

## Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 1 December 2022  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Location:** Coldstream Community Centre, High Street, Coldstream, TD12 4AP

Please note this is a physical meeting of the Area Partnership and the meeting will not therefore be livestreamed or recorded and there is no option to join online

## AGENDA

1.	<b>Welcome and Meeting Protocols</b>
2.	<b>Feedback from meeting of 1 September 2022</b> (Pages 3 - 8) Consider Minute of the Meeting held on 1 September 2022 for approval and signature by the Chair. (Copy attached).
<b>Section 1: Local Priorities</b>	
3.	<b>Community Councils</b> Sharing good practice and current activity from across Berwickshire.
4.	<b>Borders Greenway Briefing</b> Consider update from Logan Inglis.
5.	<b>Place Making</b> (a) Duns and District Place Plan progress, Anne McNeil; (b) Feedback from Eat Sleep Ride visit; and, (c) Update on Place Making progress across Berwickshire.
<b>Section 2: Service and Partner updates and consultations</b>	
6.	<b>Report from Police Scotland</b>
7.	<b>Update from NHS Borders</b>
8.	<b>Coast to Coast Cycle Route</b> Lena Hutton, South of Scotland Enterprise
9.	<b>Cost of living update</b> Update on activity and support across the Borders and in Berwickshire.

<b>Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding</b>	
10.	<b>Berwickshire Funding Table 2022-23</b> (Pages 9 - 12) SBC Communities and Partnership Team. (Copy attached.)
11.	<b>Berwickshire Swap</b> Update on project outcomes.
<b>Section 4: Other</b>	
12.	<b>Additional Information document</b> (Pages 13 - 16) (Copy attached.)
13.	<b>Next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership</b> Next meeting: 9 February 2023, agenda issued 23 January 2023.
14.	<b>Any other business</b>
15.	<b>Meeting evaluation</b>

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the  
BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP  
held in Reston Village Hall, Ladeside,  
Reston, TD14 5JW on Thursday, 1  
September 2022 at 6.45 pm

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Present:- Councillors J. Anderson (Chair), C. Hamilton, A. Orr and D. Moffat

Other organisations attendees: Mr J. Aitchison (Eyemouth Community Council), Ms J. Amaral (BAVS); Ms A. Campbell, Mr I. Dickson, and Ms W. Myers (Coldstream and District CC), Ms M. Douglas (Greenlaw and Hume CC), Mr K. Dickinson (Gavinton, Fogo & Polwarth CC); Ms K. Duncan, Ms P. Hood, Mr K. Pattison and Ms J. Sutton (Cove and Cockburnspath CC); Mr B. Forrest and Mr L. Inglis (Reston and Auchencrow CC); Ms R. Goldie (Coldingham CC); Ms L. Lavelle and Ms J. Moulin (Coldingham PS Parents Council); Ms K. Lymer (Ayton PFA), Mr A. Manley (Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton CC), Mr A. Mitchell (Duns CC), Mr B. Neill (St Abbs CC), Ms R. Parker (The Frangipane Bakery) and Mr G. Pearson (Leitholm, Eccles and Birgham CC).

Apologies:- Councillors J. Greenwell and M. Rowley

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G. Jardine), Community Engagement Officer (J. Purves), Quality Improvement Officer (C. Didcock), Democratic Services Officer (W. Mohieddeen).

**1. WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership and to Reston Village Hall.

**2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 9 JUNE 2022**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 9 June 2022. The Chair provided feedback which included a desire from attendees for there to be more community presentations and a greater diversity of people attending meetings.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to approve the Minute of the Meeting held on 9 June 2022 for signature by the Chair.**

**3. PLACE MAKING**

3.1 The Chair invited Keith Dickinson, chair of the Berwickshire Place Making Working Group to update the Area Partnership on the activities of Place Making in Berwickshire. Mr Dickinson reminded attendees that the aspiration of Place Making was to be community-led. After the first working group meeting, a survey was sent to community groups and to community councils asking about the internet. Initially, the Working Group prioritised support for communities and had since decided to change that approach to having an 'open-door policy' allowing opportunities for any grouping that wanted to be involved in Place Making. Eleven expressions of interest in Place Making had been received and it was apparent that groups could be clustered where they originated from the same

community.

- 3.2 During discussion of the update, Ms Amaral of BAVS advised that Prosperity Fund had funding available for interested communities and that BAVS were delivering three sessions for community engagement in locations throughout Berwickshire. Ms Campbell of Coldstream Community Council advised that the Place Standard Tool was being used to develop Place Making work in Coldstream. Mr Dickinson summarised the discussion by advising that there was a locality plan for Berwickshire and the aim of Place Making was to explore with communities what they believed to be important and that would be the beginning of developing a new community-led locality plan.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

#### **4. SBC EDUCATION NURTURE POLICY**

- 4.1 The Chair introduced Carolyn Didcock, SBC Quality Improvement Officer, to deliver a presentation on Nurture in schools in the Scottish Borders. Ms Didcock advised that Nurture could be summarised as a 'firm but fair' approach to managing behaviour of children in schools. The process of introducing Nurture in SBC schools took around 18 months and started during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. A Nurture steering group was established and drew information from other local authorities that used Nurture including Glasgow City Council, South Ayrshire Council, Fife Council and East Lothian Council. Creativity was required for the rollout of Nurture so explainer videos were uploaded to the SBC YouTube account.
- 4.2 Ms Didcock summarised what the Nurture policy entailed and advised that the policy highlighted the importance of positive relationships with children from early years to S6 to equip children with suitable social, emotional and wellbeing skills. Research had shown that Nurture helped school children to better at school and helped in reducing mental health problems in children. The treatment of children through Nurture was not permissive and light touch, instead behavioural boundaries and expectations were clear and enforced. However, Nurture encouraged listening and talking to children about their behaviour.
- 4.3 Ms Didcock advised that lockdown had seen an increase in distressed behaviour. Behaviour of S1 children were found to be difficult to manage and that there had been a targeted approach to nurturing to manage this. The roll out of Nurture throughout secondary schools had resulted in some data-evidenced improvements in children's behaviour. Ms Didcock assured that behaviours of children would have consequences but it was to be proportionate to the behaviour, and furthermore action could be taken including speaking to parents about the child's behaviour and assessing why negative behaviour was happening in school.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

#### **5. COMMUNITY PRESENTATION - COCKBURNSPATH AND COVE**

The Chair invited Jennie Sutton, Community Development Facilitator for Cockburnspath and Cove to present on Place Making engagement activities that had taken place in the Cockburnspath and Cove community. Ms Sutton advised that engagement had been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown and that creative and pragmatic thinking was required. Ms Sutton presented materials used in community engagement including maps of Cockburnspath and Cove where residents were invited to place small flags on the map indicating ideas for community improvement, a tool which had been drawn from the Planning for Real toolkit. This had been presented as an example of community engagement that had to cease due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. A

Cockburnspath resident who ran a digital mapping business volunteered to provide support and created a bespoke, interactive map platform called the Village Poll. All residents from the age of 14 were invited to engage with the new platform which was compatible for mobile phone, tablet and laptop devices. For those not IT-literate or in digital poverty, a mobile kiosk for all polls was available at the post office, and hard copy questionnaires were also available. Village Poll was launched in May 2021 and concluded after four polls were ran covering leisure and tourism, transport, services and amenities, and crime and safety. A further poll was run based on feedback and questions from the first three polls to demonstrate that the community was being listened to during the process. The process developed a 100-page community action plan collated from quantitative and qualitative information. Some elements of the community action plan had already happened including a new ATM for the community shop and a new, funded EV charger. In response to questions from attendees, Ms Sutton advised that around 250 responses were received from approximately 400 households. Volunteers helped to distribute hard-copies of the questionnaire to those that required them.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

### **6. RESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL LARDER PROJECT**

6.1 The Chair introduced Logan Inglis to deliver a presentation on the Reston Community Larder. Mr Inglis advised that the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown had affected people using shops and that elderly people were particularly vulnerable. The Larder was formed in April 2020 and had been operating out of foyers and converted rooms before a purpose-built facility was built funded by grant awards which enabled the purchase of two fridges and one freezer. The Larder recruited the support of a health and safety officer to ensure compliance with relevant regulations. The resilience group was operated through the community council which helped to ensure the group was properly constituted, insured and followed a code of practice, also enabling the Larder to secure food hygiene and first aid training. The Larder worked with Neighbourly, Fareshare, Fareshare-Go and Eildon Housing Association to secure food collections from Tesco, Aldi, Marks and Spencer and Morrisons. The Larder operated with a clear ethos of preventing people going hungry and to prevent waste food going to landfill. Food that could not be distributed was sent to compost by the Larder. In its operation, the Larder found that it could engage with people in the community by having volunteers available to talk to people in the community when they visited. This included signposting visitors to agencies like BAVS, Scottish Borders Council and Berwickshire Housing Association. Using information provided by Larder users, it was assessed that in July 2021 there were 429 visitors feeding approximately 1200 people, and in June 2022 there were 368 people feeding approximately 1300 people. Behaviours were assessed in that people were visiting the Larder more to cook meals after initially receiving items like cake, and there was further concern that the need for the Larder was not dissipating.

6.2 In response to questions from attendees, Mr Inglis advised that collections from supermarkets were changing due to changes in their practices such as differences in the way use-by and best before dates were being displayed. With regards to community larders across Berwickshire working together, it was found that people were visiting several community larders and that there was a case where individuals weren't visiting as they were no longer able to afford fuel for their car. It was also found that people were attempting to travel to community larders of other towns to avoid stigma and embarrassment of having to collect food from the town they were based in. Concern was expressed by the Larder on the impact of rising living costs and the volume of available food for collection. Supper clubs had been raised as an idea for larders to support making their food more accessible in the community.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

7. **BERWICKSHIRE FUNDING TABLE 2022-23**

There had been circulated copies of the Berwickshire Funding Table which showed available funding for funds in the Berwickshire area. The Neighbourhood Support Fund began with £99,997.19 for 2022-23. The Funding Table showed that if all applications to the Neighbourhood Support Fund at the meeting were successful then there would be funds of £14,341.55 remaining. The Community Co-ordinator advised that the Welfare Fund contained funds of £8,180.76 which could be used to alleviate the impact of fuel poverty.

**DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

8. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND**

8.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Berwickshire Neighbourhood Support Fund Assessment Panel which detailed recommendations for 18 applications for funding. The Chair invited Keith Dickinson, chair of the Assessment Panel, to present the report. Mr Dickinson advised attendees that the decision that the Area Partnership should make was to content itself that the fund assessment process was rigorous. The Assessment Panel recruited two new members; Kathy Huffman and Jim Hettrick, and there were now two vacancies. Mr Dickinson advised that he felt that the Assessment Panel having delegated powers to grant awards would make the funding process quicker, and that he wished to publish dates of the application process a year in advance with three yearly rounds of funding, and to be able to grant funding within two weeks instead of six weeks. The Berwickshire Area Partnership recommendation from the meeting held on 4 March 2021 that sub-committee of the Berwickshire Area Partnership with delegated powers to grant awards was to go to Scottish Borders Council for approval. Mr Dickinson advised that there should be a distinction made on members having a declared interest and having a conflict of interest in an application for funding. Mr Dickinson summarised the blind marking process of the Assessment Panel.

8.2 In response to a question from Mr Inglis on the summary of decisions made by the Assessment Panel where it was stated that more information was required however not enough information was provided as to why applications were recommended for rejection, Mr Dickinson reiterated that the Berwickshire Area Partnership agreed that the Assessment Panel was to make recommendations and it was for the Berwickshire Area Partnership to approve the process in which the recommendations were made. The Chair further advised that further detail could not be provided in the document so as to remain GDPR compliant and that a further update would be brought to the next meeting. Mr Dickinson advised any applicant would be welcome to request further feedback from the panel on its recommendations.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to:**

- (a) **Approve the recommendations for awards detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and,**
- (b) **Provide further detail on the assessment panel recommendation with regards to the application from Ayton Heritage at the next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership.**

9. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

The Chair advised that additional information was included in the agenda pack which contained information on current consultations and links to useful information and highlighted information on Pingo and the NHS Borders Money Worries application.

**DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

10. **NEXT MEETING OF THE BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership was on 1 December 2022 and the agenda would be issued on 17 November 2022.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 **NHS updates**

A request was received for the NHS to attend the next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership and for information to be heard on NHS dentist availability in Berwickshire.

11.2 **BAVS**

Ms Amaral advised attendees of opportunities to with regards to the Children, Young People, Families and Adult Learning Third Sector Fund and with support delivered through BAVS for funding applications writing.

11.3 **Cost of energy**

In response to a question from Mr Pearson about how the Berwickshire Area Partnership could address the rising cost of energy and the possibility of warm banks, the Community Co-ordinator advised that a community partners meeting could be convened to discuss the issue.

12. **MEETING EVALUATION**

The Chair requested that attendees submit their thoughts on the meeting so that their views could be considered for future meetings.

*The meeting concluded at 8.46 pm.*

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**Berwickshire Funding**  
Area Partnership 01 Dec

<b>Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2022/23</b>	
	<b>£</b>
Opening balance as of 01/04/2022	£ 86,612.87
<b>Plus</b> Community Fund Underspend 2021/22	£ 2,620.21
<b>Plus</b> Local Festival Grant Underspend 2021/22	£ 5,454.11
<b>Plus</b> "Horse Time SCIO" Carry Forward 2021/22	£ 4,500.00
<b>Plus</b> BBBB underspend 2021/22	£ 810.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 99,997.19</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2022	£ 62,565.64
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ -
Sub-total	£ 62,565.64
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 37,431.55</b>
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ 10,700.00
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 26,731.55</b>

Local Festival Grant
Annual Support Contract
SBC Small Schemes
SBC Enhancement
SBC Welfare Trust

<b>Summary of applications</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	25/04/2022	N'Hood Support	ReTweed	£ 4,900.00
2	04/06/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnmouth Community Council	£ 1,064.00
3	05/06/22	N'Hood Support	BAVS	£ 4,500.00
4	19/05/22	N'Hood Support	Border Links Ltd	£ 4,500.00
5	05/05/22	N'Hood Support	Birgham Community Development Trust	£ 5,000.00
6	31/05/22	N'Hood Support	Berwickshire Marine Reserve	£ 5,000.00
7	28/06/22	N'Hood Support	Sea The Change	£ 5,000.00
8	27/06/22	N'Hood Support	Berwickshire Swap	£ 3,924.00
9	21/07/22	N'Hood Support	Ayton Heritage	£ 5,000.00
10	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Eat Sleep Ride	£ 5,000.00
11	22/07/22	N'Hood Support	Gordon Village Hall	£ 3,640.00
12	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Chirnside Development Group	£ 4,000.00
13	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Roxburgh Berwickshire CAB	£ 5,000.00
14	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Interest Link Borders	£ 4,206.00
15	27/07/22	N'Hood Support	Chirnside Football Club	£ 5,000.00
16	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Ayton Gardening Society	£ 847.00

17	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Frangipane Bakery	£ 4,950.00
18	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	A Heart For Duns	£ 4,950.00
19	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Connect Berwickshire Youth Project	£ 5,000.00
20	27/07/22	N'Hood Support	Abundant Borders	£ 4,174.64
21	28/09/22	N'Hood Support	The Cheyne Gang	£3,000
22	03/10/22	N'Hood Support	Greenlaw Bowling Club	£5,000
23	14/10/22	N'Hood Support	Perfect Harmony	£2,700
20	25/10/22	N'Hood Support	Chirnside Community Good Association	£5,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>£ 101,355.64</b>

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<b>Other sources of grant funding - Berwickshire</b>			
<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
ants	£ 14,060.00	£ 6,425.00	£ 7,635.00
Grants (Community Councils)	£ 13,680.00	£ 5,850.00	£ 7,830.00
ies	£ 96,400.00	£ 42,944.00	£ 53,456.00
nt Trust	£ 2,082.49	£ -	£ 2,082.49
st	£ 12,332.43	£ 2,023.00	£ 10,309.43
	<b>£ 138,554.92</b>	<b>£ 57,242.00</b>	<b>£ 81,312.92</b>

<b>ations</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tartans for social/philanthropic good	Awarded
Gazebo & BBQ	Awarded
Berwickshire Alliance	Awarded
Fun on Zoom	Unsuccessful
Play Park Equipment	Awarded
Community Outreach Officer salary	Awarded
Nature's Tonic project	Awarded
Van maintenance & running costs	Awarded
St Dionysius preservation	Unsuccessful
Growing Today Will Help You Tomorrow	Awarded
Toilets upgrade	Unsuccessful
Soundproofing function room	Awarded
Cost of living project	Unsuccessful
Learning Disabilities Befriending Project	Awarded
New pavilion	Awarded
Community Engagement Initiatives	Awarded

Allanbank Arts exhibition	Unsuccessful
"Paint Our Town Red" with Allanbank Arts	Awarded
Drop-in sessions	Awarded
Community Food Growing and Outdoor Cooking	Awarded
Project costs for running Singing for Breathing	Assessing
Clubhouse furniture	Paused
Provision of musical entertainment	Assessing
Tennis court refurbishment	Assessing

## **Additional Information**

### **Current consultations**

#### **Place Making and Community Engagement Sign Up**

The way we are engaging with our residents is changing - and we want you to have your say

Place making is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

Sign up to receive updates from Scottish Borders Council on community engagement events in your areas, to find out about active consultations, funding opportunities, and who to contact when you have an amazing idea to benefit your neighbourhood.

[Have Your Say - Place making and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

#### **Private Landlord Survey**

This survey aims to collect the views of private landlords across a number of topics such as repairs, rental practices and tenant relations.

The survey will help us to gain a better understanding of the private rented sector, your needs as landlords and help us to identify any areas where we can provide more support or support that is better suited to the needs of local landlords.

The results from the survey will also feed into the next Local Housing Strategy.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to fill in.

[Private Landlord Survey 2022 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

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#### **Food Conversation**

The next meeting of the Food Conversation group takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 10am via Teams. Please email [communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk) if you would like to join the meeting. The meeting will continue the discussions and planning for responding to the impact the

cost of living crisis is having on food access as well as longer term strategies to support food growing and food access. An update from the meeting will be shared at the Berwickshire Area Partnership on 01 December 2022.

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### **Community Choices**

The e-learning module is now available for SBC staff to complete. It is designed to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of how departments within SBC can work with the community to make decisions on budget spend.

Results from the free period product survey can be viewed here. SBC is now working with partners to extend provision of free period products in the community. Information will be circulated to inform people of where free period products can be accessed.

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### **Community Empowerment:**

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Berwickshire area. SBC is currently working with and advising groups on requests for 5 asset transfer requests.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Place Making**

A place based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place based approaches visit [Our Place](#)

### **Area Partnerships' information pack:**

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

[Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Community Councils:**

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

[Community Council News](#)

### **Scottish Borders Council Meetings**

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

### **Cost of Living Support**

[Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Debt Advice:**

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



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Borders Money Worries  
App here

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

### **Covid-19 vaccination programme**

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

### **NHS Borders website for current updates:**

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

### **Business support**

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

### **General Funding:**

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

### **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](http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint)

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy>

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

<https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

<https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/>

Phone or email to access their support/advice