

## Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 30 June 2022

**Time:** 6 pm

**Location:** via MS Teams

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## AGENDA

1.	<b>Welcome and Meeting Protocols</b>
2.	<b>Feedback from Meeting of 30 March 2022</b> (Pages 3 - 12)  (a) Menti Evaluation. (Copy attached.)  (b) Minute of Meeting held on 30 March 2022. (Copy attached.)
	<b>Section 1: Service &amp; Partner Updates and Consultations</b>
3.	<b>Place Making - Progress Report</b> (Pages 13 - 24)
	<b>Section 2: Local Priorities</b>
4.	<b>Financial Inclusion Fund / Food Conversation</b>  Update on activity and conversations taking place across the Borders and in Eildon.
	<b>Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding</b>
5.	<b>Overview of Community Funding</b>  SBC Communities and Partnership Team.
6.	<b>Eildon Funding Tables</b> (Pages 25 - 28)  SBC Communities and Partnership Team.  (a) Funding Table 2021/22 – Closing position. (Copy attached.)  (b) Funding Table 22/23. (Copy attached.)

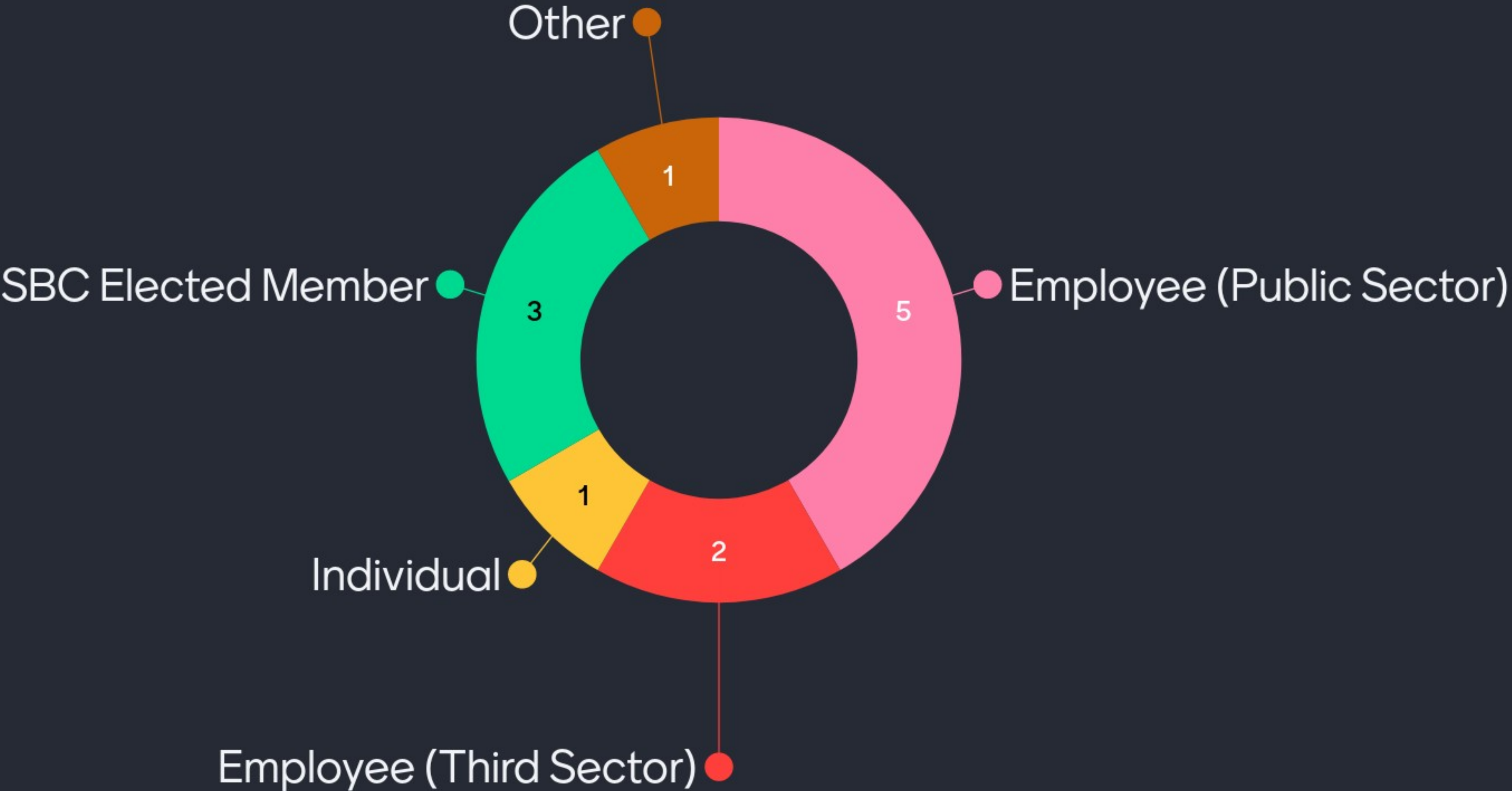
7.	<p><b>Neighbourhood Support Fund</b> (Pages 29 - 30)</p> <p>Eildon Assessment Panel to present funding recommendations for the following NSF applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go Wild Scotland</li> <li>Works+</li> <li>Gala Rugby</li> <li>Live Learn Earn</li> </ul> <p>(Copy attached.)</p>
8.	<p><b>Evaluation - Project Update/Presentation</b></p> <p>Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund – Selkirk Baptist Church.</p>
9.	<p><b>The National Lottery - Community Funding</b></p> <p>Stewart Sanderson/ Neal Bennison</p>
10.	<p><b>Participatory Budgeting</b></p> <p>SBC Communities &amp; Partnership Team.</p>
	<p><b>Section 4: Other</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Next Area Partnership 8 September 2022. Agenda Issued 25 August 2022.</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Meeting Evaluation via Menti</b></p>

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# Eildon Area Partnership Evaluation

# In which role do you attend Eildon Area Partnership meetings?



# Had you attended an Eildon Area Partnership meeting before this evening?



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No

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



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

Climate Change

well done all

Climate topics

Live borders

Skills development Scotland -  
evaluation of local employment stats

Look at physical activity - what is  
available within Eildon

biodiversity and changing how we  
plant and cut

Scottish Borders Social Enterprise  
Chamber

Initiatives to tackle the rise in the cost  
of living, rural issues, transport

# Do you have any further questions or comments?

Not at this time

Not at this time

No

Not at this time

No

Really enjoyable meeting

Enjoyed the presentations and would like to link in with the growing and greenspaces



MINUTES of Meeting of the EILDON AREA  
PARTNERSHIP held via MS Teams on  
Wednesday, 30 March 2022 at 6.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), S. Aitchison, A. Anderson, E Jardine, D. Parker, H. Scott and E. Thornton-Nicol, together with 17 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillor J. Linehan

Absent:- Councillors C. Cochrane, and T. Miers

In Attendance:- Communities and Partnerships Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Community Engagement Officer (E. Coltman), Community Place Planning and Engagement Officer (S. Renwick), Youth Engagement Officer (P. Rigby), Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall)

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1. **WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership being held via Microsoft Teams and outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the Live Stream could take part.

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. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND APPLICATION**

Mr Coltman, Community Engagement Officer, provided an overview of an application for funding to the Build Back a Better Borders Fund from Earlston Tennis Club. The club had applied for £3023.02 to help deliver free tennis taster sessions to people from a range of ages and abilities over a five week period, including adults and children. The Members in attendance spoke in favour of the application and unanimously agreed to approve the application in full.

4. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT & MENTI EVALUATION**

The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Mr Harrow, highlighted the additional information document that had been circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting and encouraged those in attendance to consult the document with regards to ongoing Scottish Borders Council consultations.

5. **CHALLENGING AGEISM GUIDE**

Mr Harrow drew attention to the Challenging Ageism guide that had been circulated with the agenda. The guide was designed as a practical tool to support people communicating about ageing and older age.

6. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 10TH FEBRUARY 2022**

Mr Harrow explained that the feedback from the previous meeting had been positive, in particular the Place Making update. The Minutes of the meetings of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 10 February 2022 were noted.

## **MEMBER**

Councillor Parker left the meeting during the discussion of the item below.

### **7. PLACE MAKING UPDATE**

Sharon Renwick, Community Place Planning and Regeneration Officer gave an update on Place Making workshops that had taken place since the previous meeting of the Area Partnership. Ms Renwick explained that participants at the Eildon workshop had initially been reluctant to identify the initial communities for projects. Langlee in Galashiels, Bannerfield in Selkirk, Stow, and Fountainhall had subsequently been identified as initial communities following discussions on which areas needed the most work to promote regeneration, areas where higher levels of deprivation existed, and the need to ensure rural communities were more resilient. Councillor Aitchison referred to his previous suggestion that one of the initial communities should have been Newtown St Boswells due to its changing character, the effect of Covid, and social deprivation. Mr Harrow explained that the project was community led, highlighted the bottom-up nature of place making, and that he hoped that Newtown would be considered.

### **8. FOOD GROWING STRATEGY**

Amy Alcorn, introduced herself as the Greenspace Programme Officer working for Scottish Borders Council. Ms Alcorn had been in her role for 6 months. Ms Alcorn explained that her role involved promoting food growing across the Scottish Borders, and gave a presentation of the food growing strategy within the Eildon area. Food growing across the area was a diverse and varied field, ranging from gardens and allotments to guerrilla gardening. Work had taken place with five of Scottish Borders Council's Community Engagement Officers, who had assisted Ms Alcorn in helping projects access various sources of community funding. A new website had gone live that included an interactive map, allowing interested parties to find growing places and access the contact details of the relevant organiser. Ms Alcorn gave an overview of four projects within the Eildon area and provided an email address that people could use to sign up to receive a newsletter on related projects in the area. Those in attendance thanked Ms Alcorn for her presentation and the excellent work that she had undertaken since she had been in post.

### **9. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND - ALLAN KINLEY**

Allan Kinley of Skills Development Scotland (SDS) was present at the meeting to give a presentation on the nature of the work that his organisation carries out. Mr Kinley explained that SDS were active across Scotland, had careers advisors at all of the secondary schools across the Scottish Borders, and that they provided a universal service that anyone could access. The organisation provided support to help people think about career management skills, such as planning job interviews, and assist in accessing training and education opportunities. Mr Kinley explained that various projects were ongoing, such as the "My World of Work" initiative, which provided careers advice, online learning pointers, distance learning information, funding assistance to help people acquire a CSCS card to work in the construction industry and a CV builder. In response to a question regarding training opportunities in the green economy, Mr Kinley explained that opportunities were slowly increasing, initiatives were ongoing to try and retain young talent in the area and that, if the partnership was interested, he could return at a future meeting to examine the issue in more detail. The Chairman thanked Mr Kinley for his interesting presentation and expressed his hope that Mr Kinley would return to future meetings of the Area Partnership.

### **10. MONEY WORRIES APP - FINANCIAL INCLUSION CONVERSATION - NICHOLA SEWELL, JOINT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT**

Nichola Sewell was in attendance to give insight into, and raise awareness of, a Money Awareness mobile phone application that had been developed by NHS Borders in

partnership with a range of organisations. The application provided help across a wide variety of areas; including money, health, and housing and work. The information provided in the application was quality assured and up-to-date, and was being used by a wide variety of partners and other parties across the Borders to signpost and direct people to key resources. Those in attendance thanked Ms Sewell for her presentation and for the work that had gone into creating a useful, relevant, application to help the public.

11. **ASSESSMENT PANEL SUMMARY**

Jenny Mushlin of the Eildon Area Partnership Assessment Panel provided a summary of the work that had taken place over the term of the Area Partnership. The six members of the panel had volunteered their time to help the community decide for itself how funding should be given out. The group had not always agreed on everything, but with help from Mr Harrow and Mr Coltman, had carefully considered applications and reached decisions beneficial to the area. Mrs Mushlin advised that all of the members of the group were willing to continue in their role. The group suggested changes to the process to introduce a closing date for applications, with a fast track deadline every month, in order to ensure that applications could be dealt with in a timelier manner. The Chairman thanked the group for its exemplary work, and requested that the requests be put before the next meeting of the Area Partnership for approval.

12. **2021/22 COMMUNITY FUND - CLOSING POSITION**

Mr Coltman provided an overview of the Funding table that had been circulated with the agenda and the closing position of the various funds. £99.4k had been set aside for community projects, which represented all of the funding that was available after ring fenced funding had been subtracted. All of the Community Councils within Eildon had received the grant that they were entitled to. Two Community Councils were not entitled to a grant due to the financial reserves that they held, and one Community Council was in abeyance. The Build Back a Better Borders fund had been spent in its entirety. £105.6k had been awarded to 25 projects at an average just under £6.5k. All had received their funding, and two evaluations had been received. It was expected that at the next meeting of the Area Partnership there would be further projects to report on. The Members in attendance thanked Mr Coltman and Mr Harrow for their diligent and impressive work. Mr Harrow extended his thanks to the Assessment Panel for volunteering their time to take on a difficult and important task.

13. **2020/21 COMMUNITY FUND PROJECT EVALUATION - CAFÉ RECHARGE - AMY WRIGHT**

Amy Wright was in attendance to provide an evaluation of Café Recharge's 2020/21 Community Fund project. The café had two main aims – to reduce edible food sent to landfill and to reduce food poverty. The group collect surplus food from supermarkets that had been deemed unsellable, made meals from it and then sold it on a “pay what you can” basis. The group had also provided a meeting space at their premises for a range of community groups. Ms Wright thanked the Community Fund for their support, and explained that in the 12 months from January 2021 to December 2021, the café had served a total of 4085 meals and rescued 4697kg of food that would otherwise have been sent to landfill. The café had served on average 345 customers per month. The Chairman thanked Ms Wright for her presentation and urged anyone with a project to get in touch with Mr Harrow and Mr Coltman to find out about what support could be available to them.

14. **MEETING EVALUATION**

The next full meeting of the Area Partnership was scheduled for 30 June 2022 and the Chairman asked for agenda item suggestions to be submitted. A link to the Menti evaluation of the meeting was posted, and the Chairman invited those in attendance to provide their feedback.

15. **NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP: THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 2022, AGENDA ISSUED: THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022**

The Chairman thanked all of those in attendance for their work over his term. Councillor Aitchison thanked the Chairman for his excellent work as Chairman of the Eildon Area Partnership.

***The meeting concluded at 7.45 pm***

## **Eildon Area Partnership – 30th June 2022**

### **Place Making – Options for Next Steps in Eildon**

#### **1. Purpose**

To set out options for the Eildon Area Partnership to progress place making in communities across the locality.

#### **2. Background**

##### **2.1 Area Partnership Discussions/Workshops**

Over the past year, conversations have been continuing with Area Partnerships around:

- How we develop a place making approach in each locality and across the Borders
- Where we might make a practical start
- What the role of Area Partnerships should be in overseeing the implementation and delivery of place making in their communities

The conversation began in spring last year around introducing the proposals presented to the February 2021 Council meeting and continued in summer with a series of brief workshops facilitated by Scottish Futures Trust to gauge views on what place making means to communities and what the priority issues and ambitions were for the approach. The output from the workshops was used to draft more detailed place making proposals which were endorsed by the August 2021 Council with a view to further engagement and development with Area Partnerships over Autumn and winter.

In spring, this year, a series of facilitated workshops were held to explore place making in greater detail and to enable those involved in Area Partnerships and their communities to shape place making in their locality, including the role of the Area Partnership in overseeing place making.

The focus now needs to turn to how practical support is given to communities in developing their place plans.

##### **2.2 Emerging Approaches**

Across the 5 localities, different approaches are emerging reflecting the diversity of the area.

Two area partnerships have chosen to establish short-life Place Making Working Groups, comprising representatives from across local communities and organisations and are proposing an inclusive “opt-in” approach, initially seeking expressions of interest from Communities across their localities. It is anticipated that the inclusive approach – i.e. all communities that wish to become involved in place planning should be helped to do so – can be done through a network of champions or leaders with support being provided by SBC and others according to their needs.

Both working groups are chaired by community representatives and are supported by Council officials and both groups will feedback progress to the next round of Area Partnerships and ultimately make recommendations for progressing Place Making in their respective localities later this year. Both groups provide a model that could be adopted, in whole or in part(s), by other Area Partnerships. Both groups have publically available documentation – questionnaires,

refined principles, place making definition – that can be adapted and, as their proposals are developed, there is scope for further sharing of information.

Options for the other localities are being developed based on the output from their respective Place making Workshops in March and April.

## **2.3 Borderlands**

In 4 localities, there are also commitments to begin place making in the 4 target towns identified in the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal - Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick and Jedburgh – this year. Nationally agreed guidance from the Borderlands Place Programme and experience from the development of associated place plans (both locally, and across the Borderlands local authorities – Carlisle, Cumbria, Dumfries and Galloway and Northumberland) can also provide models to guide place making elsewhere.

For Eildon, this means that there is already a commitment under the Borderlands Place Programme to undertake place making – and the development of a Town/Place Plan and associated Investment Plan in Galashiels. As this falls under separate agreed governance arrangements under the Borders Inclusive Growth Deal – this would fall outwith the scope of the options set out in section 4 below.

## **3. Eildon Workshop – (23<sup>rd</sup> March)**

### **3.1 Emerging Themes**

A summary of points raised at the workshop is included at Appendix 1. Some of the themes emerging are highlighted below:

- A broad understanding of place making – that it should be inclusive, community-led, grass-roots movement, extend beyond spatial planning and cover all aspects of life in a community.
- Recognition of the diversity of communities in the locality and that there should be no one-size-fits-all.
- Energy and enthusiasm for the potential of the place and its people – including the opportunities to make communities better for both older and younger people.
- The importance of supporting rural communities – not just towns.
- Including all people in communities and in particular engaging young people in the process.
- Understanding that community-led plans should form a foundation for wider plans – a bottom-up approach to service planning.

### **3.2 Communities Where Initial Place Making Could Start**

While the aim is to include *all* communities that wish to develop local place plans, the workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March identified a small number of communities around which *initial* place making activity could be focused. These were:

- **Galashiels** (which will be included under Borderlands see above)
- **Langlee** (also part of Borderlands as it is within Galashiels)
- **Newtown St. Boswells** which is currently undergoing significant change.
- **Stow & Fountainhall** representatives expressed an interest in becoming involved as a smaller rural community.
- **Bannerfield** – opportunities around the investment in the Community Centre

Since the workshop, a meeting with representatives from Explore Selkirk and Selkirk Means Business raised the potential for a wider Selkirk place making approach – supporting and including Bannerfield. **It is therefore proposed that wider place plan is developed for Selkirk.**

**Eildon Area Partnership is asked to consider whether it wishes to endorse these suggested communities as an initial focus for place making activity and the development of associated local place plans for each. The Area Partnership may also wish to seek expressions of interest from other communities who wish to develop/further develop community-led place plans.**

### 3.3 Oversight Role of the Area Partnership

No clear steer emerged from the workshop over the future role of the Eildon Area Partnership in its role in overseeing and directing place making in the locality.

## 4. Options

2 possible options for progressing place making in Eildon are set out below:

- a. **Working Group Approach.** The Area Partnership establishes – and seeks initial nominations for – a working group along the lines of the models adopted in two Area Partnerships. The working group would likely comprise 8 – 14 people including community council/organisation representatives and 3 members (1 per ward) although the exact number is for both the Area Partnership and the working group, itself, to determine. A draft potential terms of reference for an Eildon Place making Working Group is set out in Appendix 2 to this report. The terms of reference would need to be considered and agreed by the Area Partnership.

In the meantime, while the Working Group is being established, SBC's Community Engagement Team - on behalf of the Working Group – could:

- i. seek expressions of interest from others who wish to becoming involved in the working group and either:
- ii. work with representatives of those communities identified by the Area Partnership (see 3.2 above) to develop a series of proposals for engagement and the development of community-led place plans in each community reflecting the differing needs, capacity and circumstances of each

Expressions of interest from other Communities that would like to become involved in place making (individually or combined with other communities) could also be sought if the Area Partnership wishes.

SBC would provide support to the Working Group in line with practice in Berwickshire and Tweeddale and share good practice across all groups. The working group would provide updates and make recommendations to the Area Partnership.

- b. **Area Partnership Approach.** As per option a above, but working directly to – and on behalf of – the Eildon Area Partnership, SBC's Community Engagement Team work with representatives of those communities identified by the Area Partnership (see 3.2 above) to develop a series of proposals for engagement and the development of community-led

place plans in each community reflecting the differing needs, capacity and circumstances of each.

Again, expressions of interest from local communities who wish to becoming involved in place making could also be sought if the Area Partnership wishes.

Proposals would be brought forward to the Area Partnership for consideration

## **5. Recommendation**

- a. That the area partnership considers whether it wishes to endorse the communities identified at 3.2 above as an initial focus for place making activity in Eildon and the development of associated local place plans for each.**
- b. That the Area Partnership consider the options set out in section 4 and provide direction on how they would like to progress.**
- c. That the Area Partnership, if they choose option a, consider and agree the attached draft Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 2.**



# PLACE MAKING WORKSHOP EILDON 23 MARCH 2022

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

### 1. WHAT IS PLACE MAKING?

- About asking people first, picking up on issues around service and infrastructure, in Place. Communication with the community is vital.
- Need to identify what skills people have.
- Community empowerment is key.
- Stow Community Trust is using the Place Standard tool to gauge people's views on place and their community.
- Focus on a place and its community taking a holistic approach. The views of residents are important and with a participatory process creates an identity.
- 3 themes: environment; people (community and relationship fostering); History & heritage.
- Place making responsibility of the council to engage.
- Coherence of how things/people can work together. Place making is about people and what they want to do in their community.
- Place making has been a bit of a journey. Started as a planning function but more about needs of people.
- Connectivity in the Borders is important and how places join up and flow within settlements and between.
- Community empowerment. Planning happens to us and place making allows us to do things in a different way, but needs a culture shift. Likely to be a slow process too. Communities should have a bigger voice.
- Consistency and continuity of approach. Community consultation using Place Standard tool to find out views of others and what place making is. Place planning can be universally adopted. Equally important Plans can be shared alongside others and knowledge shared to benefit others. A feeling that community Plans and other plans should be easier to find for communities and other organisations.
- About knowledge share and communities taking ownership
- It's about sustainability. A self-sustaining economy that fulfils the needs of community. About a place that you want to live, work and play.
- A place that is inclusive where everyone is important and where all the different needs are taken care of. Including poverty and homelessness and deprivation issues isn't brushed under the carpet.
- Moved back to the area after 15 years and realise the untapped potential of the area – a better place for young and old people. As residents, see how we can get involved in making this a better place for the future.
- Rural communities need to be proactive. Young people leave. Public transport is a main issue despite the railway.
- Shaping the place for wellbeing. Living good quality healthy lives. About shaping the place to live the best life possible. About people being able to live the best lives as possible – a holistic approach.
- The places already exist – we could perhaps make them better – but have to be realistic. Need to do things on a small scale as it'll need central government to do the major things. Fantastic resources in the Borders – but people move away. Little opportunities for younger people.
- What makes a place? Lots of uniqueness – what's special. How do people come together and improve lives.

- Older people having the facilities where they don't have to leave their communities to move into care.
- Inclusive communities. Speak to locals about wants and needs before accepting/rejecting planning proposals!
- About having a vision of what it is you want to achieve – some solutions may be under your nose and then how do we fill in the gaps.
- It's about how we listen to people – easy to get the loudest voice how do we reach the seldom heard voices.
- Communities at grassroots to come up with ideas in terms of making their place that they live/work/enjoy to become a better place. Talking about what matters to them. Need communities/users to come together to tell us what would make their place a better place to live and work. Bottom up. All about listening to the suggestions from the community when making changes.
- Exploring and clarifying the identity of a place/community, self-defining what that is. Maybe the community feels it doesn't have an identity but Place Making can try and tease that out – what makes it different from another community? For better or worse? Place Making is definitely a positive thing and will help emphasise the positive things in your community. Should help the community decide what its priorities are which then feeds into the higher ups (council, local government). Also to improve communication between groups, partners, organisations, council etc.
- Part of the challenge is to encourage or enable people to feel like stakeholders. Engage with them as much as possible, make them believe that their thoughts and feelings can come to fruition. Try to engage across the age ranges. Sometimes areas feel like they lack that sense of community.
- Developing community action plan in Stow. Going through a lot of consultation with the local community. The community needs to say what kind of community they want to be. Once that's done, it's up to the community group to come up with available assets, projects they can deliver etc to fit in with that desire. Continue to have ongoing conversations with community members to feed into the needs of the community, always developing the action plan rather than it just sitting in a drawer. Live document. SCT feel like it's a great fit when developing an action plan.
- From practise/experience, there is a tendency for people to want to engage more about things, space, services, transport and events initially which often leads into health, wellbeing and community discussions. Whereas discussions starting on health, wellbeing and community can sometimes be more difficult to get people to engage directly.
- Mindful around equalities and engagement. Easy to put out questionnaires or invites although if it's not in a language that people can relate to or understand then they will not engage. When trying to attract young people to engage is the event and language attractive to young people? Is an event in a safe place for young people where their views will be heard? Again equalities are important, some people can be disadvantaged in their ability to engage in or access to engagement. Mindful of reaching many people to get a good cross section of people.

## 2. HIGH LEVEL PRINCIPLES

### General Points

- Prioritise cutting down the number of principles - 4 to 5 principles might be more appropriate
- Needs rationalising. It was felt that some of the principles used language that didn't hold much meaning to the participants. E.g. principle 12 what does it mean?
- Principles need sharpening up
- Need achievable goals grounded in realism.
- Participants felt that the principles seems quite detached from what they had just been talking about in the first question. Communities should decide the principles.
- What are the intentions of these principles how are they to be used?

### Comments on the 13 Principles

#### 1. *Capture and use learning from COVID-19*

- Retain – super-important and we can learn from this going forward.
- Learnt a lot from COVID-19, new normal. How people react to the new normal i.e. meetings being virtual is now commonly accepted. Transport may have been a difficulty in the past but now things have changed to allow more people to attend meetings. **Online presence.**
- A lot more active travel, walking. New e-bike system, bikes for hire in Stow. Walking groups that didn't exist before. E-bike group that didn't exist before COVID-19. Definitely positives to take forward even though COVID-19 was very negative. COVID-19 has made some things more accessible (Facebook, Zoom, Teams are less daunting now). A lot of people are now working a WFH/Hybrid model so more activity in local areas.
- Have to accept that COVID-19 is here to stay in some capacity. Important principle that there is a climate emergency and we have to learn to respond to that and be resilient. Given that we've got a short window to have the right response, whatever is going in place making has to be conscious of that. Things like food, transport, education, resilience, will all be a part of Place Making. COVID-19 showed us how quickly we can adapt when changes need to be made. Could part of a community action plan for people to be asked "What If?", think outside the box and be given options for communities to choose from etc. Potential mapping exercise for Eildon? In terms of support, Green groups, actions for people to get involved with, what's going on in the local area, funding etc?

#### 2. *Align services, plans and action with local needs and priorities*

- Aligning plans is very challenging but would be an ideal – As a resident, can't see why you wouldn't want to align plans to the community's. Difficult to put into action but it's an aspiration we should keep. Differing views, communities aren't cohesive.
- So many community councils and community trusts who all have their own priorities! Put them together in a matrix to work out common themes.

#### 3. *Simplify processes to make it easier for people and partners to access information and shape decisions*

- How achievable – but yes want to keep
- Streamline funding opportunities and make it clearer what's going in the local area.

**4. *Work with and support communities at the earliest opportunities and create genuine partnership approaches***

- Absolutely vital
- Very vague? Is this about small/sub communities? Big communities?
- Planning projects and including people at a very early stage, in terms of engagement.
- For communities that are already established, perhaps having a series of public engagement meetings to invite them to give their thoughts on Place Making. Melrose Gait – sitting on the edge of Galashiels, working with and supporting them would be essential, has work been done?
- Do communities actually function as communities? Is there actually a meeting where the community gets together to discuss issues? Not really. They relate to communities of interests but there doesn't appear to be a proper structure for people to get involved in communities of place unless there is a significant change in the area (housing development etc). Place Making appears to be inventing that for a space that doesn't seem to exist? Gives top down an opportunity tie in strategies.
- In a place like Stow, there is a good opportunity for communities to come together and respond well to Place Making but the bigger the communities get, Gala, Melrose etc may struggle to have that sense of place.

**5. *Accelerate action***

- Depends on the actions. Shouldn't be target driven. Sometimes it needs to happen step by step.
- Less than 10 years to solve the climate crisis, action definitely needs to be accelerated.
- Very rewarding to work on this piece of work. How much resilience do the people that are taking this work on actually have? Is it worth building capacity/having people resource going to be an issue going forward?
- Connect groups in some way

**6. *Support and strengthen informal networks and early intervention***

- Informal networks important in communities. Especially important from mental wellbeing.
- Brought together A Greener Borders 10 years ago. Organised monthly talks, each group took its own turn. That could be an idea that a whole host of groups could follow? Food provision, health care, green groups, sports groups – something to explore, develop links between smaller community groups within a bigger community

**7. *Use a mix of Wellbeing, Economy and Borders relevant measures which focus on shared impact and support partners on the use and analysis of data.***

- Less understandable. Less relevant as a principle. Is it to use data to inform? All of these principles are all within the Council's gift and not in our gift. Speed signs – the Council don't share the data about them – so a principle to share would be useful
- Rewrite this point, quite confusing?

**8. *Community Place Plans should be community-led and based on Community Council boundaries or combination of Community Council boundaries.***

- Stow & Fountainhall two different communities in one CC – so it is about whatever is appropriate. Add "or appropriate boundaries". Maybe need to be more fluid about the boundaries.

**9. Inclusivity - not just the loudest voices – place making, plans and projects need to evidence inclusive engagement and support.**

- Inclusivity – very important. Add and not assume that everything is on the internet. Evidence of inclusive engagement and support that include non-internet mechanisms
- Engage with young people a lot more. They are the next generation and should be more involved in this process. How do they want to see the place progress? What do they want to see in their area? What would make their life easier?
- High school students to be invited on to Community Councils? One “token” young person would not be as effective but certainly get more young people involved in these kind of groups.

**10. Equity – Our approach should be equitable across Localities, rural and urban communities.**

- Equity – yes keep. Absolutely!

**11. Locality Plans at an Area Partnership level, there should be a single Locality Plan for each Locality which should be led and owned by Area Partnerships and which should be built on Community-led Plans as well as reflecting the wider strategic priorities at both regional and national levels.**

- Agree but Eildon large. The place plans should be the foundation of the locality plan. If you don't get that right there is little point in the other plans – up not down. Needs to take in the rural areas.

**12. Mutual trust, respect and transparency and an understanding of each other's remits, capacities and constraints.**

- Combine 12 & 13 – Mutuality. Less emphasis on plans (combine with 5 – with the plans).

**13. Mutually agreed priorities, plans and actions.**

### 3. PRIORITY COMMUNITIES

#### GENERAL POINTS

- The list is quite “infrastructurey” but for a community to thrive, everything has to be interconnected. Community led plans has to be central. Priority has to be everyone’s basic needs. We need to feed ourselves, educate ourselves and heat ourselves. Once that is sorted, the other priorities can be put in place.
- Rather than building new things, what about converting old buildings for a new use?
- It would be nice if every community had a space that they didn’t have to pay to access. A hub?
- The question – of prioritising communities - is strange, difficult and maybe not appropriate. All communities are important.
- Naturally any representative is going to want to put their community first
- Feeling that it should come from the ground up, and perhaps people in a work/professional capacity sometimes hold bias’s to certain settlements.

#### PRIORITY COMMUNITIES

- From a rural point of view – Community resilience. **Stow & Fountainhall**
- **Langlee** an area of multiple deprivation.
- Rural area – less fortunate are less visible.
- **Newtown St Boswells** – rapidly growing community that’s had lots of intervention but local people being asked. Massive changes. Opportunity of new village centre – the benefits and good that can be done.
- **Bannerfield** in Selkirk – go to these people with the field of dreams (build it and they will come) around the community centre investment.
- **Galashiels** – Energise gala event. Town Centre isn’t looking its best. A town with different needs than the rural areas but there are important opportunities.
- **Galashiels**. It’s a large settlement that has perhaps lost a sense of identity. In terms of place making and action plans Galashiels is maybe further behind than other communities? Galashiels has a big role to play in the Eildon area.

**EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**POSSIBLE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A PLACE MAKING  
WORKING GROUP**

**Working Group Objectives**

To consider the principles of place planning and then develop an operational framework for the oversight of these activities in Eildon, making recommendations to the Area Partnership as appropriate. To help strengthen the role of the Eildon Area Partnership as a key community engagement platform, with community consultation and involvement the basis for future service provision and also clarify all issues concerning place making and place planning in Eildon.

**Membership of the Working Group**

Any representative of an organisation in Eildon or someone with a personal interest and skills who wishes to become involved in working with others on place planning. Should numbers of interested parties go beyond 14, then consideration could be given to dividing into 2 or more groups, split either geographically or by interest. The Working Group will be chaired by a member of the Eildon community, elected from amongst the membership of the Group.

Support to the Working Group will be provided by Officers of Scottish Borders Council, although the amount of support will depend on availability and other commitments.

**Method of Approach**

The Working Group will carry out its function by:

- (a) Examining relevant data, information, and other place making methodologies to develop the best approach for Eildon;
- (b) Encouraging input from the wider Eildon community to ensure a rural and urban balance; and
- (c) Analysing the information collected to reach robust conclusions, examining options and pulling together forward thinking, sustainable recommendations for consideration by the Eildon Area Partnership.

**Scope**

The Working Group will:

1. Gain a shared understanding of place making and place making terminology
2. Hear from other organisations and individuals to develop the context for place making in Eildon, taking account of the rural nature of the area

3. Consider and agree the joint principles proposed in earlier SBC papers, looking at alternative options and approaches
4. Consider and further develop a realistic and achievable place making framework, to address identified current or emerging issues
5. Consider the costs of place making
6. Recommend how to best allocate the scarce resources available for place planning in Eildon
7. Consider the role of the Eildon Area Partnership and a Place Making Role Agreement

### **Expectations**

- In light of its work, the Working Group is to provide updates to the Eildon Area Partnership on an interim basis and make recommendations as appropriate.
- It is anticipated that the working group will comprise at least 3 SBC Councillors as ex-officio members - at least 1 per ward.

### **Assumptions**

It is assumed that the information required to develop place making will be available timeously and that people will be available to attend and contribute to meetings.

### **Changes to Terms of Reference**

Any changes to the terms of reference of the Working Group must have the prior approval of the Eildon Area Partnership and the Area Partnership may amend the terms of reference at any time.



## Eildon Funding 2021/2022

### Closing Positions

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

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
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 153,633.00</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021	£ 153,633.00
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ -
Sub-total	£ 153,633.00
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ -</b>

Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ -</b>

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ -</b>

Other sources of grant funding - Eildon			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 14,200.00	£ 13,310.00	£ 890.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils) - 3 CCs no award in 21/22	£ 10,525.00	£ 8,725.00	£ 1,800.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 48,200.00	£ 45,105.00	£ 3,095.00
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	£ 11,350.00	£ 10,450.00
William Hill Trust	£ 16,000.00	£ 15,589.00	£ 411.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 3,047.22	£ 885.25	£ 2,161.97
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 9,501.52	£ 5,891.60	£ 3,609.92
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 134,273.74</b>	<b>£ 102,529.85</b>	<b>£ 31,743.89</b>

### 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	£ 2,500.00	10 x gazebos	Assessed
16	26/11/21	Community Fund	Energise Gala	£ 1,450.00	Electric bike	Awarded
17	07/01/22	Community Fund	The Lavender Touch	£ 1,579.79	Shop/hub refurbishment	Awarded
18	07/01/22	Community Fund	Brighter Blainslie	£ 4,598.12	Green space in Blainslie	Awarded
19	10/01/22	Community Fund	St Peter's Parent Council	£ 2,718.00	Breakfast club salaries & materials	Awarded
20	11/01/22	Community Fund	Borders Talking Newspapers	£ 4,000.00	Running costs of BTN	Awarded
21	11/01/22	Community Fund	Tweedbank Guides	£ 600.00	Trips, travel expenses, event & clothing	Awarded
22	17/01/22	Community Fund	Friends of Yarrow	£ 2,078.38	Fencing off path for Yarrow schoolkids	Awarded
23	11/06/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Scout Group	£ 10,921.13	Equipment & membership increase	Awarded
24	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Staff costs - Volunteer Coordinator	Awarded
25	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	Currie Memorial Hall	£ 1,483.20	Reinstate events (purchase equipment)	Awarded
26	27/07/21	BBBB Fund	Selkirk Baptist Church	£ 6,270.08	Community garden	Awarded
27	30/08/21	BBBB Fund	Stow Community Trust	£ 15,000.00	Cycle Hub Coordinator salary & training	Awarded
28	14/09/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Bowling Club	£ 9,828.00	Lawnmower for Bowling Green	Awarded
29	16/09/21	BBBB Fund	The Abbotsford Trust	£ 15,000.00	Mental health pilot project	Awarded
30	14/10/21	BBBB Fund	Ettrick Forest Archers	£ 6,700.00	Archery equipment & training costs	Awarded
31	18/10/21	BBBB Fund	TD1 Youth Hub	£ 12,384.00	Staff costs, free activities, vehicle hire	Awarded
32	21/10/21	BBBB Fund	Selkirk Rotary	£ 4,500.00	Celebrating Selkirk project	Awarded
33	25/10/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Waverley Tennis Club	£ 8,163.00	Hitting wall & kids coaching sessions	Awarded
34	26/10/21	BBBB Fund	Gala Rugby	£ 4,025.00	Officer salary costs, equipment & travel	Awarded
35	27/10/21	BBBB Fund	Newstead Village Community Trust	£ 12,382.20	Consultation and delivery of CAP & BP	Awarded
36	04/11/21	BBBB Fund	Green Stow	£ 450.00	COP26 weekend events	Awarded
37	25/11/21	BBBB Fund	Go Wild Scotland	£ 4,883.00	Nature trail	Awarded
38	26/11/21	BBBB Fund	Riddell Fiddles	£ 2,160.00	Bannerfield Buskers Woodland Composition	Awarded
39	02/12/21	BBBB Fund	Borders Disability Sport	£ 6,544.97	Venue hire, coaching & equipment	Awarded
40	09/12/21	BBBB Fund	Roxburgh Reivers	£ 5,265.22	Specialist maps, equipment & printing	Awarded
41	10/01/22	BBBB Fund	Abbotsford Bowling Club	£ 9,793.00	Clubhouse refurb & free activities	Awarded
42	14/01/22	BBBB Fund	Cafe Recharge	£ 8,070.00	Salary costs, laptop & food hygiene training	Awarded
43	19/01/22	BBBB Fund	Lauder Volleyball Club	£ 1,440.18	Hall hire, equipment & installation	Awarded
44	20/01/22	BBBB Fund	Transform Arts CIC	£ 3,762.00	Art events - staff & venue costs & materials	Awarded
45	03/02/22	BBBB Fund	Earlston Tennis Club	£ 3,023.02	Coaching costs, equipment & advertising	Awarded
46	10/02/22	BBBB Fund	Selkirk Community Council	£ 1,000.00	Greenspace regeneration	Awarded
<b>Total</b>				<b>£ 253,106.00</b>		

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2022/23	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2022	£ 147,038.24
<b>Plus</b> Local Festival Grant Underspend 2021/22	£ 890.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 147,928.24</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2022	£ 2,005.27
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 19,550.60
Sub-total	£ 21,555.87
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 126,372.37</b>
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ 24,050.00
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 102,322.37</b>

Other sources of grant funding - Eildon			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 28,400.00	£ -	<b>£ 28,400.00</b>
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,525.00	£ -	<b>£ 10,525.00</b>
SBC Small Schemes	£ 96,400.00	£ 1,562.88	<b>£ 94,837.12</b>
Common Good (Galashiels)	£ 500.00	£ -	<b>£ 500.00</b>
Common Good (Lauder)	£ 10,500.00	£ 1,562.88	<b>£ 8,937.12</b>
Common Good (Selkirk)	£ 20,650.00	£ 2,500.00	<b>£ 18,150.00</b>
William Hill Trust	£ 5,700.00	£ 40.00	<b>£ 5,660.00</b>
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 3,047.22	£ -	<b>£ 3,047.22</b>
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 9,501.52	£ -	<b>£ 9,501.52</b>
	<b>£ 185,223.74</b>	<b>£ 5,665.76</b>	<b>£ 179,557.98</b>

Summary of applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	05/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Lauderdale Scout Group	£ 1,500.00	Composting toilet	Awarded
2	08/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Selkirk Guiding	£ 115.27	100 year celebratory event	Awarded
3	13/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Go Wild Scotland	£ 14,790.60	Salary costs - Digital Trail Rollout	Assessed
4	29/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Works+	£ 3,500.00	Salary costs	Assessed
5	16/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Newstead Village Community Trust	£ 390.00	Admin & newsletter costs	Awarded
6	06/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Gala Rugby	£ 12,500.00	Maroon'd event costs	Assessing
7	31/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Live, Learn, Earn CIC	£ 11,550.00	Selkirk Community Garden Art project	Assessing
8	02/06/2022	N'Hood Support	The Lavender Touch	£ 1,260.00	Treatment room	Assessed
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 45,605.87</b>		

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**Eildon Assessment Panel Recommendations**

Neighbourhood Support Fund 2022/23

**Works+**

£3,500

Works+ is focussed on creating opportunities and empowering communities in the areas of education and employment. The group proposes to hold a fortnightly peer support workshop for women, which will be a pilot project. The group of women involved will have the need for longer term support with their mental health, confidence and employability skills so that they can be included in the wider community. The women will be able to share their stories and their feelings in the group with no fear of being judged. They will be able to share strategies for overcoming difficulties.

Works+ wishes to deliver two, 20-week courses for up to 20 women from the Eildon area.

Works+ is requesting £2,000 for staffing costs and £1,500 for rent, travel, refreshments for clients, materials for workshops and travel costs.

- The Panel feel that this project will help women with the great challenges to develop skills that will transform their life.
- The Panel are keen to find new ways of addressing social inequalities and the issues which women face.
- The Panel recognise that Works+ is a very experienced organisation with an excellent reputation.

**Recommended to fund - £3,500**

**Go Wild Scotland Community Interest Company**

£14,820

Go Wild Scotland CIC is requesting funding to cover the salary of one full-time member of staff. The employee will develop a digital trail model which offers access to nature for all and will work with other community groups in the Eildon area to create further successful projects. The trails combine physical and digital elements. Nature tables are fitted with Near Field Communication Tags, allowing users to access digital resources – information, pictures, trail camera video, birdsong, nature quizzes etc. All with the tap of a phone. Those unable to access the physical trail can experience it virtually at home.

- The Panel feel that digital resources are the way forward in the future and particularly important for engaging with young people
- The Panel are keen to see this project develop throughout the Eildon area
- The Panel recognise the environmental benefit of this project and the further knowledge and engagement with nature that it will give.

**Recommended to fund - £14,820**

## **Gala Rugby**

£12,500

The inaugural *Maroon'd @ Gala* event was originally planned for April 2020 but was delayed. It was staged in 2021 with some funding from the SBC Community Fund but was limited by the pandemic. On 20 August 2022, Gala Rugby plan to stage this event again. It is a sporting and social event with over 1,000 participants showcasing rugby at primary school level, under 14s, 16s and 18s and girls at similar age groups as well as senior sevens. There will also be Clan rugby which caters for disabled players. The sport will include athletics and football and, in addition to street food, there will be live music, amusements, country dancing etc. It will be available to everyone, with free entry and there will be a free shuttle bus service from the town centre. Gala Rugby are expecting a great deal of family involvement and a large number of Galashiels residents, as well as visitors from outside the area. Funding is being requested for staffing costs including security, portable toilets and showers, marquees for changing and music costs. Research will be undertaken to enable other funding streams to be pursued for future years.

- The Panel feel that this will give Galashiels a much needed boost, as well as providing a free event for all residents to enjoy.
- The Panel is keen to see an event which will promote Galashiels as a place to visit from outwith the area.
- The Panel recognises the importance of Gala Rugby to the Eildon area and the level of community support which exists for Maroon'd Gala and wishes to promote it in the hope that it will become an annual event.

**Recommended to fund - £12,500**