers. The main purpose of SAG is to assist event organisers in planning their events, with the specific aim of ensuring the safety of the public.
- 4.3 At this time the intention of the Jim Clark Rally organisers is for the rally to be based in Duns as it was in 2019. The proposal is to have a pre-rally “shakedown stage” on the Friday morning followed by two rally stages starting early evening; then 7 rally stages (over 3 different routes) on the Saturday and a further 6 rally stages (over 3 further different routes) on the Sunday. The Shakedown Stage on Friday is scheduled for the road south of Mellerstain Mill with the evening stage being two runs of Longformacus to Abbey St Bathans following a ceremonial start in Duns Square. On the Saturday the three routes are Westruther, Scott’s View, Eccles. This would see a single run, in an anti- clockwise direction of travel, over the three routes followed by vehicle servicing and refuelling in Duns and then a repeat of that earlier sequence. Following a further refuelling there would then be a third run over the Eccles Stage ahead of a Ceremonial finish in Duns shortly after 1700 hours. Sunday would see routes at Edrom, Ayton and Fogo. The intention being to run a clockwise loop of these routes followed by servicing and refuelling in Duns before a repeat loop over the three routes and a final Ceremonial finish in Duns. Daily overall route plans are provided in Appendix A with provisional stage timings provided at Appendix C.
- 4.4 Plans of all the stages, including a reserve route at Blackadder, are included at Appendix B. It should be noted that while the majority of stages are within the Berwickshire Area, the Scott’s View Stage is within both the Eildon and Cheviot Area Partnership areas while the Mellerstain Mill shakedown is wholly within Cheviot.
- 4.5 As part of the process of satisfying itself on the first two bullet points of section 3.7 above, the Council has launched a public consultation; available online via <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/>. The online consultation will run for 6 weeks. In addition to this Council officers, along with representatives of the Jim Clark Rally, will be in attendance at the Berwickshire, Cheviot and Eildon Area Partnership to discuss the event plan, including the proposed routes and timings.

- 4.6 As for previous events the organisers of the Jim Clark Rally have been contacting separately those residents who are directly impacted by the routes. This includes individual visits to all properties in addition to letter drops. Organisers have also indicated that they will consult with / inform the community councils affected by the rally.
- 4.7 Properties on "open" road sections who will experience an increase in traffic due to the temporary road closures will receive written notification of this.
- 4.8 The Jim Clark Rally organisers will also provide pre-event ongoing information on the status of the rally and on-the-day information through their website and social media outlets. In addition an on-the-day helpline will be permanently manned during the live-event.
- 4.9 The Jim Clark Rally is a major sporting event that brings significant economic benefit to the Scottish Borders. It attracts a high number of spectators, supporters, staff and competitors to the area; many of whom stay a number of nights. Previous studies have estimated that the event contributes over £2.5 Million to the local economy.
- 4.10 It is recommended that the Area Partnership notes the new legislation and the requirement for the Council to consult on the proposals submitted by the Rally Organisers. The committee should consider the routes and timings proposed by the Rally Organisers attached at Appendices A to C and provide any comments or questions on these for consideration as the Council assess whether or not to issue a Motor Sports Order.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no direct costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

The new legislation and other measures that are now in place go further than previous legislation in its attempt to mitigate the safety and associated risks of holding the Rally. As with all events of this type, there are inherent risks that can never be fully mitigated. However, SBC is working with partners and the event organisers to ensure that the new legislation is complied with; that risk assessments and other appropriate safety measures are in place, monitored and reviewed.

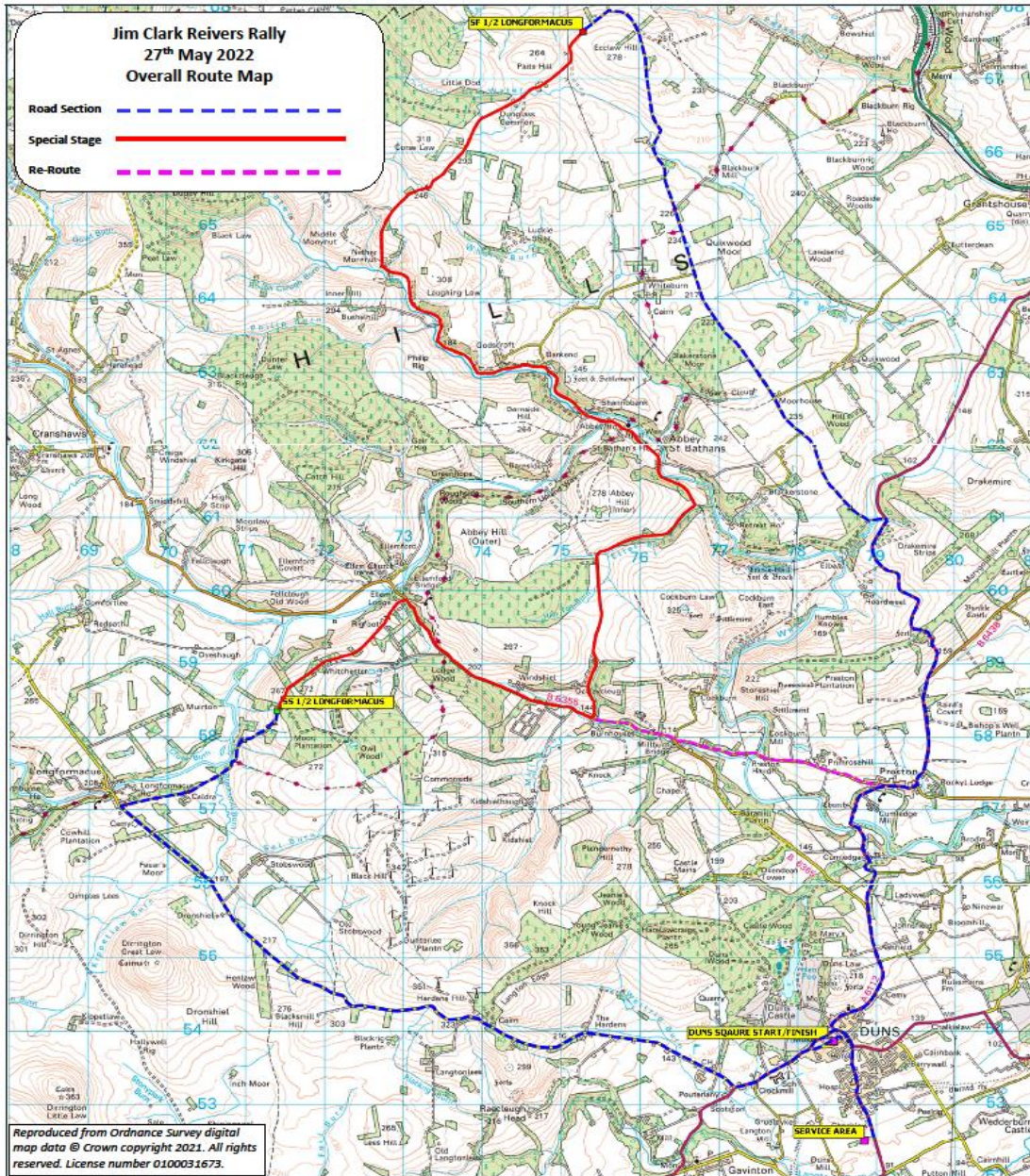
5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

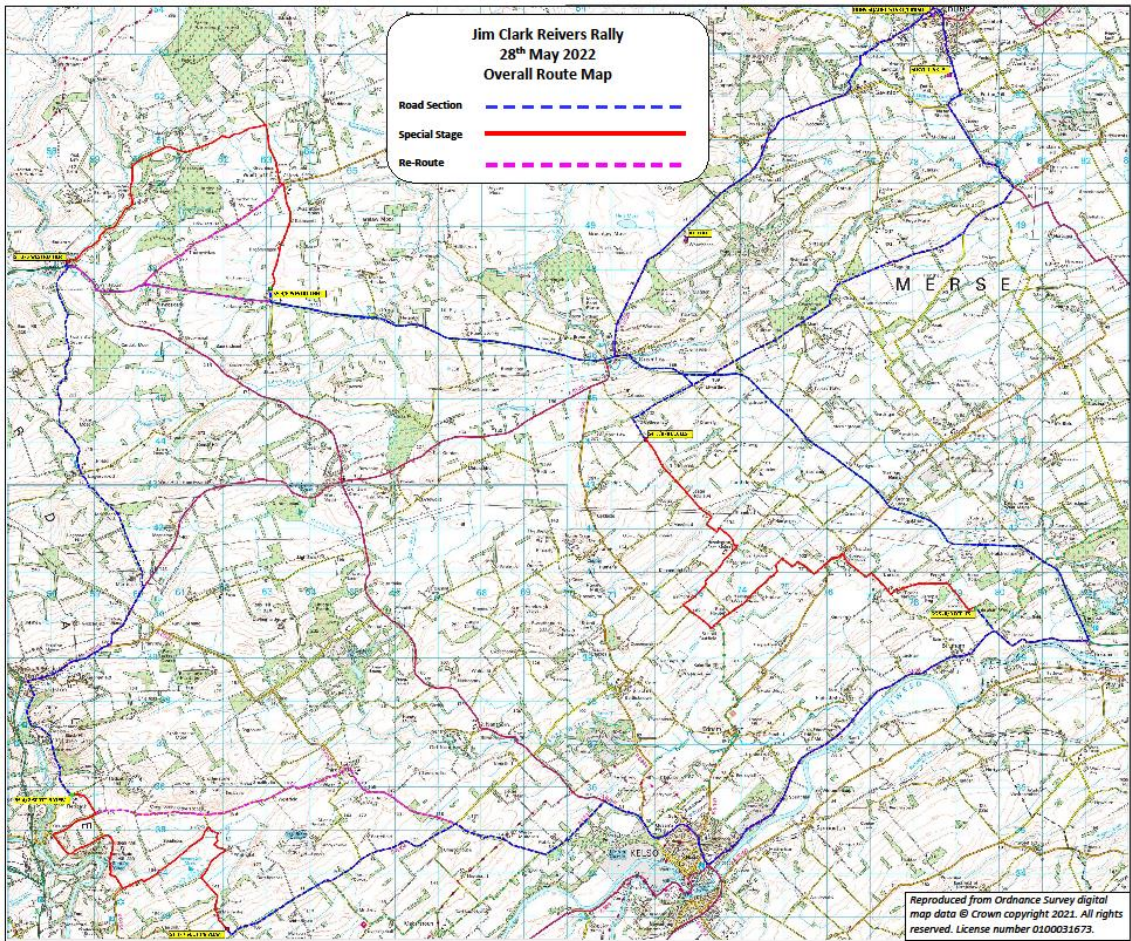
An Integrated Impact Assessment has been undertaken in regards to the content of this report and no adverse findings have been observed requiring a fuller IIA to be undertaken.

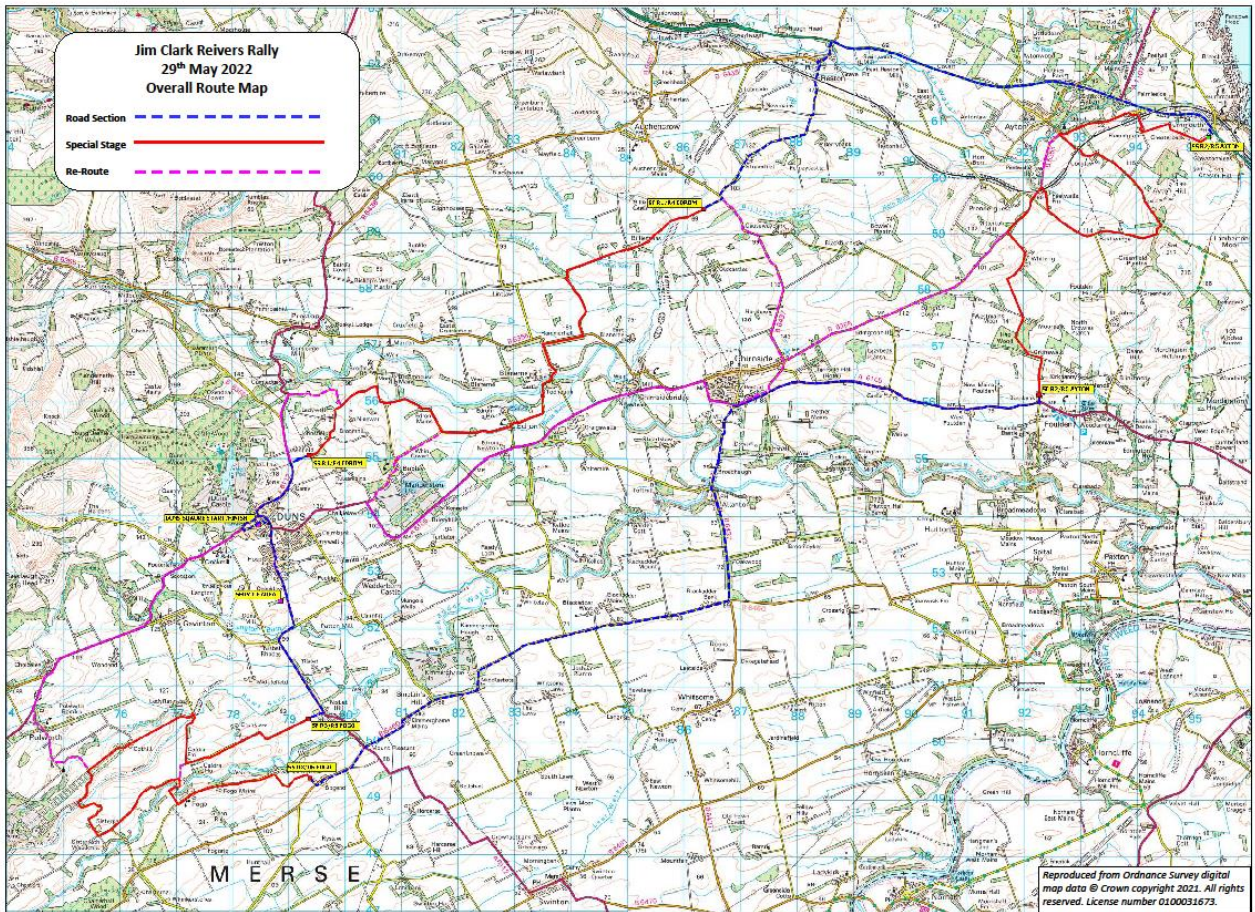
5.4 Sustainable Development Goals

It is not envisaged that the recommendations within the report will impact on any of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

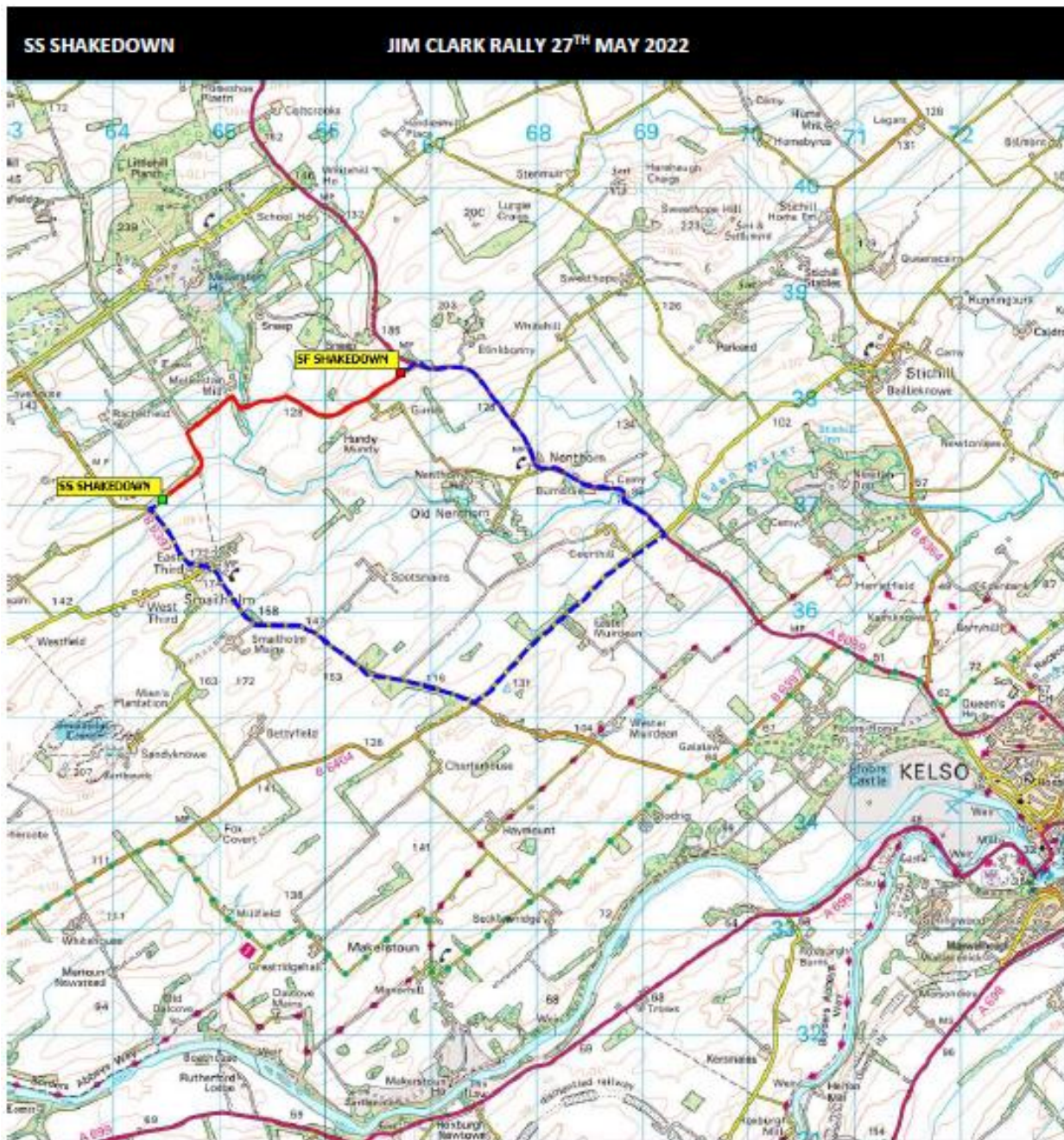
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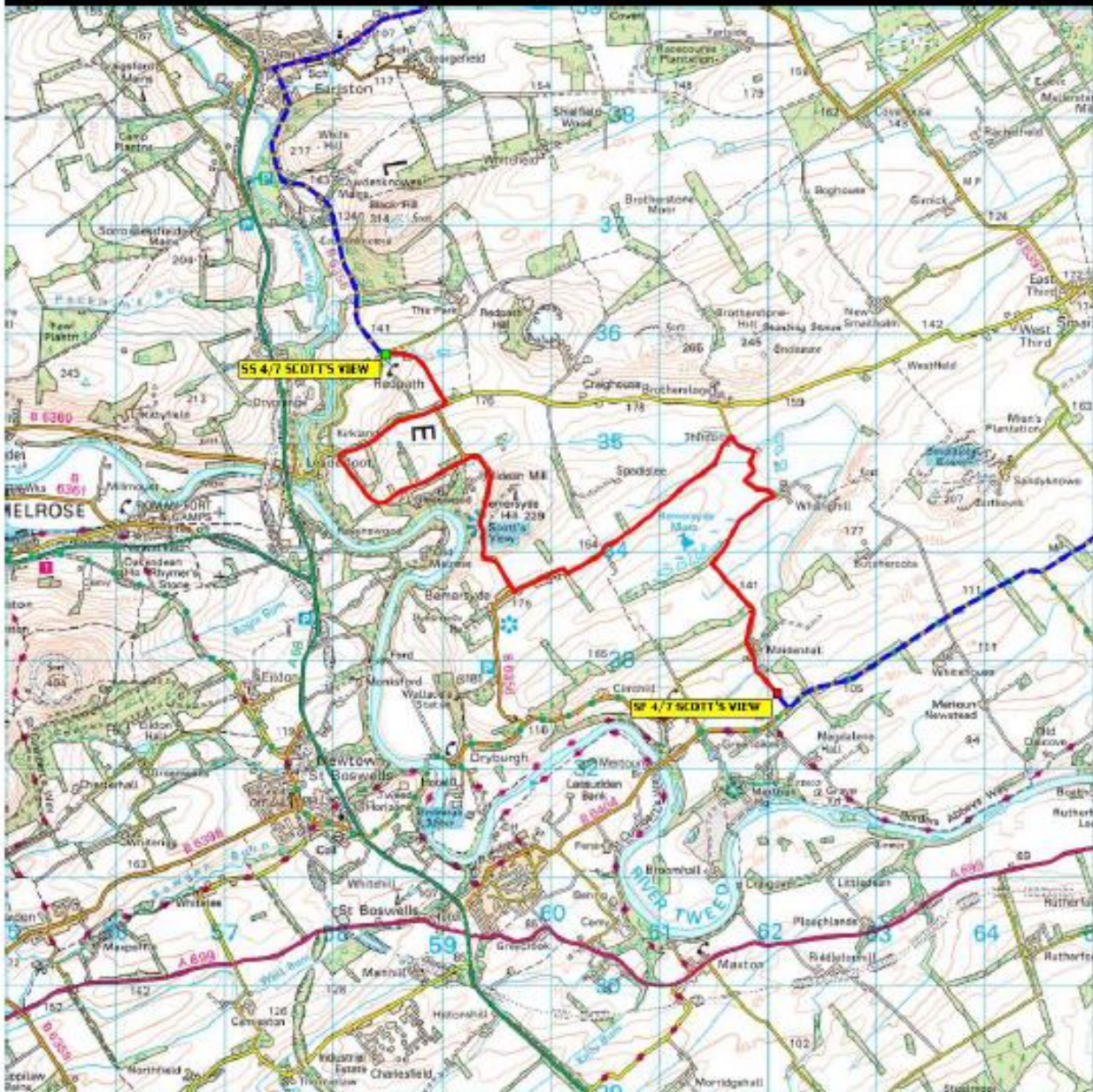


Appendix B : Individual Stage Maps

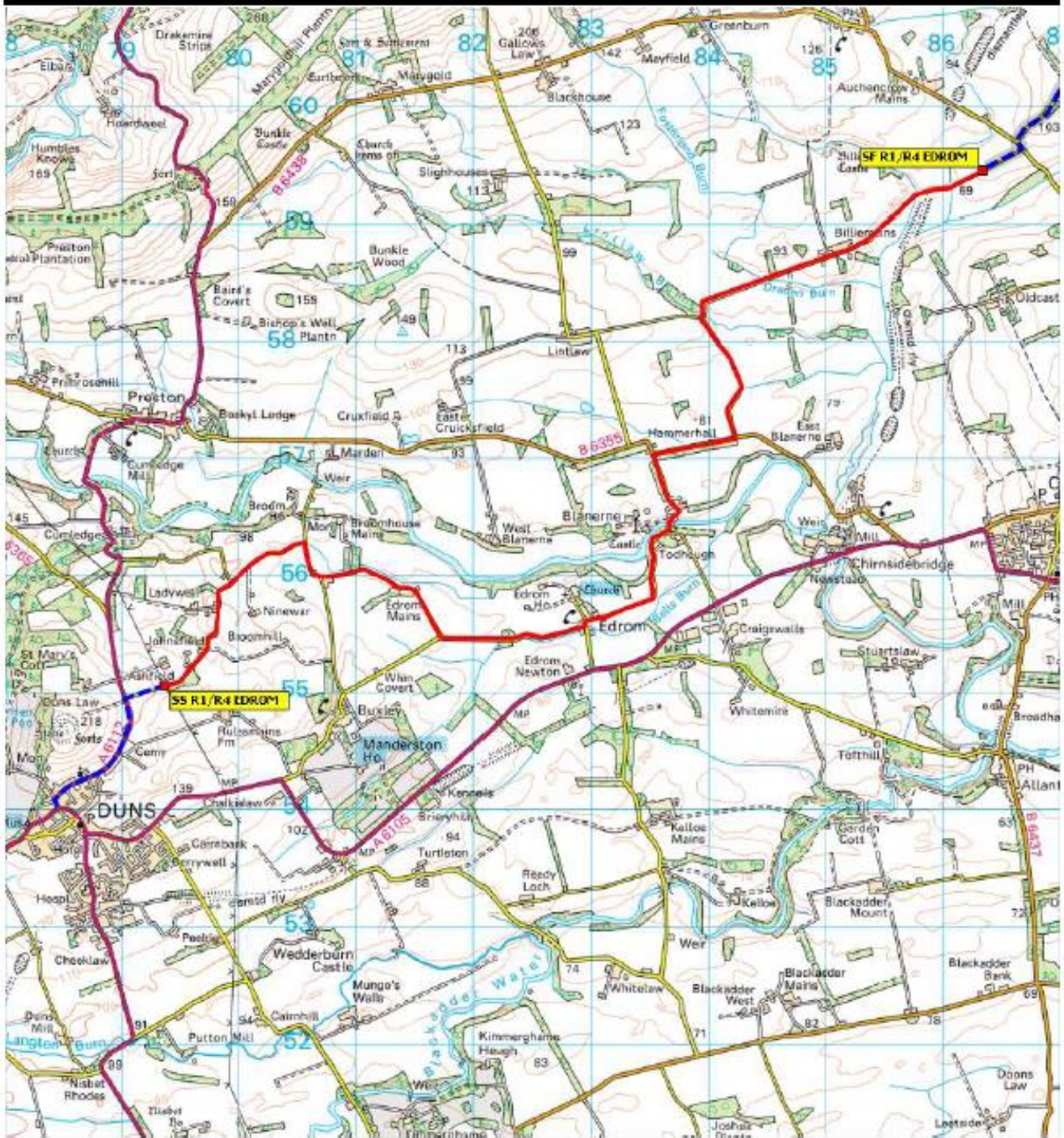




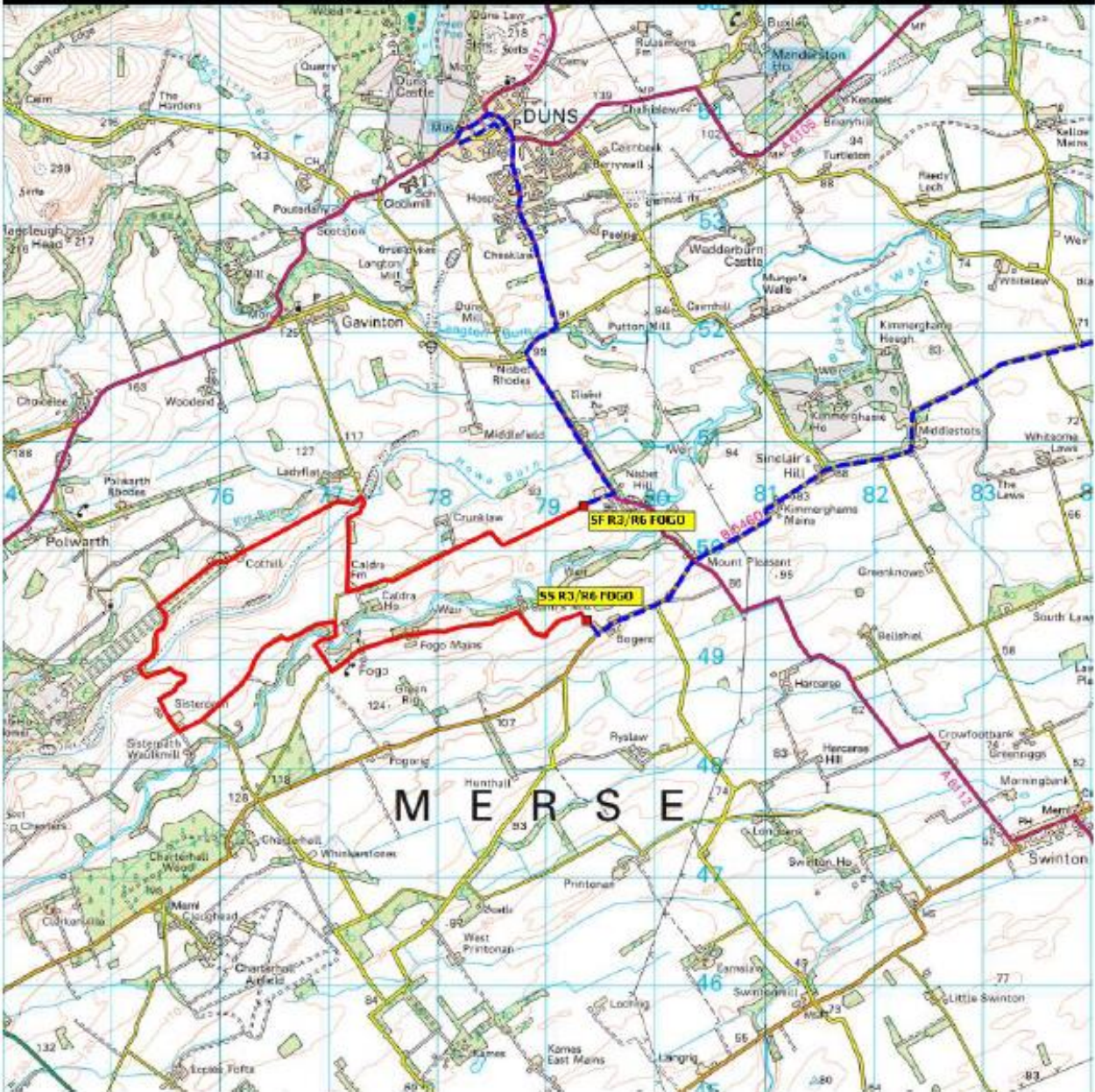


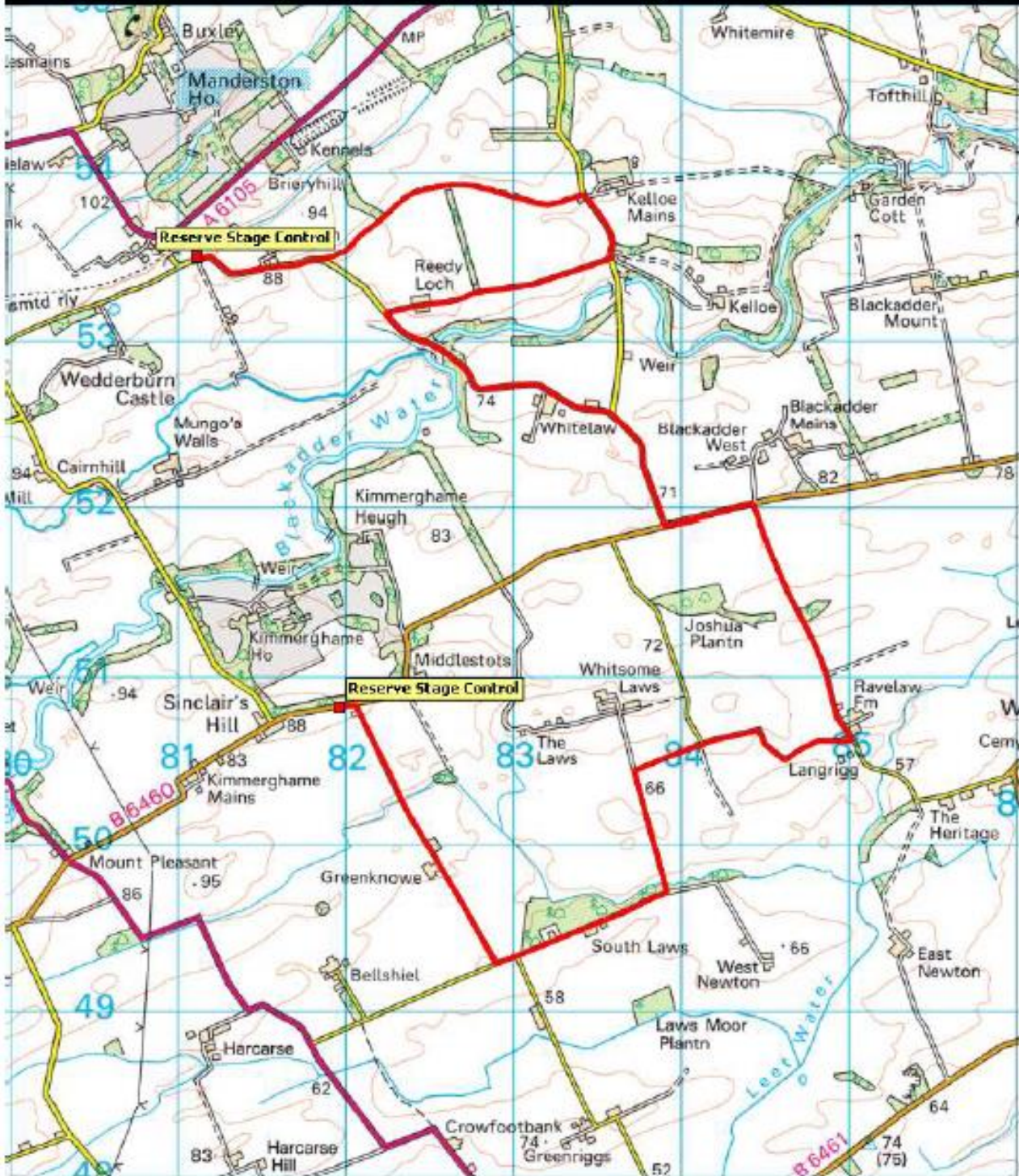












Appendix C : Provisional Stage Timings

Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally 2022

Schedule

DRAFT

Leg 1							Friday 27th May 2022		
TC SS	LOCATION	SS Dist mls	Bogey Time	Liaison Dist mls	Target Time	Car 1 Due	Road Closure	Road Opens	
<i>Distance to next refuel</i>		(12.02)		(42.34)					
-	Holding Area - (Service)	-		-	-	18:45			
MTC 0	Ceremonial Start - (Duns Square)	-		1.44	00:15	19:00			
TC 1		-		8.37	00:18	19:18			
SS 1	Longformacus 1	-		-		19:21	17:21		
SF 1		12.02	09:38	-		19:43			
TC1A	Regroup In - (Duns Service)	-		11.89	00:24	20:07			
TC1B	Regroup Out / Service In	-		-	00:10	20:17			
TC1C	Service Out	-		-	00:30	20:47			
TC 2		-		9.21	00:20	21:07			
SS 2	Longformacus 2	-		-		21:10			
SF 2		12.02	09:38	-		21:32			
MTC 1	End of Leg 1 (Duns Square)	-		11.43	00:24	21:56		00:21	
TOTALS		24.04		42.34					

<p>Sunrise: 04:35 Sunset: 21:38</p>

Leg 2		Saturday 28th May 2022						
TC SS	LOCATION	SS Dist mls	Bogey Time	Liaison Dist mls	Target Time	Car 1 Due	Road Closure	Road Opens
	<i>Distance to next refuel</i>	(12.92)		(6.59)				
-	Holding Area - (Service)	-		-	-	09:45		
MTC 2	Ceremonial Start - (Duns Square)	-		1.44	00:15	10:00		
RZ 1	Refuel - (Woodhead Farm)			(5.15)				
	Distance to next refuel	(20.78)		(51.57)				
TC 3		-		12.66	00:27	10:27		
SS 3	<i>Westruther 1</i>	-		-		10:30	08:30	
SF 3		6.22	04:59	-		10:39		
TC 4		-		9.79	00:25	11:04		
SS 4	<i>Scott's View 1</i>	-		-		11:07	09:07	
SF 4		6.70	05:23	-		11:16		
TC 5		-		14.21	00:35	11:51		
SS 5	<i>Eccles 1</i>	-		-		11:54	09:54	
SF 5		7.86	06:19	-		12:04		
TC5A	Regroup In - (Duns Square)	-		8.00	00:19	12:23		
TC5B	Regroup Out	-		-	00:10	12:33		
TC5C	Service In	-		0.92	00:03	12:36		
TC5D	Service Out	-		-	00:40	13:16		
RZ 2	Refuel - (Woodhead Farm)			(5.99)				
	Distance to next refuel	(20.78)		(45.12)				
TC 6		-		13.38	00:32	13:48		
SS 6	<i>Westruther 2</i>	-		-		13:51		15:30
SF 6		6.22	04:59	-		14:00		
TC 7		-		9.79	00:25	14:25		
SS 7	<i>Scott's View 2</i>	-		-		14:28		16:07
SF 7		6.70	05:23	-		14:37		
TC 8		-		14.21	00:35	15:12		
SS 8	<i>Eccles 2</i>	-		-		15:15		
SF 8		7.86	06:19	-		15:25		
RZ 3	Refuel - (Woodhead Farm)			(7.74)				
	Holding Area			-				
	Distance to next refuel	-		-				
TC 9		-		8.70	01:18	16:43		
SS 9	<i>Eccles 3</i>	-		-		16:46		17:23
SF 9		7.86	06:19	-		16:56		
MTC 3	Ceremonial Finish - (Duns Square)	-		4.59	00:12	17:08		
TOTALS		49.42		97.69				

Sunrise: 04:35 Sunset: 21:38

TC SS	LOCATION	SS Dist mls	Bogey Time	Liaison Dist mls	Target Time	Car 1 Due	Road Closure	Road Opens
	<i>Distance to next refuel</i>	(21.84)		(9.77)				
MTC 0	Holding Area - (Service)	-		-	-	09:45		
TC 1	Ceramonial Start - (Duns Square)	-		1.44	00:15	10:00		
SS R1	Edrom 1	-		1.05	00:07	10:07		
SF R1		-		-		10:10	08:10	
TC 2		7.19	05:46	-		10:20		
SS R2	Ayton 1	-		7.28	00:17	10:37		
SF R2		-		-		10:40	08:40	
		7.30	05:52	-		10:50		
RZ 1	<i>Refuel</i>	-		(0.00)	-			
	<i>Distance to next refuel</i>	(21.84)		(26.05)	-			
TC 3		-		11.24	00:20	11:10		
SS R3	Fogo 1	-		-		11:13	09:13	
SF R3		7.35	05:54	-		11:23		
TC3A	Regroup In - (Duns Square)	-		4.72	00:12	11:35		
TC3B	Regroup Out	-		-	00:10	11:45		
TC3C	Service In	-		0.92	00:03	11:48		
TC3D	Service Out	-		-	00:30	12:18		
TC 4		-		1.89	00:12	12:30		
SS R4	Edrom 2	-		-		12:33		15:10
SF R4		7.19	05:46	-		12:43		
TC 5		-		7.28	00:17	13:00		
SS R5	Ayton 2	-		-		13:03		15:40
SF R5		7.30	05:52	-		13:13		
RZ 2	<i>Refuel</i>	-		(0.00)	-			
	<i>Distance to next refuel</i>	-		-	-			
TC 6		-		11.24	00:20	13:33		
SS R6	Fogo 2	-		-		13:36		16:13
SF R6		7.35	05:54	-		13:46		
MTC 1	Ceremonial Finish - (Duns Square)	-		4.59	00:10	13:56		
TOTALS		43.68		51.65				

Sunrise: 04:35
Sunset: 21:38

Scottish Borders Council Training Programme

Session 1 – An introduction to
Participation & Participatory Budgeting (PB)

SCDC

SCDC is the lead body for community development in Scotland. We work to our vision of an active, inclusive and just Scotland where our communities are strong, equitable and sustainable.

We work directly with:

- Community groups and organisations
- Community development practitioners
- Government and other policy makers
- Local partnerships and agencies across Scotland who want to involve communities in their work



Formed in 1994, we are a charity and Company Limited by Guarantee based in Glasgow. With staff with a wealth of experience and backgrounds, we bring our firm commitment to the values and principles of community development to all aspects of our work.

What we'll cover today

- Introductions and background
- What is Participation and What is PB?
- Where has PB come from?
- Why PB? – the benefits of PB for communities, agencies, etc.

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On this sheep-scale, how do you feel today?





What do we think of when we hear the word “Participation”?

Link in chat or go to www.menti.com on your device and use the code

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What do you think about when you hear "participation"?



Values and Principles of public participation

- Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a **right to be involved** in the decision-making process.
- Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will **influence** the decision.
- Public participation promotes **sustainable decisions** by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
- Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those **potentially affected by or interested in** a decision.
- Public participation seeks **input from participants** in designing how they participate.
- Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in **a meaningful way**.
- Public participation communicates to participants **how their input affected the decision**.

[IAP2 Core Values of Public Participation](#)

National Standards for Community Engagement





What does participation look like within SBC?

What does participation look like locally?

OPPORTUNITIES

Village Hall - place to meet

Education - great opportunity to start from the earliest possibility

Engagement with range of people

Understanding - A lot of people don't understand what the challenges are and also the opportunities

Apathy - all generations

BARRIERS

Language - not using concepts but plain English

over consulting

Lack of feedback when people get involved

Many marginalised people don't engage - various reasons

Lack of pace - too slow

WEAKNESSES

Equity - procedure and processes exclude many people in society

too many different funds - chasing the same issues and usually short term

People left feeling they don't matter - especially when they engage once and then never get any feedback on the outcomes.

Staffing with a wide range of skills to engage

Communities

STRENGTHS

What are the benefits of PB for...



What does participation look like locally?



What does participation look like locally?

Quite hard to get volunteers to join the community councils

adult and children - living in poverty (not diverting fund to them), no money to support them,

SBC needs to do more. Area partnership is not working??? Same people turned up and not enough new people. Listen to people more. Need actions rather than talking.

WEAKNESSES

More fund available may get more participation.

chance for public to have say on how money spent

Voices not been heard.

Lack of trust to the Council. Some organisations/groups have to advocate on behalf of those people. Struggle to get people involved and engaged.

getting more people involved

Unlocking responsibilities to people. Community fund among five locations. Battle to get money among different localities.

Covid may have impacts on participation.

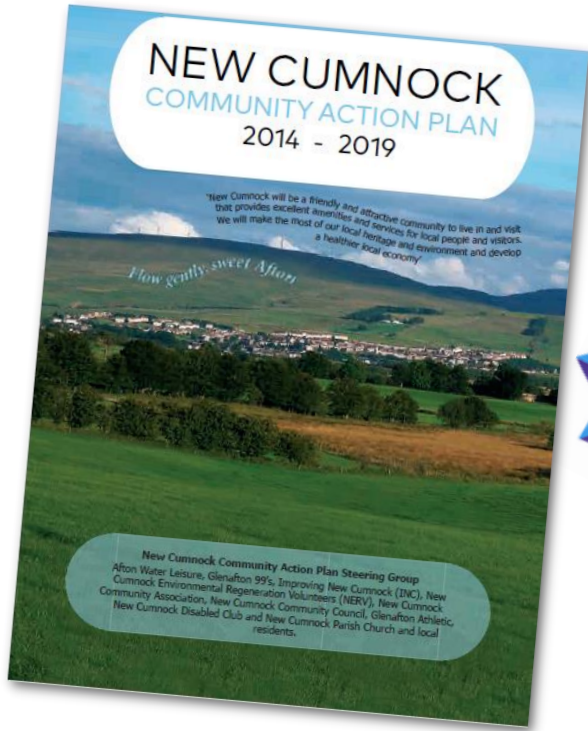
BARRIERS

things are too slow to happen

STRENGTHS

What does participation look like locally?







SCOTLAND
ACT 2018

THE
ISLANDS

Achd nan Eilean (Alba)

1%

Commitment



Other
developments

Democracy
Matters



Citizens' Assembly
of Scotland
Seanadh Saoranaich
na h-Alba

Comfort Break

10 minutes

What is Participatory Budgeting and what does it look like?

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a process of democratic deliberation and decision-making, in which citizens decide how to allocate part of a municipal or public budget. Participatory budgeting allows citizens to identify, discuss, and prioritise public spending projects, and gives them the power to make real decisions about how money is spent.

In Scotland this looks like:

- **Small Grants PB** - Use of small pots of money/Grants for PB
- **Mainstreaming Participatory Budgeting** - The public decides where public money is spent through a fair and transparent process (including deliberation and voting)

What is Participatory Budgeting and what does it look like?

3 mins – Church of Scotland PB

(<https://pbscotland.scot/blog/2017/8/24/watch-church-of-scotland-animation-explains-pb?rq=church%20of%20scotlan>)



What is Participatory Budgeting and what does it look like?

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Group Exercise

- What PB is
- What PB isn't



What is PB?



What isn't PB?



What is PB?

Communities
decide how
money is
spent

Make
decisions

People
can voice
their
opinions

Manage
public
money

Community
volunteers
become
decision
makers

Having
a
choice

What isn't PB?

It's not always
as equitable
as some
people think it
is

it's not just about
giving out money -
it's about making
sure community is
involved in
decisions

Not all
about
council
funding

What is PB?

**Democratic
deliberation &
decision
making**

**Not
consulting!
Influencing &
decision
making**

Choice

**Hearing
others
views**

What isn't PB?

**Not engaging
with your
community**

**Delivery of statutory
& regulatory
services with
options for
communities and an
opportunity to
influence service
delivery where
appropriate**

**Where
promoting
political or
faith based
activities**

**Where only for one
aspect of the
community and not
for the wider
community**

What is PB?

What isn't PB?

Give people in the rural area a voice.

Communicate with disengaged groups, how to re-engage them????

All CC are working well on the local level, but not the SBC's resourcing level. Empowering people to engage. Need new ideas

Community fund splits between rural area and Hawick. Empower rural areas by allocating funding to encourage more people to get involved.

Need to trust the people. Need to think outside the box.

Windfarm - channel funding and resources to different groups.

What is PB?

Voting

involves
canvassing etc
- need time
and resources
to do this

was tricky
when we
wanted votes
for a project in
Clovenfords

**being
involved
in public
spend**

Decisions over
local spending
priorities is
PB?

**Everyone
has a say
that
wants one**

**Problems
with the
voting
system?**

What isn't PB?

We did
Locality Bid
Funds - was
this PB?

When
decisions have
already been
made

Not sure that
Community
Fund or BBBB
are PB

Needs to be
very local -
individual
communities

Where has PB come from?

- 1989 – Porto Alegre (Brazil) – deliberative move to give people power over their own affairs through increasing participation and control over civic budgets (post-military dictatorship)
- Since then, PB concepts and practices have spread across the rest of the world - over 1,500 instances of PB had been implemented across five continents (as of January 2017).
- Large cities such as Barcelona, Madrid, New York and Paris are increasingly allocating larger portions of their city budgets to PB exercises; Portugal has experimented with PB at a national scale, rolling out a pilot project in which citizens were able to vote using ATM machines; and Kenya has enshrined PB in its constitution.
- It has started to take root in the UK – particularly in Scotland – as a key element of increasing participatory democracy
- Continued worldwide development including the launch of [People Powered](#) – global hub for participatory democracy

Where are we currently?

- Since 2014/15, SG has invested £6.5 million through the Community Choices Fund with local authorities providing match funding of almost £1.5m
- Mainstreaming Budgets. Agreement in October 2017 between the Scottish Government (SG) and COSLA that at least 1% of council budgets will be subject to PB by 2020/21 (although with some flexibility due to the impact of COVID-19)
- Policy: PB supports one of the principles of Public Service Reform, that people should have equal opportunity to participate and have their voice heard in decisions shaping their local community, society and their lives.
- Policy: It complements aspirations for the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which will help give communities more powers to take forward their own ambitions.
- Policy: It can help deliver the Public Sector Equality Duty by eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between different groups.

Why PB?

What are the benefits?

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What are the benefits for:

- **Communities**
- **Public bodies**
- **Government**
- **Democracy**



What are the benefits of PB for...



What are the benefits of PB for...

Communities?

Being listened to

Communities take ownership of decision making?

Communities appreciate some of the difficulties and challenges involved in making some decisions / choices

Breaking through self interest - especially NHS

Public Bodies?
(e.g. Local Authority, Police, Health & Social Care, NHS, etc)

communities feel involved

Communities can influence service redesign

influence policy at a strategic level

Build trust and relationships with communities.

Can reduce the amount of complaints as community has had the choice - or remind them that they influenced the decision!

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Government?

Hearing what communities want to do at a local level. Government can recognise rurality

small things can make a big difference to a community

Help to prioritise when have limited budgets

Democracy?

What are the benefits of PB for...

Communities?

Brings people together

Capacity to affect change

Ownership

Power - believing that what you vote for makes a difference

Is there a layer missing in the process? Should be wider sharing of what PB is. People are involved in their own lives and unable to give enough attention to something this big.

Evaluation - must analyse whose voice wasn't heard

Public Bodies? (e.g. Local Authority, Police, Health & Social Care, NHS, etc)

LAs get a wider view of what matters to communities and may influence other decisions

Knowing that 1% is going where people want it to go

Government?

Too big to discuss!

Positive to enable communities to voice their opinions

Democracy?

What are the benefits of PB for...



What are the benefits of PB for...



Benefits and Key Features of PB

The PB Charter outlines the key principles underpinning PB as follows:

PB should be ...

- Fair and inclusive
- Participatory
- Deliberative
- Empowering
- Creative and flexible
- Transparent
- Part of our democracy

Participatory Budgeting Charter for Scotland

Making good PB happen



Next Session

- **Systems and Structures**
- **Policy**
- **Community Empowerment**
- **Opportunities & Barriers**



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Scottish Borders Council Training Programme

Session 2 – Systems & Structure

What we'll cover today

- Introductions and background
- Local structures & Policy
- What is community empowerment?
- What are the opportunities and barriers?



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The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, 2015

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 will help to empower community bodies through the ownership or control of land and buildings, and by strengthening their voices in decisions about public services.

There are 11 topics covered by the Act.

The Bill was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 17 June 2015. It received Royal Assent and became an Act on 24 July 2015. Each part of the Act came into effect at different times.

Part 1: National Outcomes

Part 2: Community planning

Part 3: Participation requests

Part 4: Community rights to buy land

Part 5: Asset transfer requests

Part 6: Delegation of Forestry Commissioners' functions

Part 7: Football clubs

Part 8: Common Good property

Part 9: Allotments

Part 10: Participation in public decision-making

Part 11: Non-domestic rates

What is Community Empowerment?

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Principles for community empowerment



Prepared on behalf of the Strategic Scrutiny Group
July 2019

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Principles for
community
empowerment

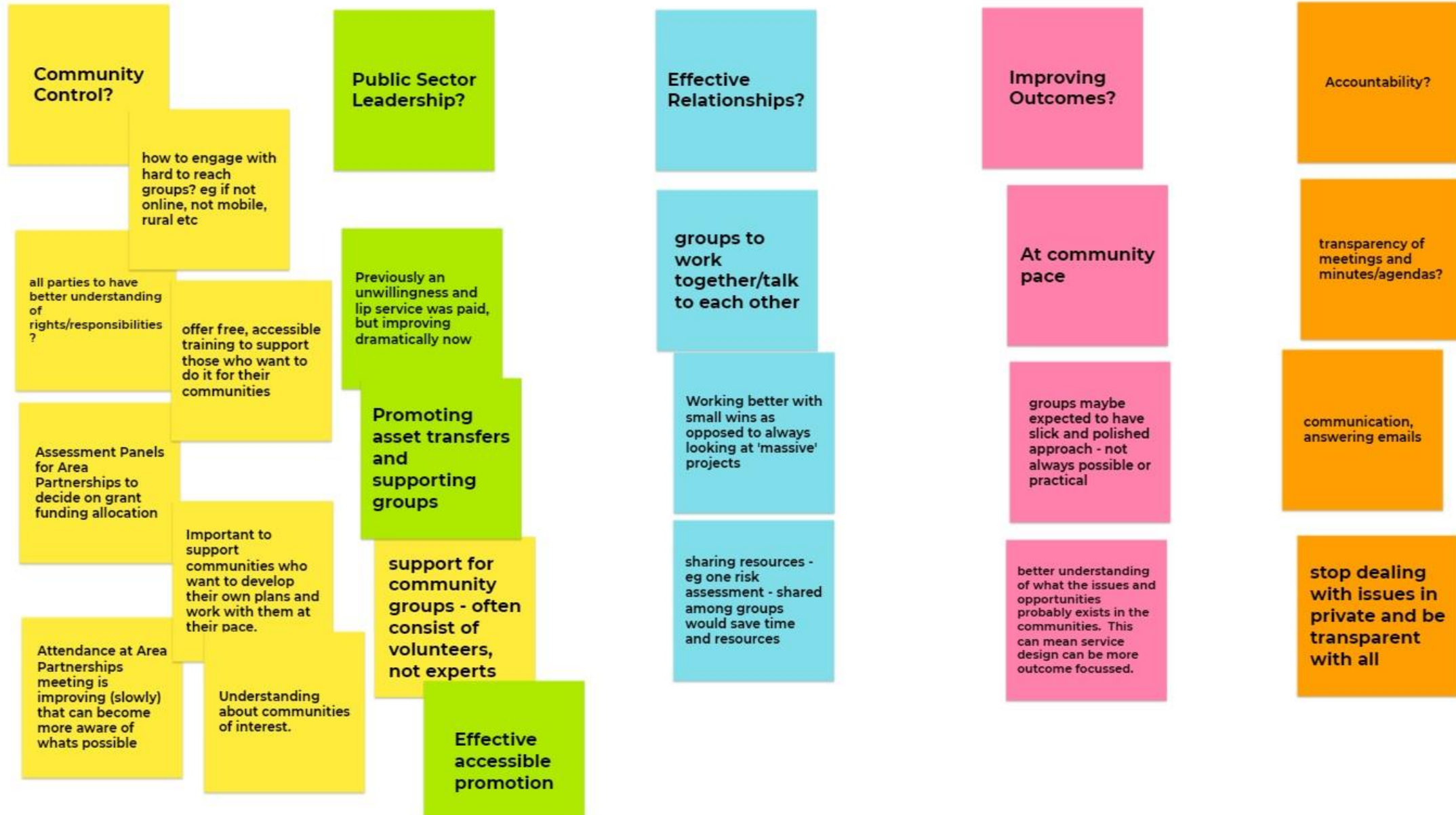


What does Community Empowerment look like locally?



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What does Community Empowerment look like locally?

Community Control?

Public Sector Leadership?

Effective Relationships?

Improving Outcomes?

Accountability?

ability to use technology affects people's ability to participate as there is an emphasis on using online tools

significant difference across the Borders as to who receives support to participate and who doesn't

too much red tape

sharing information across areas and communities can be an effective way of supporting one another and supporting ideas to progress

some examples of community groups bringing about change in their area.

people would be more inclined to participate if they felt it would make a difference

need consistent support

approach to equality and accessibility needs to improve

some people need to be supported to participate

What does Community Empowerment look like locally?

Community Control?

Public Sector Leadership?

Effective Relationships?

Improving Outcomes?

Accountability?

Area partnership - is a forum or platform - to enable people to engage. It is under review at the mo. Something we want rather than any other things. Something work before why we have to reinvent the wheel.

Forestry and flooding - talked about issues and able to hear about it. Public bodies to give presentation about issues.

Heard about it but no delivery! The platform is there, but it is not working. Give people a chance to engage.

Geographical diversity - 5 localities is good to address local issues. However, all the issues have to be brought together.

A lot of talking but not a lot of actions. Well, nothing really changed after all.

How do you find things - the website of SBC isn't that good to find things. Communication is vital. Getting information out. No platform to link in. Speaking in plain English for community to

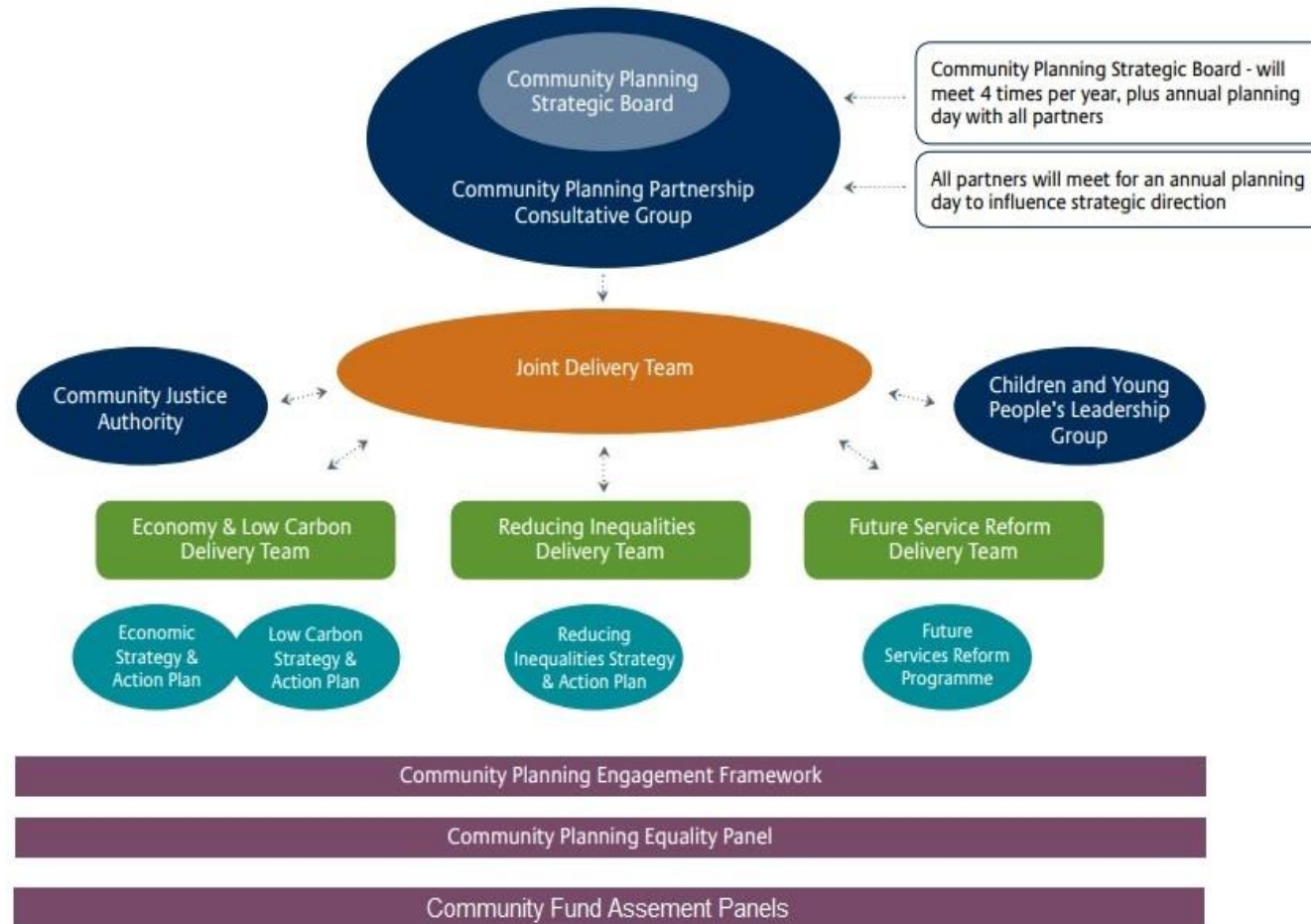
Area partnership meeting to talk about place making.

Culture of the Council - wary about what the community is going to suggest. The council needs to try to let go and trust the community.

SBC takes control of the Empowerment Act, not just pay lip service. Things need to be relevant - talking shop and lack of empowerment.

Where do Community Fund Assessment Panels (CFAPs) fit?

Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership Governance Model



Comfort Break

5 minutes

Reality?



Equity vs. Equality



Same Treatment



Equitable Treatment



The systemic barrier has been removed. This is Equality.



www.canadianequality.ca

How can the CFAPs get more people involved?

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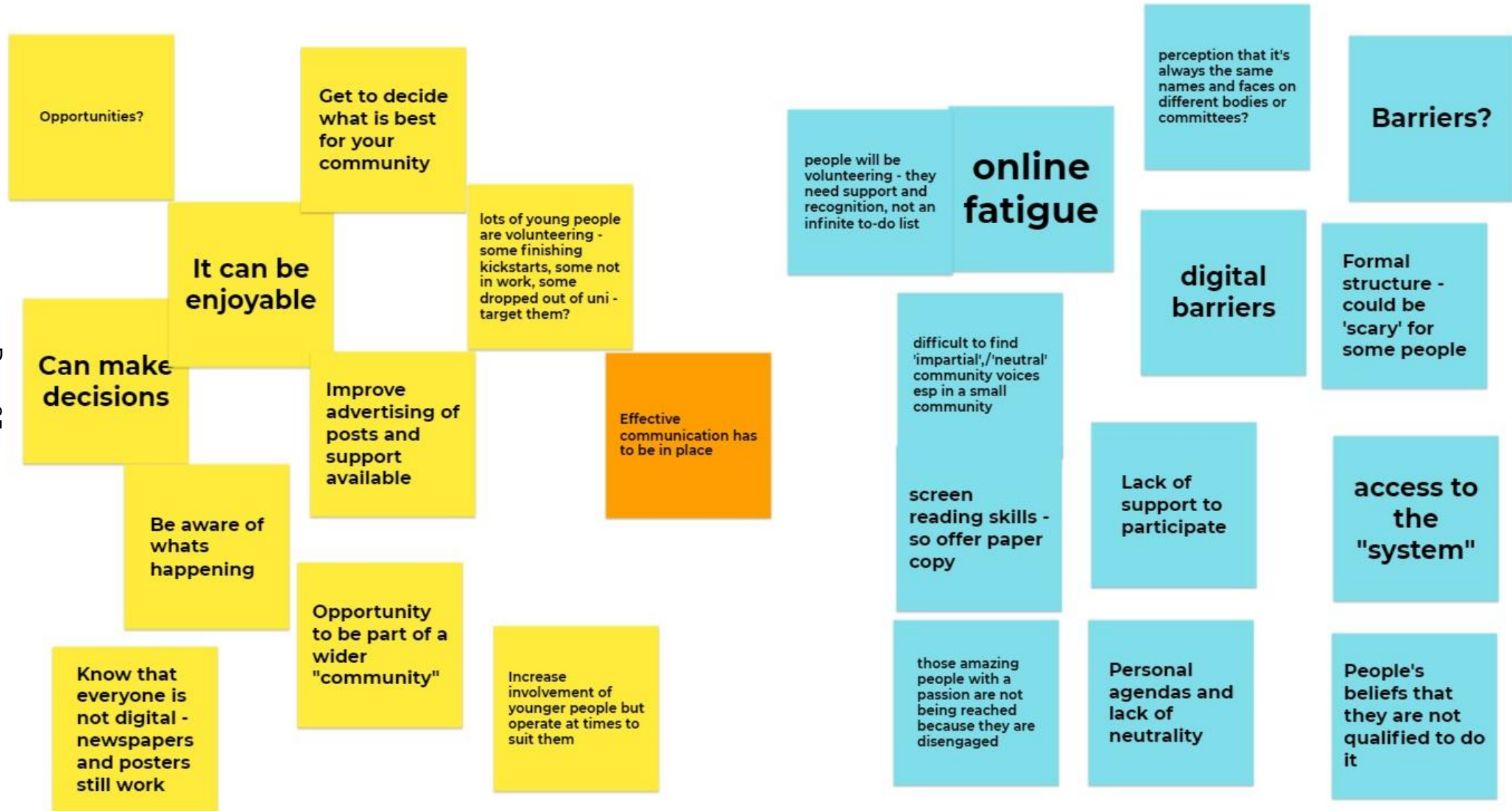
OPPORTUNITIES?

BARRIERS?



What are the opportunities and barriers for CFAPs?

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What are the opportunities and barriers for CFAPs?

Opportunities?

establish meetings so that people can attend either in person or through digital technology

need several approaches to sharing information and ideas and use networks already available

make allowances for what people need to have in place to be able to participate - i.e. help with transport, help with technology

better communication of local services would help people to plan their participation i.e. bus times, changes to bus services etc

information needs to be accessible and easy to find

every area should have a display board in their village/town to promote information and make information more accessible

Barriers?

people can be pre-judged and not allowed to participate in the same way as others

What are the opportunities and barriers for CFAPs?

Opportunities?

Engagement is there - social media is a way forward.

Get everyone together and identify opportunities.

How to get involved????? Where to get the information. SBC needs to figure out how to communicate with the community. A route of communication.....

Barriers?

Pot A and Pot B - Teviot area. Pot A to give rural area a say, rather than just go to Hawick. Smaller communities have a chance to get resources/money. Take a long time for SBC to agree.

Decision on a local level. Able to influence is the key of engagement. No power coming to the community.

Leaflet to explain about community participation. Community Councils to get more people involved.

List our challenges and get people involved. Use technology is good, but put info at local shops could attract attentions. Facebook - broadband could be a challenge.

Hard to get people involved.

Opportunities for people to engage.

Due to time constraints, this will carry forward to session 3

**What are the aspirations
for community
empowerment, local
decision making and
community control?**

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**What do we want to keep and
what do we want to change?**



Feedback

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Where are we going?

How will we get there together?



Feedback - Opportunities and Barriers (group discussion)

OPPORTUNITIES

Rural areas can have more say. CFAPs support the rural voice to be heard

better promotion of services - tie together with information needed - e.g. bus timetables and community events

Young voices can come through

The amount of funders and funding locally and nationally

BARRIERS

Capacity & Skills to fill in application forms - may mean newer, less able groups miss out

Communication - how can information be shared better and more easily across the communities?

Accessibility - its not just about having the device - its building up skills and confidence to use it

It can be difficult to participate - how to reach people who don't know about CFAPs?

Where are we currently?

- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, 2015
- Review of Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, 2015
- Public Service Reform
- 1% Mainstream commitment to Participatory Budgeting
- Covid-19 recovery

Next Session

- **National Standards for Community Engagement**
- **Using VOiCE**
- **Widening engagement**
- **Co-Production approaches**
- **Involvement in decision making**



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Session 3 – Engagement and Involvement

How are you feeling today?



What we'll cover today

- National Standards for Community Engagement
- Co-production
- Using VOICE
- Working better together



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- Government and other policy makers
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What are the National Standards for Community Engagement?

This means communities truly playing a part in how decisions are made,

What is co-production?

[Animation — Scottish Co-production Network](http://coproductionscotland.org.uk)
[\(\[coproductionscotland.org.uk\]\(http://coproductionscotland.org.uk\)\)](http://coproductionscotland.org.uk)

What are the aspirations for community empowerment, local decision making and community control?

What do we want to keep and what do we want to change?

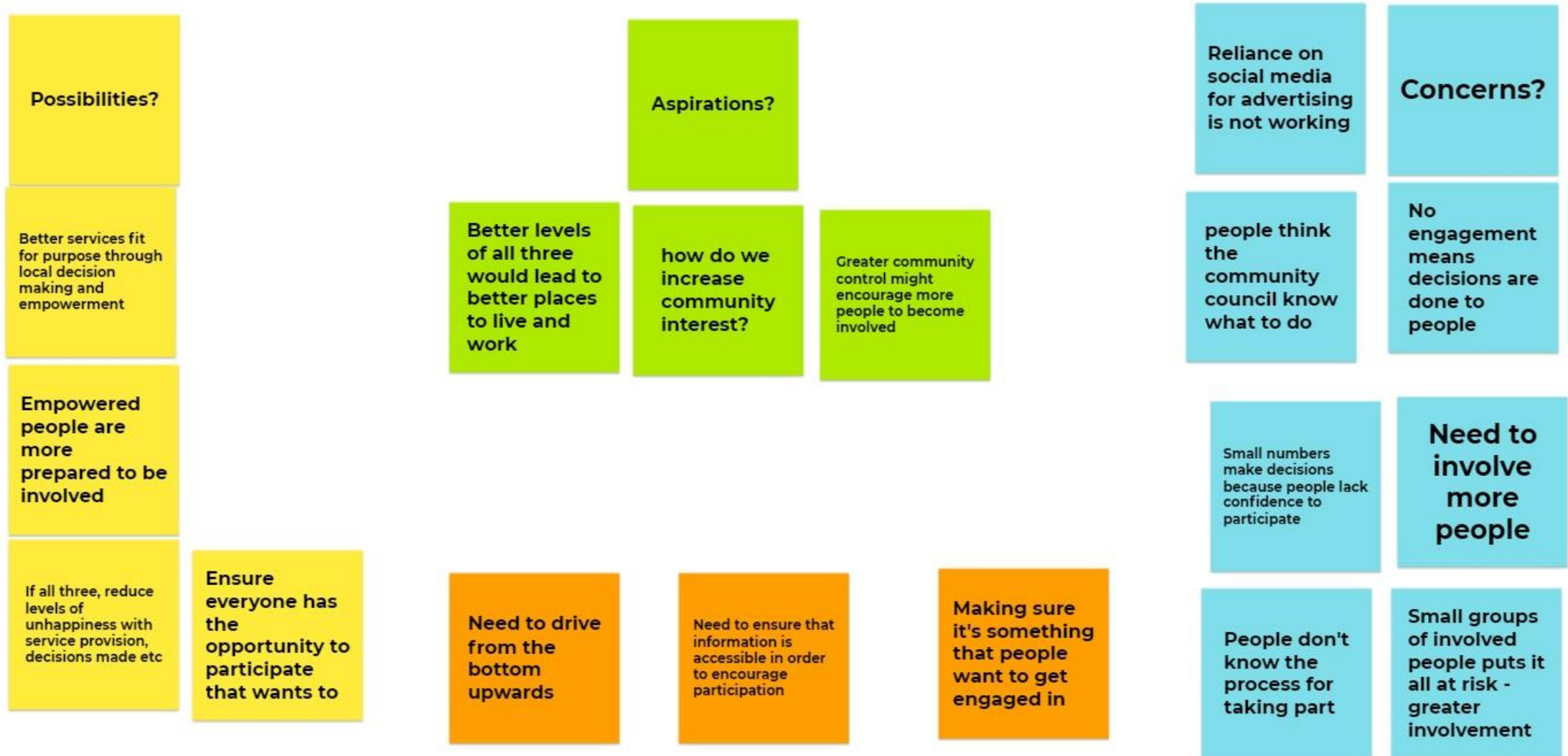


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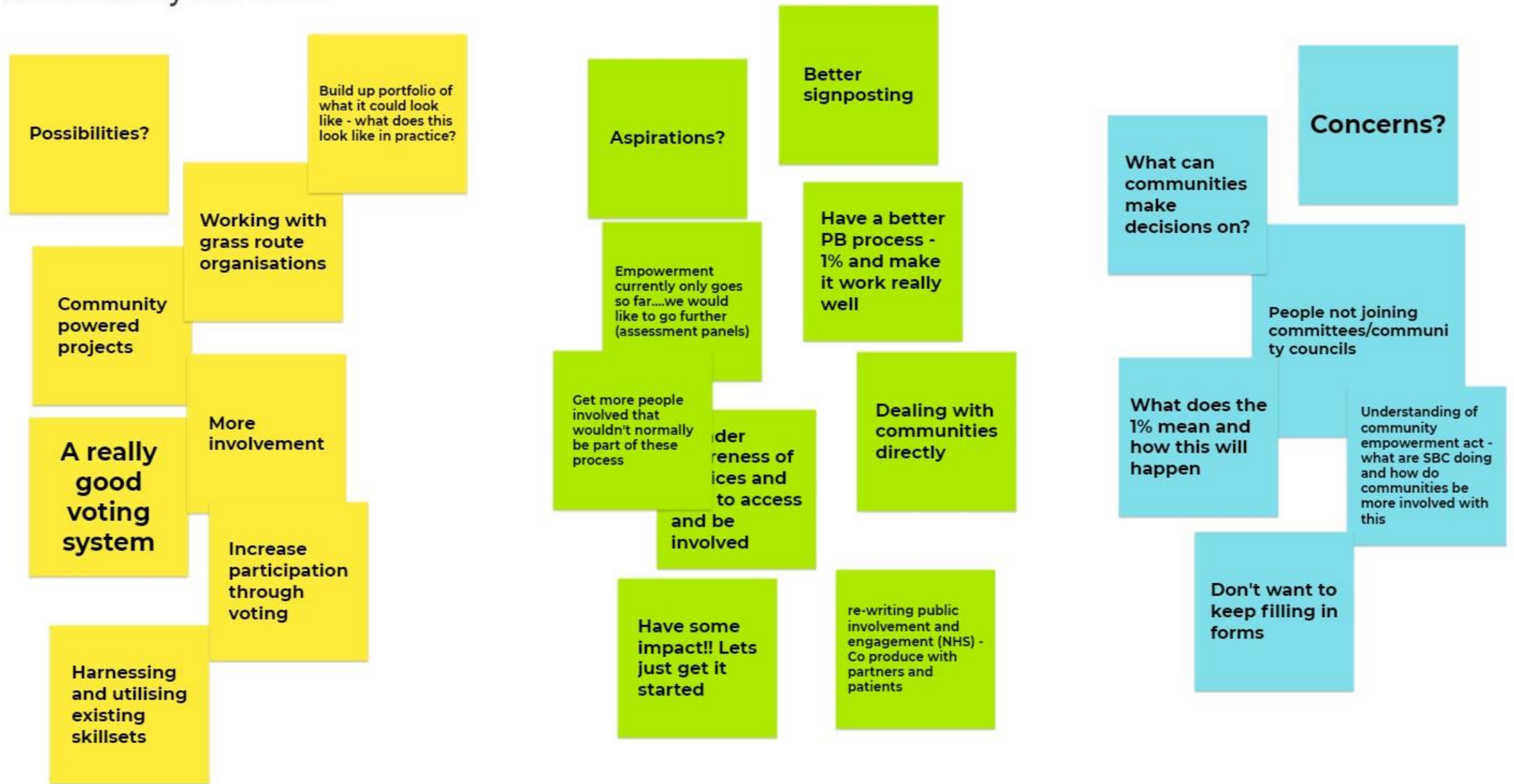


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What are the aspirations for community empowerment, local decision making and community control?

Possibilities?

Aspirations?

Concerns?

Important to listen and engage with everyone's opinions - as many different people as possible

Beneficial for people to learn how community engagement and community projects can be achieved

Work as a team / in partnership with each other

everyone should be actively listening to the grass roots

Important people understand what the ask is/meeting is about

Difficult to engage young people - they face different barriers

Some people focus on their delivery rather than the community approach

How can we make systems easy for everyone to use?

Informal settings are easier to engage people

Council members meet one/month - listen to representatives

Important to build relationships first

Young people are not aware of opportunities to get involved

Takes a long time to build trust

Depends on who is listening - some opinions can be ignored

Documents are too long - no one has time to read policy changes etc.

Difficult to get involved with NHS - would be beneficial if there was more doc/health professionals

What are the aspirations for community empowerment, local decision making and community control?

Possibilities?

Officers and councillors may not know what exactly people want. They need to understand the problems. People know better. Treat the third sector as an equal partner.

Aspirations?

Covid - none of the organisations are on the same page regarding wearing masks or not at public meetings. They are all doing different things - this is a barrier. Communications, communications, communications.

Concerns?

Is the power with the officers or councillors?
Power delegation.

Community empowerment - section 10 - give you power to empower you. This is still outstanding.

Feeling frustrated whilst dealing with the Council and the NHS. Consultations going on - reasons why things can't be done should be shared.

Involve people from day one - culture needs to be changed. Engagement but not empowerment. Power is still with the decision makers - councillors.

build up trust to people - consultation - ticking the box - public don't feel their opinions being considered.

Feedback

What do we want to keep?

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What do we want to change?

Does this help widen involvement in making decisions?



What do we want to...

KEEP?

Community resilience/spirit built on since COVID-19

Recognition that communities can and have been doing a lot of work for themselves

CHANGE?

Recognition from local authorities on pressing issue that rural communities are highlighting

Does this help us involve more people in the decisions that matter? What more can we do?

Yes, but we need to be aware that there is a chance of leaving people behind when implementing change

Reach out to people, rather than letting them reach out to you

What do we want to...

KEEP?

enthusiasm
amongst
community groups
and partners to
make this happen -
so lets get this done

Momentum

CHANGE?

Our understanding
of what 1% means -
also wider
knowledge of the
community
empowerment act

Make people
aware what is
possible

Genuine
co-production

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**One size
doesn't fit
all**

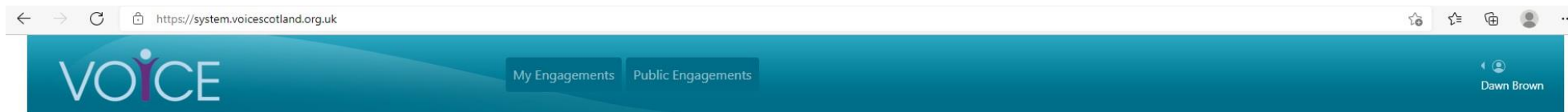
Better
understanding can
get more people
involved

Comfort Break

5 minutes

What is VOiCE and how can using it make a difference?





Welcome to VOiCE

VOiCE will assist individuals and organisations to design and deliver effective community engagement.

The software will support you to:

- **Plan community engagement and service user participation**
- **Monitor and record the process**
- **Evaluate the process against the National Standards for Community Engagement (Scotland) and principles for good quality engagement (elsewhere).**

The following terms are used throughout the VOiCE tool.

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- **'Community'** is a group of people united by at least one common characteristic, including geography, identity or shared interests.

[To return to the VOiCE website click here](#)

Recently viewed

Engagements

New

www.voicescotland.org.uk

Accounts are free for individuals and organisations in Scotland



Over the last 3 weeks...

- Participation – what does it look like locally?
- Participatory Budgeting
 - What it is, and what it isn't
 - What are the benefits?
- The Community Empowerment Scotland (2015) Act
- The PB Charter
- CFAPs and where they sit
- National Standards for Community Engagement
- Co-Production
- VOICE

Next Session

- **Your Questions**
- **Recap, review and next steps**



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Session 4 – Your questions, answered!

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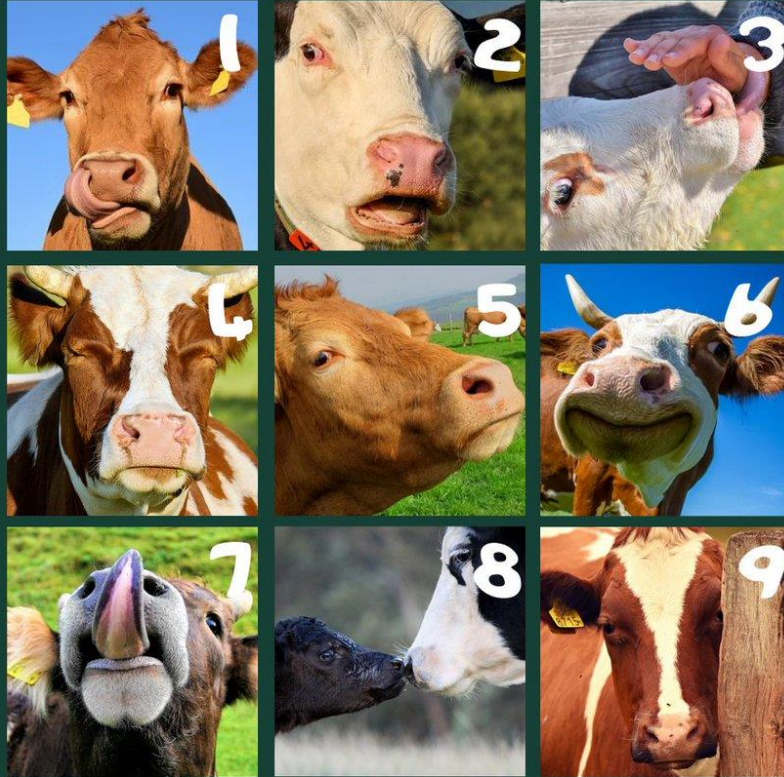
- Introductions and background
- Your questions – the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
- Participatory Budgeting – clarifications and more info

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On this cow scale, how do you feel today?



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COMMUNITY
NETWORK

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act (2015)

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Andrew Paterson, Scottish Community Development Centre

(This presentation will be provided by email following workshop)



Introduce the **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015**

Particularly in relation to questions from previous sessions

E.g. on community asset transfer, good engagement and impact of failing to engage

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Giving people more say over what happens in their communities through...

- ownership or control of land and buildings
- strengthening their voices in decisions about public services

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Builds on 'key pillars' of public service reform

- participation
- partnership
- prevention
- performance



What's in the Act?

National outcomes

Common good property

Allotments

Asset transfer

Participation requests

Non-domestic rates

Participation in public decision making

Supporter involvement in football clubs

Community planning

Community rights to buy land

Delegation of forestry Commissioners' functions



Participation requests





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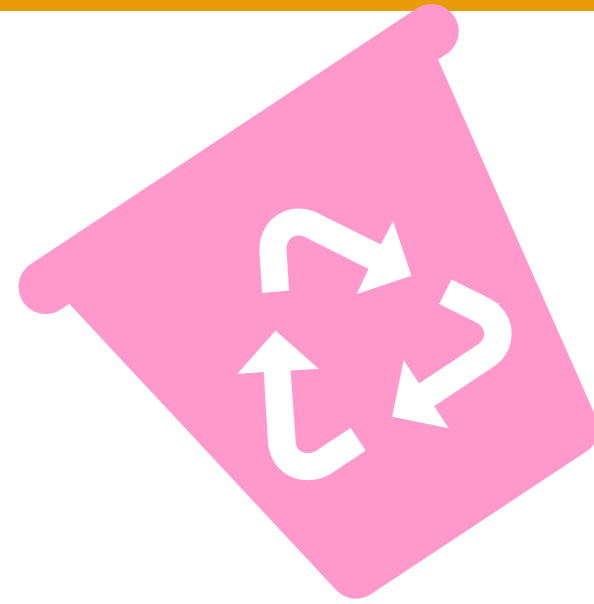
Starting points?



Ways to participate



Participation requests are **one** way for people to have their say about what improvements they would like to see to public services they use.



The basics

A community group

‘Community participation body’

can ask to have a **discussion**

‘Outcome improvement process’

with **organisations in charge of public services**,
such as hospitals, schools and transport

‘Public service authorities’

about how to **improve** these services

‘Improving outcomes’

Can be made to...

- Local authorities
- Health Boards
- Colleges
- National Park Authority
- Police Scotland
- Enterprise agencies
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Regional Transport Partnerships

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How to make a participation request

Fill in a form which will ask you to...



- Show you are the right type of group to make a participation request
- State an **outcome** that you think can be improved
- Then answer some questions about what your group will bring and why you should be involved

Recap

A **community group**

can ask to have a **discussion**

with **organisations in charge of public services**

about how to **improve** these services

You may be wondering...

**Can't the request
simply be refused?**

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Not quite...

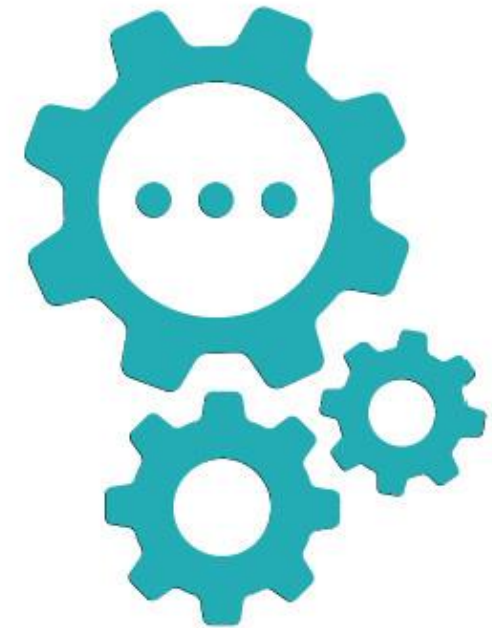
Services should agree or explain why not



What happens then?

If request is granted then an **outcome improvement process** is set up

Must be established within 90 days
of request being agreed to



This process can take different forms....

- **Meetings, discussions and actions** to make things better!
- **A pre-existing process**, e.g. community safety partnership
- **A new process**



Support

Support should be available:

- To help make a participation request
- To take part in resulting meetings etc.



Result?

A **conversation**, not a **guarantee**



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- The public service authority must **report on the process** once completed
- And also **report annually** on the participation requests they have received.

Example: SDS Borders Forum


SDS Borders Forum is a group of people with lived experience of self-directed-support (SDS) in the Scottish Borders

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In May 2019, the forum made a participation request to Scottish Borders Council after the local authority decided to introduce pre-payment cards without what the forum saw as adequate consultation.

Self Directed Support payment options

 People will be offered 4 choices on how they can receive their social care



What happened?

Scottish Borders Council agreed to the request on the 9th July 2019

Forum had to work hard to ensure resulting process was meaningful and for equality impact assessment to happen



In January, was agreed that options appraisal meetings would be held in March 2020, and that all SDS payment options would be considered as part of the outcome improvement process.

Result

After delays due to Covid-19, the process got going and eventually led to decision this year to give people choice as to whether they used pre-payment cards

The forum has also been asked to be involved in the planning process for implementing the use of pre-payment cards.



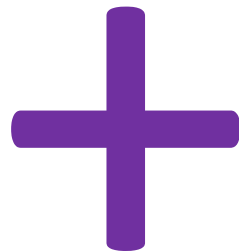
“ An interesting outcome of the process has been an increased respect from the LA for the SDS Forum and a greater willingness to involve us in anything to do with SDS and to see that as positive. ”

SDS Borders Forum

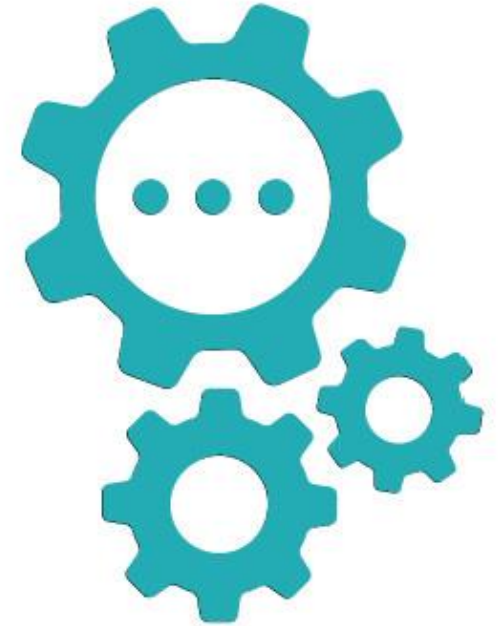
But what if... Public body fails to engage?



No official overseeing body
Can't resubmit the same request



Potential appeals process on the way...



Taking over assets

Asset transfer

A community organisation can use this to take over publicly-owned land or buildings...

...in a way that recognises the public benefits that the community use will bring.



Not just ownership...

Can request to own the land or building outright, but can also apply to **use** or **lease**.



Can be made to

Local authorities

Scottish Ministers (including agencies such as Forest Enterprise Scotland and Transport Scotland)

Crofting Commission

Further Education colleges which are incorporated colleges

Health Boards, both regional and Special Health Boards

Enterprise agencies

Historic Environment Scotland

National Park Authorities (Cairngorms and Loch Lomond and Trossachs)

Regional Transport Partnerships

Scottish Canals

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Scottish Natural Heritage

Scottish Police Authority (who own all land and buildings used by Police Scotland)

Scottish Water



All must create and maintain publicly available lists of every asset they own



Rights include...

- To **request information** on any public asset that interests you
- To **request the transfer** of a public asset
- To **acquire that asset** if the public body cannot offer a good reason not to
- To **appeal** any adverse decision

Public authority must

- **Agree to requests**, unless there are reasonable grounds for refusal
- **Not dispose of asset** once transfer request received (unless already started!)
- Consider **inequality** in reaching its decision
- Take a decision within **six months** of “validation date”

Who can make asset transfer requests?

- Community of **geography** or community of **interest**
- Open membership/controlled by that community
- Community benefit purpose
- Surplus applied to benefit of community

May be unincorporated if no transfer of ownership.



For transfer of full title, must be

A limited company with a Dissolution Clause

(i) to another community transfer body

(ii) to a charity.

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

A Community Benefit Society (BenComm)

All with no fewer than 20 members.

If a community group can't change its rules to fit the requirements, it can ask the Scottish Ministers to make it a community transfer body by law. This is called being "designated".



Thank you!

- Will send slides and links to further info
- Please feel free to get in touch
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Community right to buy land

Allows communities throughout Scotland to apply to register an interest in privately owned **land and buildings**, and the opportunity to buy that land when it comes up for sale.

Extends community right to buy (Land Reform Act 2003) to **urban** as well as rural areas

Enables communities to purchase land and buildings **where the owner is not willing to sell** that land...

- where land is **abandoned, neglected** or **causing harm** to the environmental wellbeing of the community
- and for furthering sustainable development (separate legislation)

What is Participatory Budgeting and what does it look like?

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a process of democratic deliberation and decision-making, in which citizens decide how to allocate part of a municipal or public budget. Participatory budgeting allows citizens to identify, discuss, and prioritise public spending projects, and gives them the power to make real decisions about how money is spent.

In Scotland this looks like:

- **Small Grants PB** - Use of small pots of money/Grants for PB
- **Mainstreaming Participatory Budgeting** - The public decides where public money is spent through a fair and transparent process (including deliberation and voting)



SMALL GRANTS

Familiar process

Project ideas in line with funding topic

Usually overseen by a steering group

Groups apply

Voting event (marketplace, presentations, information events)

Community vote

Successful groups awarded

Process evaluated

NOTE:

Community Fund money within SBC could be used for small grants PB locally, or to apply for more support and training with PB processes

What is Participatory Budgeting?

Benefits and Key Features of PB

The PB Charter outlines the key principles underpinning PB as follows:

PB should be ...


- Fair and inclusive
- Participatory
- Deliberative
- Empowering
- Creative and flexible
- Transparent
- Part of our democracy

Participatory Budgeting Charter for Scotland

Making good PB happen



Evaluation in line with PB Charter



Participatory Budgeting Review

Background

How was the Review process carried out e.g. who was involved, where and when did they meet and what evidence was used to judge performance?

How good was our approach to Participatory Budgeting - what worked and what didn't? (score yourself on the 1 to 6 scale and comment)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Unsatisfactory	Weak	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent

Inclusion

How well did we involve the people and organisations that might want to participate in the PB process? For example, did we involve a wide range of participants whose interest might be affected by the PB budget/process?

Support

How good were we at identifying and overcoming any barriers to participation? For example, were actions taken to remove any barriers and support people to attend or be part of the discussions?

Planning

How clear were we about the purpose for the PB process? For example, was there a clear plan and theme for the funding? Was there enough time and resources to support the process and allow people to be involved?

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Working Together

How well did we work together to achieve the aims of the PB process? For example, were roles and responsibilities clear and understood for all those involved in planning the process? Did the methods of communication during the PB process meet the needs of all partners involved in planning the process?

Methods

How good were our PB methods? For example, did we use a variety of methods e.g. online participation, community pitches, community stalls etc to ensure that there were plenty of opportunities for deliberation? Did we obtain feedback on the method(s) to ensure that we are learning and adapting?




Communication

How well did we communicate with the people, organisations and communities involved in the PB process? For example, was information clear and accessible on the lead up to the PB process? Did we provide feedback to the community on their pitch? Did we highlight alternative funding options to those who missed out on funding? Did we advertise to the wider community those who were awarded funding?

Impact

How would we rate the immediate impact of the PB process and what has been learned to improve future PB processes? For example, is the community happy that it was a transparent and democratic process? Has PB improved relationships between community groups? How will we assess the long-term impact?

What key lessons have been learned and what will we do next?



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What could mainstream PB look like?

- **It's not new money!**
- **It will come from a specific budget – with targets and spend requirements to meet**
- **It will meet local priorities**
- **It may use a range of tools – mini-publics, citizens assemblies, digital tools, already identified community priorities (through Local Outcome Improvement Plans, community action plans etc) and voting**



What could mainstream PB look like?



Design Stages

Purpose, Scope, Strategic Design, Facilitation, Participation, Proposals & ideas, Decision-making, Impact

From the forthcoming Elected Members Briefing from COSLA & The Improvement Service

Example – Lands and Parks.

Budget of £50k, identified for play equipment within a village. Had to suit ages 5 – 12.

PB process – LA worked with the community to form a steering group to help identify local wishes, and decide on what equipment was needed through a range of local consultation exercises in the local nurseries, schools, community groups and at the park itself.

The community steering group decided to fundraise for additional money (tripled the budget) to meet their aspirations. They were able to use the ringfenced money as match funding. Then they identified 2 sets of equipment that met the brief and the community needs.

The whole community then voted on which option was best – with a high proportion of the community taking part.

Procurement for the LA contract meant they were tied to certain contractors for equipment, but their own fundraising gave them some leeway to use local companies for some of the other works needed.

The process evaluated well and people felt they had made a difference!

**What could
mainstream
PB look like?**

Any final questions?

Contact...

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Community Fund 2021/2022	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population)	£ 85,273.00
Plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget	£ 14,200.00
Total available	£ 99,473.00
Less:	
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021	£ 81,398.71
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 60,154.90
Sub-total	£ 141,553.61
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	-£ 42,080.61

Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ 5,000.00
Potential Overall Position	-£ 47,080.61

Build Back a Better Borders	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.)	£ 153,633.00
Total available	£ 153,633.00
Less:	
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021	£ 107,691.61
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 49,150.28
Sub-total	£ 156,841.89
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	-£ 3,208.89

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	-£ 3,208.89

Other sources of grant funding - Eildon			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 14,200.00	£ 10,700.00	£ 3,500.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,525.00	£ 8,725.00	£ 1,800.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 48,200.00	£ 38,460.00	£ 9,740.00
Common Good (Galashiels)	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Common Good (Lauder)	£ 10,500.00	£ 1,674.00	£ 8,826.00
Common Good (Selkirk)	£ 21,800.00	£ 9,000.00	£ 12,800.00
William Hill Trust	£ 15,000.00	£ 14,589.00	£ 411.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 3,047.22	£ 885.25	£ 2,161.97
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 9,501.52	£ 5,621.60	£ 3,879.92
Totals	£ 133,273.74	£ 89,654.85	£ 43,618.89

Summary of all applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	30/03/21	Community Fund	Oxton War Memorial Hall Committee	£ 30,000.00	Build new village hub	Awarded
2	19/04/21	Community Fund	Melrose Football Club	£ 1,500.00	Football kit upgrade	Awarded
3	29/04/21	Community Fund	Beyond Earlston	£ 12,460.00	BE Active' staff costs	Awarded
4	29/04/21	Community Fund	Selkirk Playpark	£ 571.25	Seesaw replacement	Awarded
5	31/05/21	Community Fund	Melrose Rugby Football Club	£ 4,000.00	Consultant Fees	Awarded
6	03/06/21	Community Fund	Galashiels Academy Pupil Council	£ 4,458.54	Videography equipment	Awarded
7	12/07/21	Community Fund	Newstead Village Community Trust	£ 900.00	Land valuation - village green	Awarded
8	28/07/21	Community Fund	Bird Gardens Scotland	£ 3,564.00	10 x picnic tables	Awarded
9	27/08/21	Community Fund	St Mary's Loch Sailing Club	£ 15,000.00	Boat and trailer	Awarded
10	17/09/21	Community Fund	Melrose & District Community Council	£ 1,500.00	Christmas lights	Awarded
11	18/09/21	Community Fund	Selkirk Silver Band	£ 2,198.44	Digitalisation of sheet music	Awarded
12	27/09/21	Community Fund	Lilliesleaf Community Development Ltd	£ 1,500.00	Village green development	Awarded
13	29/09/21	Community Fund	Trustees of Bowden Common	£ 896.48	Replacement shed doors & football nets	Awarded
14	11/10/21	Community Fund	Oxton & Ch'kirk Community Council	£ 1,400.00	Tractor repair	Awarded
15	27/10/21	Community Fund	Scott's Selkirk	£ 5,000.00	10 x gazebos	Assessed
16	26/11/21	Community Fund	Energise Gala	£ 1,450.00	Electric bike	Awarded
17	09/12/21	Community Fund	PND Borders	£ 15,000.00	Post natal depression - salary costs	Assessed
18	11/10/21	Community Fund	Lauder Primary School Parent Council	£ 4,960.40	Replacement books & bus hire/travel	Assessed
19	07/01/22	Community Fund	The Lavender Touch	£ 6,800.00	Shop/hub refurbishment	Assessed
20	07/01/22	Community Fund	Brighter Blainslie	£ 4,598.12	Green space in Blainslie	Assessed
21	10/01/22	Community Fund	St Peter's Parent Council	£ 2,718.00	Breakfast club salaries & materials	Assessed
22	11/01/22	Community Fund	Borders Talking Newspapers	£ 4,000.00	Running costs of BTN	Assessed
23	11/01/22	Community Fund	Tweedbank Guides	£ 15,000.00	Trips, travel expenses, event & clothing	Assessed
24	17/01/22	Community Fund	Friends of Yarrow	£ 2,078.38	Fencing off path for Yarrow schoolkids	Assessed
25	23/01/22	Community Fund	Survivors Unite	£ 5,000.00	Admin costs, IT equipment & new venues	Assessing
26	11/06/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Scout Group	£ 10,921.13	Equipment & membership increase	Awarded
27	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Staff costs - Volunteer Coordinator	Awarded
28	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	Currie Memorial Hall	£ 1,483.20	Reinstate events (purchase equipment)	Awarded
29	27/07/21	BBBB Fund	Selkirk Baptist Church	£ 6,796.97	Community garden	Awarded
30	30/08/21	BBBB Fund	Stow Community Trust	£ 15,000.00	Cycle Hub Coordinator salary & training	Awarded
31	14/09/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Bowling Club	£ 9,828.00	Lawnmower for Bowling Green	Awarded
32	16/09/21	BBBB Fund	The Abbotsford Trust	£ 15,000.00	Mental health pilot project	Awarded
33	14/10/21	BBBB Fund	Ettrick Forest Archers	£ 6,700.00	Archery equipment & training costs	Awarded
34	18/10/21	BBBB Fund	TD1 Youth Hub	£ 12,384.00	Staff costs, free activities, vehicle hire	Awarded
35	21/10/21	BBBB Fund	Selkirk Rotary	£ 4,500.00	Celebrating Selkirk project	Awarded
36	25/10/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Waverley Tennis Club	£ 8,163.00	Hitting wall & kids coaching sessions	Awarded
37	26/10/21	BBBB Fund	Gala Rugby	£ 3,600.00	Officer salary costs, equipment & travel	Awarded
38	27/10/21	BBBB Fund	Newstead Village Community Trust	£ 12,382.00	Consultation and delivery of CAP & BP	Awarded
39	04/11/21	BBBB Fund	Green Stow	£ 450.00	COP26 weekend events	Awarded
40	25/11/21	BBBB Fund	Go Wild Scotland	£ 4,883.00	Nature trail	Assessed
41	26/11/21	BBBB Fund	Riddell Fiddles	£ 2,160.00	Bannerfield Buskers Woodland Composition	Assessed
42	02/12/21	BBBB Fund	Borders Disability Sport	£ 8,590.16	Venue hire, coaching & equipment	Assessed
43	09/12/21	BBBB Fund	Roxburgh Reivers	£ 5,265.22	Specialist maps, equipment & printing	Assessed
44	10/01/22	BBBB Fund	Abbotsford Bowling Club	£ 15,000.00	Clubhouse refurb & free activities	Assessed
45	14/01/22	BBBB Fund	Cafe Recharge	£ 8,070.00	Salary costs, laptop & food hygiene training	Assessed
46	19/01/22	BBBB Fund	Lauder Volleyball Club (Fast Track)	£ 1,440.18	Hall hire, equipment & installation	Assessed
47	20/01/22	BBBB Fund	Transform Arts CIC	£ 3,762.00	Art events - staff & venue costs & materials	Assessed
Total				£ 303,517.47		

Tweeddale Community Fund – Assessment panel recommendations Jan 11th 2022

Project	Request	Summary	Panel Recommendation
Peebles Burgh Silver Band	Revised £3,640	Update image with branded polo shirts and hoodies locally sourced. Offer free tuition – 1 year funding	YES
Peebles CAN	Revised app £4,500	<p>Revised application for a specific project submitted: Growing herbs sustainably. Request costs for materials and salary for a one year project.</p> <p>More detail required for decision: Size of plot? What herbs will be grown? How will volunteers be trained in use of herbs? How will success be measured? How are salary costs made up? Statement on commitment to restructuring trustee strategy to include management costs in future funding applications?</p> <p>Based on receipt of this detail, a decision on recommendation can be made.</p>	Defer – to encourage Peebles CAN to work with Communities and Partnership team to bring revised application for following meeting in March.
Food Bank van	£6,250	<p>This application well received, but</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) There are concerns over the large monetary reserves which will be under threat as demand increases. Recommend setting up a discretionary fund for running costs of the van; (ii) Is purchase is the best option? Recommend cost analysis to compare purchase vs lease of a diesel and an electric vehicle. Perhaps request advice from SBC transport managers; (iii) How will van use will be monitored to ensure not used for private purposes, to ensure fully utilised / shared with other group. Recommend monitoring system. <p>Based on these caveats. The panel approves in principle and recommends £5,000 towards either the first year’s leasing, or the cost of purchase.</p>	YES
Craft Box	Revised to £5,000	<p>Live Borders Peebles Community Centre. Application for materials, tuition fees and expenses to run 45 classes for 60 elderly/vulnerable adults.</p> <p>The panel recommends approval but requires confirmation of number of classes and target number of participants against which the actual numbers are recorded for the end of year report.</p>	YES
PHS PB	£4,000	Develop student voice and life skills through dealing with applications for school projects managed by Student Parliament.	YES

		The panel recommends approval on the proviso that projects do not cover areas where SBC estates has responsibility and that there is a good set of reports available at the end of the year.	
Innerleithen Tennis Club	£7,500	Part of £60,000 project for construction of 2 mini courts and practice wall for juniors to be built by professionals. Further information was provided on the value of mini courts to release main courts for adults and the value of a practice wall for older children to practice ground strokes.	yes
Tweeddale Rideability Group	£6,300	To purchase a horse so that the group can offer additional sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of purchasing horses has increased since pre Covid times • Offer a valuable service to young people in Tweeddale <p>The project offers a valuable experience to individuals who have physical or learning difficulties. These individuals have been severely impacted by Covid and will benefit from the service that this project will provide.</p> <p>The panel recommends to fund and would like to know within a 12 month period the number of participants that have benefitted from the new horse.</p>	YES

Tweeddale Community Fund Budget **£57,843.50**

Grants Awarded £16,996.90

Actual Budget Remaining **£40,846.60**

Active £37,190.00

Applied £-

Potential Budget Remaining £3,656.60

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1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Go Wild Scotland					
Organisation structure	Community Interest Company – SC678643					
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-19					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	01 December 2021			Project end date	01 February 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£ 5,284.18
Current bank balance	£ 4,993.08
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£ 243.18
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£4,750</p> <p>£4,750 raised from commercial research work for the Southern Upland Partnership is ring-fenced for staff payments in relation to that work, paid in line with the living wage of £9.50 an hour. (No payments for work done have been made to leave funds available for developing the project). A further £243.18 raised through donations and commercial activity including merchandise sales is currently available for use on the Mauldsheugh Wood Community Wildlife Project.</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

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Comment:

Go Wild Scotland (GWS) want to create a digital and physical nature trail for use by local youth groups (they already work with Philiphaugh School, Selkirk Early Years Centre, Brownies and Beavers) and to use it as a demonstration project for other community groups in the Borders. They have already sourced the physical nature trail elements, using timber from a donated tree and educational materials

GWS have also created and successfully tested a template for an interactive digital trail using QR codes to work with smart phones – they require funding to cover the cost of building the digital trail on a dedicated section of the **gowildscotland.com** website and to develop the physical trail.

Go wild are seeking funding to cover;

- Labour costs to create trail
- Illustration and map of newly created trail
- QR code metal plates

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The Mauldsheugh Wood Community Wildlife Project has already run events for children and parents from Philiphaugh School and Selkirk Early Years Centre. GWS also work with local youth groups including the Beavers, Brownies, Rowlands and the Scouts.

The Group plan to stage regular events centred on the nature trail - the digital aspect allows them to quickly create additional content, it could function as a trail for an Easter egg hunt, a butterfly spotting morning, a spring watch event, or bird identification trail. As the digital platform does not rely on everything in physical form it is relatively easy to swap in and out different customised trails. The hope to organise at least one community event per week, but are aiming to hold more to accommodate individual group requirements. GWS can also use the digital platform to provide customised trails for groups with specific needs - so they can tailor a trail to wheelchair users, for example.

Other community groups are also expressing interest and footfall in the wood has increased significantly as GWS have added more elements to the project. The group have received positive feedback in response to their social media channels, of which they have over 500 followers. Through these channels the group post trail camera footage and other photography of the wildlife that inhabits and passes through the woods. During lockdown the video feeds in particular proved very popular with people unable to leave their homes and who wanted to connect with the outside world.

The initiative aims to benefit everyone in the community and provide a safe and interesting outdoor space.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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Comment:

The digital nature trail will provide a new community resource building on the existing infrastructure, allowing families and youth groups to access the physical and digital resources in the wood and for those unable to visit, to enjoy greater remote access to nature.

Access to nature has been shown to play a significant role in boosting the mental wellbeing of communities most affected by Covid-19. The half mile circular trail will take in the forest school, bird hide and nature pond. Rubbing plaques featuring wildlife found in the wood will be attached to tree stumps and seating, along with magnifying glasses to view small items found in the wood. The digital trail will use QR codes printed on metal discs to link to GWS's website to provide information about the wildlife that can be seen at each location; trail camera videos; clips of birdsong and other identification aids; and location and direction information.

The Group intend to document requests for customised trails and attendance at their regular events, which would give a minimum use figure. They expect these events to be quite popular with young parents during the week once they have improved the paths, which is hopefully on course for this summer.

The Group also have a young ranger starting through the Kickstarter scheme and it is hoped that he should be able to provide insights into path usage.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£5,425.25
10% organisation contribution	£542.25
Request to BBBB	£4,883.00

Item of expenditure	Cost
Labour –create physical & digital nature trail – 30 day @ £100 per day	£3,000.00
Purchase QR code metal plates	£225.25
Finger sign posts – cost of wood/manufacture – Selkirk Community Shed	£400.00
Photography/web hosting – use of Go Wild Scotland copyright material & domain - donated	£0
Illustration of nature trail map and website pages	£1,800.00

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
		£
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		£
SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund	
Comments	<p>The application scores high/medium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project will provide access to the woodland both physically & digitally • Access to outdoor space has shown to be a positive benefit to individuals wellbeing • The project aims to provide education elements to the trail 	
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>If successful we would expect the group to report on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of individuals that access the digital trail • Where possible, the number of individuals that access the newly created trail • Anecdotal feedback as to the benefits of the new trail 	

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1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Riddell Fiddles					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-20					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	1 st Jan 2022			Project end date	30 th April 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£ 9,436
Current bank balance	£ 6,963
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£ 220
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£6,743</p> <p>Riddell Fiddles is committed to running a Neurodiverse Band (for young adults with learning disabilities) as well as the mixed age main group workshops on Tuesday nights, two youth bands in Bannerfield and Burnfoot Housing Estates in Selkirk and Hawick respectively as well as a starter group for isolated adults and a multi age ceilidh band.</p> <p>These bands are offered free (to youth groups) or for a minimal subscription. Fundraising/donations have, in the past, made up the shortfall. Riddle Fiddles ability to raise funds has been severely impacted by Covid-19 so the group are using reserves for delivery of activities.</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

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Comment:

Riddell Fiddles would like to engage young people who come to Bannerfield Buskers along with encouraging new members to make a soundscape of a local woodland .

The group wish to work in partnership with Mauldsheugh Community Woodland CIC which lies within the Bannerfield Estate boundary. It is anticipated that new starts (recruited from P4/5 to this free group) would benefit from a creative approach to music making. Gethin Chamberlain from Mauldsheugh Community Woodland CIC is supportive and enthusiastic about a musical composition, the finished composition would be performed in the woodland itself to an audience from Bannerfield estate and elsewhere with plans for a recording to be placed on the Mauldsheugh Wood website.

The funding will provide - recording/mixing by a specialist producer; two music tutors for fiddle/guitar; woodland guide walk staff; transform Art workshop and venue costs for the workshops.

The band’s fundraising potential which had worked well since the group’s inception in 2003 completely stopped due to Covid. The group have managed through grants and use of reserve funds to keep going throughout the pandemic. The use of online workshops, videos, outdoor gazebo bands, outside gate tuning sessions, production of tune books to help in lockdown, purchase of children’s fiddle tutor books, town square performances with whole groups when allowed, as well as tuition videos on the group’s ever popular website ‘www.riddellfiddles.scot,’ all kept things going.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

During the Autumn term 2021, Riddell Fiddles sought feedback from young people in relation to the impact the Pandemic was having on them. One of their members stated that ‘they had to undertake their music exam online, and cried all the way through the exam.’ Riddell Fiddles note that young people have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic, and those in areas of economic poverty, such as Bannerfield, who also have poor digital connectivity which has stopped them engaging in music.

These are the young people who Riddell Fiddles are targeting. Health and wellbeing will be substantially improved by the process of active music making within a supportive group setting. The group suggest that learning an instrument helps focus concentration. A local planned project such as the 'Natural Soundscape' fosters cohesion, creativity, interest and will allow woodland visits and guided tours, working with a visiting artist and the Riddell Fiddles tutors to create a musical and visual result. It is hoped that the respect for nature gained will transform to responsible stewardship of these local areas as the young folk grow older.

Bannerfield Busters meet weekly and due to Covid numbers have dropped to approx. 9 pupils. Riddell Fiddles hope to engage 20 young people from (p4/5) to attend the new ‘ecomusic’ project.

The promotion will include a poster designed by young people, as well as engaging with school staff.

The guided woodlands walks would be staggered to meet with current Government Guidelines.

Audience numbers for the woodland soundscape would involve most of the local community and be extensively promoted in the local press with invited local council representatives and the local MP/MSPs. Online viewing of the recording is expected to reach high numbers.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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Comment:

Riddell Fiddles works at creating and engaging in projects to support young people, through the difficult task of learning an instrument and performing with others. The group plans to work with local bodies to extol the extraordinary natural beauty on their doorstep, not to mention opening the creative pulse that lies within all of us and is often particularly strong in the young. With a new recruitment drive beginning in Philliphaugh School, aimed at primary 4/5 pupils the New Year is the ideal time to start the woodland soundscape. Learning to listen to sounds and appreciating the natural world at a local woodland builds up focus, learning allows the building up of a creative outlook on a perplexing world. This creative approach will be of enormous benefit in applying natural sounds and rhythm to the learning of an instrument. Learning any instrument requires application and introducing a project which allows creativity and listening makes the task so much more engaging. Transferring the musical sounds heard to an instrument with the scope for an artistic presentation, allows all areas of the brain to be actively involved in a wholesome all round project. This can only be of benefit in all areas of the more formal school curriculum as these skills are transferable.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£2,400
10% organisation contribution	£240
Request to BBBB	£2,160

Item of expenditure	Cost
Recording /Mixing/Audio/Mastering - specialist producer (local)	£500
Music Tutor on Fiddle/Guitar with 2 tutors @ £35 each for 10 sessions	£700
Woodland Guided Walk Staff @ £100 a visit x 5	£500
Transform Arts CIC Art Workshop @ £150 per w/s x 3	£450
Venue Costs for Music & Arts Workshops x 10 @ £25 a session	£250

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
16/11/21	Burnfoot Music group	£6,100
April 2021	Tasgadh Neurodiverse Band	£800
Sept 2020	Lottery Grant	£6,600
Aug 2020	Covid recovery	£6,945
Mar 2020	Bannerfield Buskers REMT	£6,000

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	<p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application has been assessed as high/medium as the intention is to increase the number of opportunities for children to be involved in a group activity and learn something new. Riddell Fiddles have referenced examples of support for the project and the positive impact they were having in the community before the pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group also support young people within the protected characteristics • The project will support those isolated as a result of Covid • Application demonstrates positive partnership working
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>If successful, the applicant will be asked to report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of young people and volunteers participating in the programme • The number of sessions delivered within the local community • Feedback from participants, parents, community members on what impact the programme has had

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1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Borders Disability Sport					
Organisation structure	Constituted group					
Application reference	BBBB/EIL/21					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	February 2022			Project end date	July 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£ 20,595.58
Current bank balance	£ 20,066.21
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£ 10,894.21
	<p>These funds are to be utilised for already established programmes and associated running costs with the group such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - entry fees for participants with a disability to compete in local and nation events - travel expenses for volunteers - disability inclusion workshops - training camps and access to development squads - to buy new equipment for current programmes - equipment maintenance - annual outgoings (accountant charges, marketing, registration fees etc.) - to cover any unforeseen shortfalls <p>£1,000 of unrestricted funds will be put towards this BBBB Recovery Fund project (exceeding the mandatory 10% contribution)</p>
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£9,172.00
	<p>£6,000.00 – development of disability swimming initiative (not associated with BBBB application)</p> <p>£3,172.00 – Small Grants Scheme Pot</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community.		
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<p>Borders Disability Sport (BDS) wish to provide individuals with the opportunity to take part in various sporting activities and to allow them the chance to experience the positive impact of taking part in such activities can have on them both physically and socially.</p> <p>The group plans to implement and deliver a new sporting opportunities programme with sessions taking place in Tweedbank & Galashiels throughout the whole year. This will give participants the chance to try new sports, meet new people and share the experience with their family, friends and care providers. These sessions will be open to all ages and abilities within an inclusive and supportive environment.</p> <p>As part of the new sessions, disability cycling will be on offer to participants. The group currently has a fleet of disability trikes but would like to add two more in order to have a full range of sizes. The current fleet of disability trikes are stored at Live Borders offices and are owned by Kelso Sports Hub. These are currently not being utilised due to transportation and storage barriers and are only used for taster sessions, “come and try” sessions or disability camps. BDS has direct approval from the Chair of Kelso Sport Hub to use these bikes as part of this new format of multi-sport weekly activity for individuals with a disability. The current fleet consists of 5 trikes, all being suitable from aged 11 onwards, but it has become apparent through delivering sporting camps and taster sessions (in partnership with Borders Additional Needs Group) that there is a demand to purchase the two trikes to enable younger children to access cycling. The BBBB project that BDS wish to deliver will allow the trikes to be actively stored at Tweedbank Sports Complex and be accessible for the sporting sessions on a weekly basis. This will ensure that participants can recreationally cycle or try cycling and gain self-confidence while under instruction. This is a brand-new initiative which will give participants the opportunity to try out new sports including cycling and will break down any potential barriers that exist currently.</p> <p>A variety of helmet sizes will be purchased so that participants are safe while on the bikes.</p> <p>As these sessions are specifically for individuals who have a disability, BDS will be looking to purchase equipment which cater for their needs, especially those participants with autism. This equipment includes a sensory tent, battery powered sensory lamp and sensory stress balls.</p> <p>The original plan for BDS was to purchase a 6 metre storage container to be able to securely store the equipment within the grounds of Tweedbank Sports Complex. Unfortunately, planning permission was required and was unable to be sought in time for the February Area Partnership meeting. Therefore, in the short term, the group will store all equipment in the pre-existing secure shed located within the Sports Complex as per on-going agreements that are in place with Live Borders.</p> <p>BDS is also looking to expand its current disability swimming initiative, with the plan to implement a developmental aspect onto its already established performance programme. This will allow participants with a disability across the Eildon area to have access to swimming opportunities in an inclusive environment where they can develop their swimming skills as well as sharing a positive experience with their peers. Swimmers within the “Barracudas Squad” will have the possibility to compete at local and national events to be recognised for their swimming achievements.</p> <p>BDS is currently working in partnership with a local archery community club who have agreed to work with them to deliver archery sessions as part of the multi-sport project. This is a brand new initiative for BDS and therefore equipment that meets the appropriate safety criteria for children is required to be purchased.</p>		

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Taking part in sporting activity is an integral part of the daily routine for the group's participants who have a disability and it is where individuals can come together in a positive, safe and controlled environment to socially interact and practice their sporting skills.</p> <p>COVID-19 created a sense of loneliness for those who have a disability, whether that be through their regular established routines being broken, loss of social interaction with friends and family, unable to access opportunities due to lack of support or due to a lack of understanding for some. Evidence shows that those who have a disability were 17 times harder hit throughout the pandemic, their physical and mental health was impacted, confidence lost, and community engagement affected. The BDS Development Officer has had numerous conversations with participants, parents, family members & carers about how difficult the pandemic has been, and the ongoing hardship being fought each day. On return to sport after lockdown, the group's current established programmes were at full capacity, participants couldn't wait to get back into routine, see their friends again and play a sport they love. One care provider mentioning 'our service users were the happiest they had been in months coming back to the session today, it's great to see' & another parent saying 'getting back into the pool and being with his friends was just what he needed'.</p>		

Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>By re-commencing its programmes, BDS will encourage positivity, sociability and encourage participants' engagement within the community and show them the benefits these programmes can have. Currently the programmes will require to adhere to current Government COVID-19 restrictions, but the group hope that its disability sessions will be able to accommodate 34 participants on a weekly basis.</p> <p>When BDS delivers its holiday camps with BANG, there are around 50 participants in attendance. The group will establish a booking system for the new programme to ensure the maximisation of each session and will develop a waiting list if the programme becomes oversubscribed.</p> <p>There has always been a demand for sporting opportunities due to them not always being readily available/ the structure of mainstream programmes doesn't always suit the needs of an athlete with a disability. Since COVID-19 and the impact it has had on people with a disability the need for sporting opportunities within a controlled, safe environment is more than ever to help overcome anxieties associated with accessing sport.</p> <p>The group view this as an ideal opportunity to not only bring people back to sport but to gradually introduce the interaction between coaches, participants, parents and other individuals as this is something which will have been missed during lockdown.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£7,544.97
10% organisation contribution	£1,000.00
Request to BBBB	£6,544.97

Item of expenditure	Cost	Notes
Pool hire @ £80 per session x 26 weeks	£2,080.00	Split between Galashiels & Selkirk pools, dependant on availability.
Venue hire @ £55.30 per session x 26 weeks	£1,437.80	Split between Queens Centre (Galashiels) and Tweedbank Sports Complex
2 x Coaching costs: 1.5hrs @ £15.93 x 26 weeks	£1,242.54	This covers the cost of 2 coaches, 1.5 hours per week each. This would cover all sports that are delivered.
2 x Disability trikes	£1,278.00	
3 x Archery sets	£119.97	
3 x Archery bows (twin pack)	£17.97	
3 x Junior archery bow	£44.97	
2 x Archery target	£49.98	
2 x Archery quiver	£13.98	
3 x Archery safety armguard	£14.97	
2 x Archery storage bag	£35.98	
Cycling helmets	£209.93	
Athletics Racing Wheelchair XL	£882.00	
Autism Sensory Tent	£79.90	
Autism Battery powered Sensory Lamp	£18.99	
Sensory stress balls	£17.99	
Total Project Cost	£7,544.97	

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB Recovery Fund.
Comments	<p>The application scores medium/high.</p> <p>The group has strong plans in place to deliver robust programmes across a variety of sports that will encourage individuals to get back into sport and into a routine. BDS has a proven track record of delivering well-attended sessions and funding from the BBBB Recovery Fund would allow the group to deliver further sessions, significantly benefitting individuals (both mentally and physically) who have a disability.</p> <p>Officer recommendation is to fund the project.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow all Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance.
Evaluative measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from parents/carers & coaches as to the success of the project on participants' mental and physical health • Feedback from participants • Photographs of participants taking part in sessions (if appropriate) • Attendance statistics from different sessions across the six months

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Assessment Form

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High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Roxburgh Reivers Orienteering Club					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-22					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	February 22			Project end date	August 22	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£ 4,714
Current bank balance	£ 4,730
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£ 4,730
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£150

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

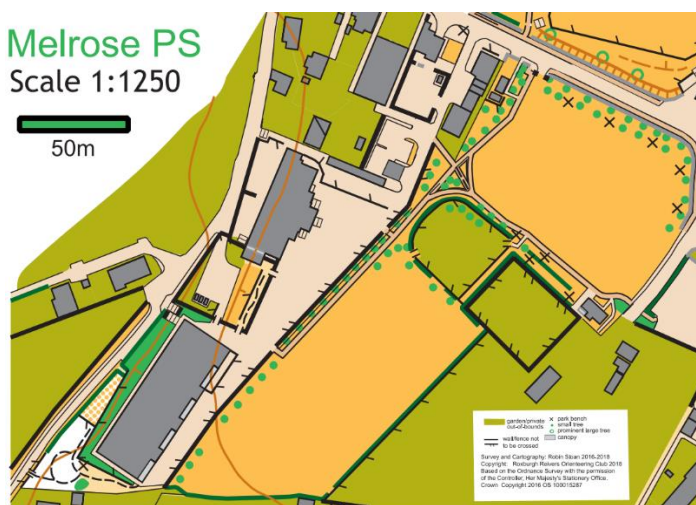
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<p>Comment:</p> <p>The group wish to provide a package of 21 specialist maps and equipment to enable the introduction and development of orienteering among targeted groups in the Eildon locality.</p>		

The group are aiming to promote and raise awareness of orienteering's benefits on physical and mental welfare by targeting young people in the Earlston High School catchment area, with this first tranche of five maps covering the High School campus, Earlston Primary School, Lauder Primary School (with part of the village), Newtown St Boswells Primary School (with part of the village), and Channelkirk Primary School (with part of Oxtou)

The group are looking for funding for;

- Specialist maps within the 5 areas listed above
- Equipment package and initial print run of maps

Orienteering maps are generally more detailed than the most common OS maps. Urban areas need to be more detailed and so will detail individual trees, street furniture as well as boundaries (crossable/uncrossable fences). An example map can be seen below.



The group wish to purchase maps that are familiar to the young people, families and teachers that they wish to engage with. The maps will be easily accessible for those in the community that wish to use them for orienteering and will also be safer to use for all those learning new skills.

Orienteering is a mixture of old and new technology, while the need for basic map reading and skills is still important there is now more reliance on technology which also adds an additional fun element to the activity. For example, instead of using pin punches to show you've visited each control site on a course, you have a "dibber" containing a chip which records what you've done; when the dibber is downloaded at the end of your course, you get an instant readout of your performance stage by stage over the whole course. This inevitably leads to comparing notes with others and discussing better ways of doing things. The last time the group ran an event with young people from Scouts they found that they were constantly approached by the young people to do the activity again, so that they could beat their times.

The equipment package specified within the application is designed to provide a self-sufficient orienteering kit for a class (or other group) of up to 30 working in pairs. It will enable a long-term programme of orienteering development to take place at its own pace and in a variety of locations without having to rely on using the club's existing equipment. Training newcomers in its use can be provided via the club, along with a recognised Introduction to Orienteering course. The hope is that with the investment in this equipment, schools or small groups, supported by experienced orienteers can put on put on small-scale demonstration or learning activities.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The group aim to target activity at the Earlston High School catchment area. While if successful the resources would also be available to the wider community. The project is planned on a High School catchment basis, to draw in Primary and High School pupils, teachers and parents. Other community based groups (ie Scouts and running clubs) will also be involved, building on existing links and developing new relationships.</p> <p>The group are keen to work closely with the school cluster to best implement orienteering within and outwith the school day. The group have held positive conversation with the Cluster Head teacher group, who are keen to involve orienteering as part of a P7 transition programme. The group have held positive conversations with the local Community Learning and Development worker who would be keen to engage the young people that he works with within the project.</p> <p>Orienteering offers a different experience to some of the more traditional team-based sports and can appeal to those who might not usually take part in them. It can help individuals to develop new skills in a supportive environment and lead to an increase in self-confidence and greater enjoyment of physical activity. While the initial focus is on younger people and those most involved with them, by concentrating our development work in specific localities we hope to raise awareness of the sport more generally across the community with resultant inter-generational inclusion.</p> <p>Pupil participation should lead to teachers and parents at least becoming more aware of what orienteering can offer and give the club the chance to involve others in the community across all age groups, whether they see it as a sport, just a chance to try something different or becoming involved as a volunteer.</p>		

Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The project will have a positive impact on those that participate and also to the wider community.</p> <p>The project will help to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of and encourage participation in a sport which encourages physical activity outdoors; • Lead to an appreciation of the environment and new areas available for recreation; • Develop individual skills which can help to increase self-confidence, perhaps especially for some of those who don't identify readily with team-based sports; 		

- Let younger people learn from and interact with a new group of coaches and helpers outside a classroom setting, across other groups in the community and across generations;
- Encourage community-building by bringing new volunteering opportunities across all age groups and from a variety of existing social groups.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£5,850.24
10% organisation contribution	£585.02
Request to BBBB	£5,265.22

Item of expenditure	Cost
specialist mapping of 5 areas	£2340.00
Equipment package and initial print run of maps	£3262.45
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	£
	£

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	<p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application scores high/medium as it is a new activity within the Earlston High School Cluster area.</p> <p>It will provide activities for individuals that don't/aren't interested in participating in team sports</p> <p>The group haven't yet confirmed what groups that the project will run with but have demonstrated that they are engaged in discussions with the local schools and relevant partners who have expressed their interest and enthusiasm in being involved in the project.</p> <p>This initial investment will act as an enabler and allow the groups to build on their plans to engage with wider</p>

	community members and imbed orienteering within the local community
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we would look for the group to feedback on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of young people that have participated in orienteering over the Earlston High School cluster • The number of sessions that have been provided using the equipment

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Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Abbotsford Bowling Club					
Organisation structure	Constituted Sports Club					
Application reference	BBBB/EIL/23					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	February 2022			Project end date	August 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£25,447.28
Current bank balance	£25,403.69
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£25,403.69 Abbotsford Bowling Club Committee have noted that they wish to keep a contingency fund of £25,000 at all times. This is also detailed in the analytical review notes of the club's most recent annual accounts (December 2020).
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£0.00

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community.		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Abbotsford Bowling Club (ABC) are applying to cover the costs of refurbishing the clubhouse. The club also wishes to deliver a two-phase project that benefits both the elderly people and young people in the surrounding community.</p> <p>In an effort to help the community of Tweed Road and surrounding area recover from the isolating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Abbotsford Bowling Club is looking at positive ways it can help, by opening its doors and offering activities to residents in the local area. The aim is to help people socialise with others, take part in activities that will bring people together in a safe and controlled environment and help the community to recover and move on from these challenging times of the pandemic.</p> <p>The main focus of the first phase of this project, from February to April 2022, is to engage with the elderly in the locality by offering to hold social events and activities to help them recover from the pandemic. These would include bingo nights, big screen movie showings, morning/afternoon tea and coffee and scones, and gentle exercise classes. All except the exercise classes would be provided for free. The exercise classes will be held by qualified tutors and the cost of the classes will be covered by charging those who attend. The club identified the need for the exercise classes via a survey of local residents (detailed further in the next section).</p> <p>The second phase, in the spring and summer of 2022, will be to engage with St Peter's Primary School to encourage children of primary school age to take part in lawn bowls. The club hopes to facilitate intergenerational events and activities in 2022 that will bring these two groups together.</p> <p>To help progress this initiative and bring the facilities up to standard, the clubrooms at ABC are in need of substantial upgrading and renovation. Specifically, the carpet and the seating booths in the clubhouse are in need of repair and replacement. The seating is torn and split in several areas, and the carpet is 30 years old and has heavy signs of wear and may present trip hazards. A new carpet would also make any floor exercises more comfortable for the groups of elderly residents they are seeking to help.</p> <p>In addition, the club is keen to replace the tables we have in the seating area, as they are also showing signs of wear, with loose laminate edges and legs that are not suitable for access for those with limited mobility. ABC wish to replace the four-legged tables with pedestal type tables to improve access. The club carried out a survey which was sent to 60 households of which 23 were completed and returned. 80% of respondents indicated they would like a space to socialise over teas and coffees at the club. The upgrade of the seating and tables will allow for these activities, as well as providing a space for those attending exercise classes to socialise and relax after the activity.</p> <p>The club is also looking to install blackout blinds in the windows of the clubhouse for the showing of movies on the big screen. This will allow the showing of movies during daylight hours, a much preferred time for the groups the club is looking to provide for.</p> <p>Abbotsford Bowling Club are of the view that in order to provide the activities and support aforementioned, the club facilities would need the significant refurbishment detailed above to create a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment for those it intends to support. The club would not be happy to hold these activities with the clubhouse in its current state.</p>		

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Phase one of the project will benefit the elderly in the local community. In particular, the retirement communities of Lucy Sanderson Cottages and Kingsknowes Village. These communities have been adversely affected by the isolation brought about by the pandemic. ABC's project will help those affected in the community to combat the sense of isolation felt by many in this group.

Furthermore, the gentle exercise sessions will also help keep residents active, fit and healthy, thus helping to fill the gap in support and social care needed by so many in this group.

Both the communities at Lucy Sanderson Cottages and Kingsknowes Village have been surveyed regarding the planned activities at Abbotsford Bowling Club. In summary, 38% of surveys were returned, with 87% replying positively that they would take part in some or all of the activities offered. In addition, residents who answered the door when the surveys were collected were very grateful for the efforts of the bowling club, many of whom stated their strong sense of isolation caused by the pandemic.

Phase two of the project will benefit the pupils of the local primary school, with activities planned to encourage the children to take part in outdoor lawn bowls at the club. As well as improving access to sporting activities, this initiative will also have a positive effect on the health and wellbeing of the primary school children. Engaging the primary school pupils in bowls activities will also help to build intergenerational links in the local community. The club is currently unable to fund phase two without funding support and will be looking towards to the SBC Community Fund (in the new financial year) and the ClubSport Ettrick & Lauderdale Fund. The applications to these funds would be for disabled access and toilets for the club, along with new equipment for the coaching sessions for the Primary School children. The club will also be seeking assistance from Bowls Scotland and their development officers to assist with events and equipment to help engage the pupils at St. Peter's Primary School. The primary school children would benefit from the new carpet when playing indoor carpet bowls. The new seating could also be used as a changing area for the children when attending to play outdoor green bowls. This prevents the children having to use the adult changing room.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Retired/elderly community:

1. Increased engagement and socialisation with others in the local community
2. Positive impact on physical and mental health
3. Increased engagement with younger generations

Primary School children:

1. Access to outdoor sport of lawn bowls
2. Positive impact on physical and mental health
3. Increased engagement with older generations

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£16,821.92
10% organisation contribution	£1,821.92
Request to BBBB	£15,000.00

Item of expenditure	Cost	Notes
New carpeting in clubhouse	£4,300.00	
Re-upholstering of seating areas	£11,215.00	
Renewal of tables (8 x £119.99)	£959.92	
Window blinds	£347.00	
Total Project Cost	£16,821.92	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount	Notes
11/04/2020 – 24/12/2020	Scottish Government	£14,450.00	For running costs of the club - annual green fees and green keepers wages, gas, electric, water rates, irrigation system, telephone, alarm and CCTV systems, general upkeep of gardens and buildings. Reopening and setting up costs after COVID-19, two deep cleans, extra cleaning materials, hand wash, hand gel, wipes, tape & signage.
01/01/2021 – 06/07/2021	Scottish Government	£21,450.00	

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application for refurbishment meets the criteria of the BBBB Recovery Fund.
Comments	<p>The application scores medium.</p> <p>The application is solely for the refurbishment of the clubhouse and Abbotsford Bowling Club has demonstrated multiple examples of how it plans to help its local community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst there are free activities planned for the community, the exercise classes will not be free of charge. Phase 2 will provide a significant benefit to local school children but the club are unable to fund this without further financial support.</p> <p>The application is scored medium because it is for the full amount of £15,000 but the club are unable to deliver the free sessions in full at this time. The application would score higher if the club was able to demonstrate that the funding applied for could be used to directly fund the primary school activities and exercise sessions to ensure free entry for all.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow all Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance.
Evaluative measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from retired/elderly as to the importance of the events on their mental and physical health and wellbeing • Anecdotal feedback from school pupils in regards to trying lawn bowls • Feedback from club visitors in regards to the improvement of the clubhouse

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High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details:

Organisation name	Café ReCharge				
Organisation structure	CIC				
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-25				
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	February	Project end date			June

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£18,120
Current bank balance	£19,308
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£6,050 To cover existing staff member salary and other miscellaneous kitchen equipment that is required
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£13,258 First Port Funding - Wages and Utilities: £10,462 SBC Community Fund - £296 Kickstart Training £2500

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Café ReCharge are seeking BBBB funding to employ a paid Volunteer Co-ordinator/Cafe Supervisor for 30hrs/week @26 week at £10p/h. The group are also looking for funding to cover food hygiene course for 20 volunteers.</p> <p>The volunteer co-ordinator will play a key role in recruiting and training volunteers, managing volunteer time and co-ordinating daily work rota within the kitchen and front of house and to include the co-ordination of the food collections from retailers. Café ReCharge have received a number of volunteering requests, but due to lack of dedicated time they are unable to meet this demand currently.</p> <p>This post will also require the successful applicant to supervise the front of house during busy times, allowing the café to have an extra member of paid staff to meet increased demand as a result of Covid. Employing a volunteer co-ordinator will not only increase the services and capacity inside the cafe for groups and customers but will also help potential volunteers who have been adversely affected by unemployment due to Covid, helping volunteers learn new skills, update their training, build self-esteem and confidence and make meaningful connections within their local community.</p> <p>BBBB funding will look to cover;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary costs • Laptop for new employee • Food hygiene training for 20 volunteers 		

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The application will look to have positive benefits on a number of individuals and users groups. The group aim to engage with 20 volunteers, these are individuals who have contacted the café already about volunteering opportunities. However the café are also engaged with Volunteer Centre Borders and the Nobody Left Behind group that focusses on providing young people meaningful experiences.</p> <p>Volunteering offers opportunities to learn and develop new skills and training within the hospitality sector including food preparation, specific training on commercial equipment and food hygiene certification. These skills can be added to volunteers' CVs, improving their future employment prospects. It also reduces social isolation and boosts self-confidence and self-esteem while improving customer service and communication skills.</p>		

In being able to employ a member of staff who can support volunteers the café will be able to open at least one day at the weekend which will ensure working families can also benefit from visiting the cafe. People living with food insecurity will be able to access to the surplus shelves at the weekend. Additional capacity with staff will allow the café to increase its offer to the local community with the potential of hosting restaurant nights and brunch events.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

If successful the application will have a positive benefit, primarily to volunteers. The role will create purposeful volunteer opportunities which are supported and managed with an opportunity to learn or build on skills. In supporting a greater number of volunteers it will allow the café to be open longer, thus having a positive impact to local community. This will increase the opportunity for individuals to access surplus food, either for free or at low cost.

It is hoped that the volunteer co-ordinator will build positive relationships with volunteers over a 6 month period, building on individual skills and providing opportunities that are structured building on strengths and weaknesses of the individual. It is hoped that by supporting volunteers this can lead into paid positions within Café ReCharge, funding dependant, or the individual has built up considerable skills that they can apply for paid positions elsewhere. Café Recharge also hopes that this role will help to develop positive relationships in the community and also to demonstrate to volunteers their own contribution to supporting those in Galashiels and the wider Eildon area.

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£8,966
10% organisation contribution	£896
Request to BBBB	£8,070

Item of expenditure	Cost
Salary for Volunteer Co-ordinator/Cafe Supervisor 30hrs/week @26 week	£7,800

National Insurance	£466
Laptop for co-ordinator as an essential tool	£400
Food Hygiene training for 20 volunteers @ £15 each	£300
	£

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
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Date	Project Title	Amount
2021	First Port Build it Fund	£25,000
2020	First Port Start It Fund	£5,000
2020	Eildon Community Fund (evaluation completed)	£14,067
2020	SBSEC Seedcorn Fund	£3,700
2020	Corra Wellbeing Fund	£2,000

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>The application scores high/medium</p> <p>Funding will allow the café to be accessible for longer hours and over a weekend, thus allowing more members of the community to access surplus food.</p> <p>The post will help to support volunteer opportunities and to build skills of individuals that are seeking employment.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>If successful in their application, we would be looking for the group to report on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of volunteers that have been engaged with over a 6 month period • Number of volunteers that have progressed into paid employment

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2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Transform Arts CIC					
Organisation structure	Social Enterprise – Community Interest Company (SC633236)					
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-26					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
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Project start date	01/07/22			Project end date	13/08/22	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£8,737
Current bank balance	£8,537
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£2,530
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£6,007</p> <p>£6007 is committed to the following things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Isolation and loneliness fund - this money is committed for providing free arts classes for children First port - this is our social enterprise start-up funding from First Port Kickstart grant to support new work placement for a young person on universal credit Corra foundation grant - committed for providing free art classes Money to soon leave the account as freelance pay. <p>Of the remainder this is not ring fenced but is needed to pay the rent and other core costs</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an

identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Transform Arts CIC is a social enterprise based in Selkirk, who offer art/craft classes, workshops & events in the Scottish Borders.

The group propose to host two participatory arts events during the summer, one in the Philiphaugh area of Selkirk and one in the Ettrick/Yarrow valleys. Each event will be a day of varied arts and craft activities for people of all ages. There will be at least five different arts/ crafts activities that people can choose between all day, led by a mix of professional local arts tutors, non-professional tutors and volunteers. The Group will hire a range of play equipment from Play Borders for some alternative physical activity which will be supervised by a qualified play worker and volunteers.

If weather permits the groups will hold the events outside, using the surrounding natural spaces and materials for creative inspiration. Trasnform Arts are looking to host one event at the Selkirk Cricket club and one at a community hall in the local rural valleys, both spaces provide outdoor space, toilets and kitchen facilities. The Group also have a large gazebo and can access more from the Selkirk community, working outdoors will be both more COVID safe and more beneficial to well-being.

Expected attendance will be 70 in the valleys and 100 in Philiphaugh, plus six volunteering and four paid for roles for each event.

Local volunteers aged 16 -25 will help manage the flow of people, distribute information and advertising, assist with the workshops, and provide drinks and snacks.

The Group run a free funded after school art class in Philiphaugh and have worked hard to build community connections in the area over the years through various art projects. In the valleys they have started to build on community engagement through small activities and events, and plan to use a good relationship with the Ettrick and Yarrow Development Company to help promote the event in the valleys.

The events will be promoted with a mix of targeted fliers and social media, existing mailing lists and a press release.

The group aim to broaden their community engagement in the areas where it's most needed.

Funding is sought to cover staffing costs of the event, along with marketing & promotion and to provide transport where required to allow those that don't have access to transport the opportunity to attend.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The Group suggest that those living in rural and deprived areas have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Transport, internet connection issues and along with lack of community space have impacted resident’s ability to stay connected socially and to experience culture.

Pre-pandemic data from the local school showed that only 1 in 10 local children took part in any out of school activity, which shows there is a low engagement with activities even in normal times.

Philiphaugh’s bus service is only hourly which is a barrier to accessing activities in town and further afield for anyone who relies on buses. For those living in the Etrick and Yarrow Valleys, there is not a bus service apart from the school bus. Travel to engage with cultural and social activities, or support services is not as easy, thereby having a negative impact on well-being. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic for anyone who is on low income, or those who are unable to drive e.g. disabled, the elderly, and the young. In providing cultural activities within the local area the group aim to break down some of the barriers to accessing art/cultural activities

The Philiphaugh Community Centre has been closed for two years and is mid renovations and may be closed for some time. This has drastically reduced the options for positive & free activity and support for young people, families and other community members of all ages. All the other rural and Selkirk community Halls were closed until quite recently, sports/hobbies clubs and socialising have not taken place. This has been hard for everyone who used these services, but especially challenging for young children who have lacked social interaction for child development, and to date there is still very little option to meet up. For their parents this has been an extra strain. The group will provide play equipment and play carers to help free up the parents of young children so they can get creative too.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

Free activity in the summer will provide a positive activity for families and individuals.

The Philiphaugh event will be walking distance from most housing within this area and free transport will be provided in the valleys for anyone who would otherwise struggle to attend the event. This will make the event more inclusive removing barriers to participation in positive activity that aims to offer new experiences and improve wellbeing.

The events aim to offer a variety of arts so that it can appear to a wider audience and allow members of the community to try a variety of different things. This will allow individuals to learn new skills, generate new interests and increasing engagement with the arts. The event is open for all ages which will hope increase social connections.

Engaging in cultural events mentalhealth.org states that it can have a positive effective in boosting confidence and that engagement in art can alleviate anxiety, depression and stress.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£4,179
10% organisation contribution	£417
Request to BBBB	£3,762

Item of expenditure	Cost
Staffing & Volunteer Costs	£2,784
Marketing Materials & Signage	£250
Snacks/Refreshments, Transport via Community Taxi in the valleys	£320
Venue Costs & Insurance	£180
Art Materials/Equipment, plus play equipment Hire for 2 x days	£645

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
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Date	Project Title	Amount
04/03/21	Corra Foundation enabling communities grant & outdoor equipment grant	£2,500
04/06/21	Small Grants Fund - SBC & Creative Scotland	£5,000
25/06/21	Get into Summer - SBC and Youth Borders	£1,640
05/10/21	Youth Scotland Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund & Youth Work Support Grant	£6,000
2020/21	2 x Start up Grants	£7,000

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>The application scores high/medium.</p> <p>The project will provide access to cultural activity in two areas within Eildon that have faced challenges in participation during the pandemic. Access to attend these events will be supported.</p> <p>The events will be accessible for all of the community and free to access offering new experiences.</p>

Additional terms and conditions required	If successful we will look for the group to report on; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of individuals that attended the events in Selkirk and in the Ettrick and yarrow valley.• Anecdotal feedback from those that attended• Number of volunteers involved in supporting the project.
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