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Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership



Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 13 September 2022
Time: 6.00 pm
Location: Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick, TD9 9EF

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from Meeting of 21 June 2022 (Pages 3 - 8) Consider Minute of the Meeting held on 21 June 2022 for approval and signature by the Chair. (Copy attached.)
Section 1: Service and Partner Updates and Consultations	
3.	Almstrongs Redevelopment Consider update from Steven Renwick, SBC Projects Manager.
4.	Place Making - update and interactive discussion
Section 2: Community Empowerment and Community Funding	
5.	Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table 2022-23 (Pages 9 - 10) Consider update from SBC Communities and Partnership Team. (Copy attached.)
6.	Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 11 - 18) Recommendations to be presented by the following assessment panels: (a) Pot A fund – Hawick Community Council (i) Future Hawick (ii) Hawick Youth Football Club (b) Pot B fund (i) Roxburgh and Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau (ii) Campaign for Borders Railway (iii) Artbeat Studios (iv) Stable Life (v) Burnfoot Community Futures (Copy attached.)

Section 3: Local Priorities	
7.	Community Council Update Sharing good practice and current activity from across Teviot and Liddesdale.
Section 4: Other	
8.	Additional Information document (Pages 19 - 22) (Copy attached.)
9.	Next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership Date of the next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership to be confirmed.
10.	Any Other Business
11.	Meeting evaluation

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors C. Ramage (Chair), N. Richards, S. Marshall, W. McAteer and A. Smart.

Other organisations attendees: Ms H. Batsch (The Bridge), Ms C. Douglas, Mr W. Douglas (Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water CC), Ms B. Elborn (Newcastleton CC), Mr W. Fletcher (Burnfoot CC), Mr P. Kerr (Southdean CC), Mr C. Knox (Hawick CC), Mr G. Marshall (A Greener Hawick), Ms N. McIlwraith (SBHA), Ms M. Short (Hawick CC), Mr A. Warburton (Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage CC), Mr F. Wight (Hawick CC), Mr G. Wilson, Ms R. Woods (Southdean CC).

Apologies:- Councillor J. Cox

In Attendance:- Locality Development Coordinator (G. Jardine), Community Engagement Officer (S. McKail), Project Manager (N. Sweeney), Mr S. Sanderson (The National Lottery), Ms C. Hamilton (NHS Borders), Democratic Services Officer (W. Mohieddeen).

1. **WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams and the Chair outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the live stream could take part. Ward councillors were invited to introduce themselves to those present.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 22 MARCH 2022**

There had been circulated Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 March 2022.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minute for signature by the Chair.

3. **PLACE MAKING - NEXT STEPS**

3.1 With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the Meeting held on 22 March 2022, there had been circulated copies of a report setting out options for the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership to choose in taking forward Place Making. The Chair invited Naomi Sweeney, Project Manager, to explain the possible next steps in progressing Place Making. Ms Sweeney explained that the options were to establish a Place Making Working Group as had been established in other Area Partnerships, or to invite communities through the Area Partnership to take forward place plans.

3.2 In response to a question about capacity, Ms Sweeney explained that discussions were ongoing, that there were 9 place making officers in place since November, funding was being sought to secure a consultancy for Place Making, and best practice was being sought from neighbouring local authorities. Ms Elborn noted that clarification on available resource and capacity could inform how communities could take forward work on place

planning. In response to a question about available place plans, Ms Sweeney explained that four place plans would be from Borderlands towns, which were Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick and Jedburgh, and that communities were being sought from elsewhere. It was advised that some communities were taking a district approach working with neighbouring settlements. Ms Sweeney advised that place planning had a five-year plan and the 15 plans were aimed as a minimum commitment.

- 3.3 Councillor McAteer enquired as to whether detail might be available for models of place planning groups citing Borderlands initiatives as providing a model. Ms Sweeney explained that Borderlands were prescriptive in what they expected for groupings and while it might provide a model discussions were ongoing on how groups may be formed. In response to a question about the number of place plans in place in a financial year, Ms Sweeney explained that place making may take place over a period of time that communities were comfortable with and that the number of place plans did not have to be split evenly amongst localities. Attendees discussed the role of schoolchildren that attend schools in other communities and the issue of rural-proofing noting that there would be those that had stakes in the development of different places depending on schooling, work and employee groups, and other users of a service in a community within rural hinterlands of towns. In response to a question from Councillor McAteer on community masterplanning, Ms Sweeney explained that place plans were designed to gather aspirations and ideas of communities to translate those into deliverable plans, that masterplans covered the progression of asset and building development whereas place plans were holistic covering services in an area. Ms Sweeney advised that consultancy was aimed to be in place in August 2022 and then supporting the delivery of workshops in autumn 2022.

DECISION

- (a) **AGREED to nominate Hawick and Burnfoot, Newcastleton, and Southdean and Hobkirk as the three communities to begin Place Making planning; and,**
- (b) **NOTED the update.**

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

- 4.1 The Chair invited community council representatives to take the opportunity to share activities and best practice they had undertaken.
- 4.2 Mr Kerr of Southdean Community Council advised that their election period was coming to a close, there was an application for funding for a new heating system to replace the coin-operated system that had been in place since 1962, that there had been liaison with regards to EV charging in rural communities, and that there had been a windfarm application exhibition that highlighted significant impact on traffic. Mr Kerr thanked Scottish Borders Council for funding for the successful Southdean Platinum Jubilee party.
- 4.3 In response to a question from Ms Short of Hawick Community Council about face-to-face meetings, Ms Jardine advised that there were discussions taking place in the Council regarding face-to-face meetings and balancing issues such as those that live in rural areas that would need to travel and whether technology would be available for people to access the meetings online. Ms Short advised that Hawick Community Council held a successful jubilee party funded by Scottish Borders Council, that the community council had established a sub-group to explore the provision of CCTV, and that there were concerns with grass-cutting and weed-spraying. Ms Short further advised there would be a music event taking place in Wilton Lodge Park.
- 4.4 Ms Elborn advised that Newcastleton Community Council were in their election period and that there would be fewer community councillors than they previously had prior to the election. Ms Elborn advised that in-person meetings would be welcomed but she was conscious that she would not return to Newcastleton before 10pm from meetings, and

subsequently she wished to know whether there would be expenses from Scottish Borders Council for those attending face-to-face Area Partnership meetings. Ms Elborn advised that there was technology to support hybrid meetings at Newcastleton as part of the Borders College network. CCTV in Newcastleton had gone live in June. Ms Elborn had noted that there had been complaints with weed control and that she had requested for community councils to have authority to procure weed control and wished this to be considered on the next agenda. Ms Elborn advised that people in the community were affected by the increased cost of fuel noting that a high proportion of households relied on oil for energy.

- 4.5 The Chair suggested that the Hawick Borders College campus may be suitable as a host for future Area Partnership meetings to allow blended meetings to take place.

- 4.6 Mr Marshall of A Greener Hawick advised that there should be greater representation at Area Partnership meetings from third sector organisations.

5. **FINANCIAL INCLUSION FUND/FOOD CONVERSATION**

Ms Jardine advised that the Financial Inclusion Fund was included on the agenda to highlight day-to-day support for people affected by the cost of living crisis and how the fund had invested in related projects. Caroline Hamilton, Health Improvement Specialists at NHS Borders was introduced to deliver a presentation on the Low and Slow Project. The project launched pilots in Newcastleton and Burnfoot to address fuel and food poverty in the Borders. The cost of using a slow cooker was compared to that of a conventional oven. At the start of the project in December 2021, a slow cooker cost 3p per hour to run compared to 5p per hour in April 2022 compared to a conventional oven which cost 44p per hour in December 2021 to 75p per hour in April 2022. The Low and Slow Project advised that their message wasn't that a slow cooker was to replace all meals but to demonstrate that a slow cooker can cut the cost of a meal by a quarter. The Low and Slow Project partners were drawn from different partners to expand the knowledge base in tackling food and fuel poverty. An individual from Newcastleton found that their energy bill had reduced by 70%. Ms Hamilton highlighted next steps of the project being to change the conversation of the stigma around fuel and food poverty. Ms Elborn advised that the Low and Slow Project has been a success in Newcastleton and there had been enthusiasm to participate in the village. Attendees requested resources and handouts with regard to the Low and Slow Project for distribution into communities.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

6. **OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY FUNDING**

Ms Jardine introduced herself and Scott McKail, Community Engagement Officer for Teviot and Liddesdale, and advised on the role of the Communities and Partnership Team which worked with communities to support them take forward initiatives in their area. A key part of the role of the Community Engagement Officer was to engage community groups to secure support for development.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

7. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE FUNDING TABLE 2022-23**

Ms Jardine presented the Teviot and Liddesdale funding table which showed that Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot B underspend resulted in the total being available for 2022-23 was £87,455. Underspend from the Pot A underspend went back to community councils that were responsible for their fund. Ms Jardine advised of other funds available in the Teviot and Liddesdale area.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

8. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND**

Neighbourhood Support Fund – Pot A

- 8.1 Mr McKail presented the summary of recommendations by the Burnfoot Community Council Pot A Assessment Panel. The panel met to consider an application by Burnfoot Community Council for the funding of Wilton Cemetery Garden of Remembrance Project. The panel raised questions about the shortfall however agreed that it would be positive to complete the project. The panel recommended that the project be awarded a grant of £7,566.50 with the conditions that the funding would be paid once the project shortfall is secured, and if there was any change to costs then the applicant may not be able to reapply to the Pot A fund to make up any difference.
- 8.2 Ms Short presented the summary of recommendations by the Hawick Community Council Pot A Assessment Panel. The panel met to consider an application from Hawick Community Council for the funding of a project to finalise the walkway around the perimeter of Williestruther Loch which was to be a mixture of gravel path and boardwalk. The panel recommended that the project be awarded a grant of £2,916.25.
- 8.3 Mr Kerr presented the summary of recommendations by the Southdean Community Council Pot A Assessment Panel. The panel met to consider an application from Southdean Village Hall for the funding of upgrades to the hall's heating system. The panel recommended that the project be awarded a grant of £3,685.93.

Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot B

- 8.4 Copies of the summary of recommendations from the Teviot and Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot B Assessment Panel were circulated that summarised recommendations for an application received by Burnfoot Community Council. The application received was for the funding of a garden of remembrance. The Panel recommended that the applicant be awarded a grant of £5,000 with a recommendation that funds be withheld until the remainder of project funding had been raised, and that the project be phased in line with funding. Mr Fletcher of Burnfoot Community Council advised that the project would be £12,000 short if the funding was approved, and that there were plans in place to continue fundraising. The Area Partnership agreed with the assessment panel recommendation that the project be awarded funding of £5,000 and that funding the project is phased in-line with available funding.

DECISION

AGREED to:

- (a) **Award Burnfoot Community Council a grant of £7,566.50 from Pot A, subject to the conditions that:**
- (i) **funding would be paid once the project shortfall is secured; and,**
 - (ii) **if there was any change to costs then the applicant may not be able to reapply to the Pot A fund to make up any difference;**
- (b) **Award Hawick Community Council a grant of £2,916.25 from Pot A;**
- (c) **Award Southdean Village Hall a grant of £3,685.93 from Pot A; and,**
- (d) **Award Burnfoot Community Hall a grant of £5,000 from Pot B, with the recommendation that the project is phased in-line with available funding.**
9. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS**
- The Community Co-ordinator presented a proposal from Hornshole Greenway Development Group for the use of underspend on delivering workshops as part of their Eco Education programme to be used on delivering a similar suite of workshops in October 2022 working with a different primary school.

DECISION

AGREED to support the use of the grant underspend for future workshops.

10. THE NATIONAL LOTTERY - COMMUNITY FUNDING

The Chair introduced Stewart Sanderson, Funding Officer for South of Scotland Team, National Lottery to the meeting who delivered a presentation on funding opportunities with The National Lottery Community Fund. There were four live funding programmes, with two closing soon which Mr Sanderson presented. Awards for All offered groups awards up to £10,000 which has been used for projects such as the repair of village halls, community growing projects and to cover costs such as staff time and for activities. Community groups did not need to liaise with the funding team beforehand although it was encouraged to establish a relationship with the funding team and offer support. Young Start offered awards of up to £100,000 and was not raised through lottery ticket sales but through money in dormant bank accounts. The fund was aimed at younger people to encourage them to make change in their lives. This fund required applicants to be in touch with the funding team in the first instance so that a conversation could take place about what applicants wanted to achieve with their project. Community Led and Improving Lives funds were closing on 30 September 2022. Community Led offered awards of up to £150,000 over three years for activities that communities led on such as improving wellbeing and connecting communities. Groups had to have an elected board that anyone could join and awards could cover salary costs and limited building costs. Improving Lives offered awards up to £200,000 over three years directed at supporting communities to overcome challenging circumstances and led by the people concerned to ensure their voices were heard as far as possible. New projects would be launched by The National Lottery which were still in development and consultation with the Scottish Government, communities and the third sector to ensure the new programmes are as relevant as possible. Mr Sanderson provided his contact details and answered attendees' questions about available funds.

11. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

The Community Co-ordinator provided an update on participatory budgeting which all local authorities were required to have 1% of its budget reserved for. Participatory budgeting at Scottish Borders Council was to be called community choices. Community choices aimed to involve community members in shaping services being delivered and having a say in how public money was spent. An e-learning module had been created for staff so that all departments understood Community Choices and the decision-making process to support involving the community in the decision-making process. Ms Jardine provided an example of participatory budget in action such as pupils at Peebles High School using funding from the Tweeddale Community Fund to run a Community Choices event aimed at improving the school environment. The Community Co-ordinator advised that if anyone wanted to find out more about Community Choices they could get in touch with the Communities and Partnership Team.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The Chairman advised that additional information was included in the agenda pack which contained information on current consultations and links to useful information.

13. NEXT MEETING OF THE TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

It was noted that the next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership was on 13 September 2022 and the agenda would be issued on 30 August 2022.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1 Mr Kerr advised that there was an EV Charging survey being circulated and suggested that the survey could have been improved with consultation.

- 14.2 Councillor Marshall advised that options should be considered for venues to hold the next meeting of the Area Partnership.
- 14.3 Ms Elborn noted that the length of the meetings should be considered and suggested that actions may be recorded to aid discussion.
15. **MEETING EVALUATION VIA MENTI**
Members were encouraged to complete the Menti meeting evaluation.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.

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13 September

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2022/23	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2022	£ 74,039.56
Plus Community Fund (Pot A) Underspend 2021/22	£ 11,081.20
Plus Community Fund (Pot B) Underspend 2021/22	£ 709.24
Plus Local Festival Grant Underspend 2021/22	£ 1,625.00
Plus BBBB Recovery Fund Underspend 2021/22	£ 371.02
Total available	£ 87,826.02
Less:	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2022	£ 20,648.68
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 25,580.00
Sub-total	£ 46,228.68
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 41,597.34
NSF applications still to be assessed	
	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 41,597.34

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No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount
1	14/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Community Council	£ 2,916.25
2	21/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Council	£ 7,566.50
3	15/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Southdean Village hall	£ 3,685.93
4	21/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Council	£ 5,000.00
5	21/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Archaeological Society	£ 500.00
6	20/06/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Girlguiding	£ 536.00
7	15/07/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 480.00
8	26/07/2022	N'Hood Support	Campaign for Borders Railway	£ 2,600.00
9	29/07/2022	N'Hood Support	ArtBeat Sudios	£ 4,240.00
10	29/07/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Youth Football Club	£ 3,280.00
11	31/07/22	N'Hood Support	Future Hawick	£ 500.00
12	01/08/22	N'Hood Support	Stable Life	£ 5,000.00
13	09/08/22	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 4,960.00
14	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 5,000.00
Total				£ 46,264.68

Funding 2022/23

for 2022

Other sources of grant funding - Teviot & Liddesdale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Grants	£ 12,500.00	£ 9,300.00	£ 3,200.00
Grants (Community Councils)	£ 6,370.00	£ 3,310.00	£ 3,060.00
Grants - Hawick & Hermitage	£ 34,700.00	£ 15,313.62	£ 19,386.38
Grants - Hawick & Denholm	£ 34,700.00	£ 23,354.00	£ 11,346.00
Grants - Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage	£ 46,000.00	£ 5,682.00	£ 40,318.00
Grants Trust	£ 2,382.54	£ 2,382.54	£ -
Grants	£ 2,502.39	£ -	£ 2,502.39
	£ 139,154.93	£ 59,342.16	£ 79,812.77

Applications		
Pot	Project	Status
Pot A	Willistruther path	Awarded
Pot A	Wilton cemetery	Awarded
Pot A	Southdean heating	Awarded
Pot B	Wilton cemetery	Awarded
Pot B	Audio equipment	Awarded
Pot A	Safari Park Trip	Awarded
Pot A	Spittal Trip	Awarded
Pot B	Borders Rail Survey	Assessed
Pot B	Art Workshops	Assessed
Pot A	Season 22-23 admission to South East league	Assessed
Pot A	Hawick Festival of Wellbeing	Assessed
Pot B	Contribution to core costs	Assessed
Pot B	Activities plan	Assessed
Pot B	Cost of living project	Assessed

Scottish Borders Council

Hawick Council Community Fund Pot A Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of the Hawick Community Council Community Fund Pot A Assessment Panel held at the Future Hawick Offices on Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present: Marion Short, Cameron Knox, Katherine Scoular, Alistair Cook

Apologies: None

An application (fast track basis) from Future Hawick requesting £500 was received for the project “Hawick Festival of Wellbeing”

The approved scoring matrix was not applied to this application due to it being submitted as “fast track” but rather consideration was given to the whole application by the four panel members

It was unanimous within the Panel that this application should not be awarded for the undernoted reasons –

The accounts provided by Future Hawick are indicative that the organisation could themselves afford to meet this cost

It appeared to the panel members that this was a last minute application merely to recoup some of their already known contribution for the event

There was no specific breakdown what the £500 would cover and only assumed it would be a contribution to the overall costs of £3066

The panel felt that the application lacked detail. The application states “The project will be delivered by Future Hawick, Hawick Community Pump Track and Hawick Cycling Club, supported by Messrs McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd”. There is no indication if the costs for the event were in total £3,066 or if this was just a share of the costs. No figures were available to show any apportionment.

It is therefore recommended to the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership that a grant should not be awarded in this instance.

Marion Short (Chair)

Pot A Assessment Panel (for Neighbourhood Support Fund)

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Scottish Borders Council
Hawick Council Community Fund Pot A Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of the Hawick Community Council Community Fund Pot A Assessment Panel held at the Future Hawick Offices on Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present: Marion Short, Cameron Knox, Katherine Scoular, Alistair Cook

Apologies: None

An application from Hawick Youth Football Club requesting £3280 was received for the project "Season 22-23 admission to South East League"

Using the approved scoring matrix this application was assessed to a very high score as most of the different criteria could be addressed within the application and it was unanimous within the Panel that it was a very worthwhile application

It is therefore recommended to the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership that a grant should be awarded for the amount of £3280.

Marion Short (Chair)

Pot A Assessment Panel (for Neighbourhood Support Fund)

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Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel held via Teams on Thursday 25th August 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present: Marion Short, Andrew Warburton, Billy Fletcher, Duncan Taylor, Dale Ploughman, Iain Crosbie, Jacqueline McNeil, Gillian Jardine (SBC), Scott McKail (SBC)

Apologies: Philip Kerr

Stable Life

Applied for £5,000 to deliver the provision of a structured programme for at least 100 referred young people which will include equine assisted therapy/learning, riding lessons and psychosocial based interventions. It was noted the very high costs for running and maintaining this type of project and the innumerable other sources of funding applied for. SBC Officers informed the panel that Stable Life has applied to the NSF in three other Localities and that the reason for the NSF applications were as a result of two unsuccessful funding applications which had resulted in a projected shortfall of income. It was noted and commended by the panel that the organisation uses the provision of volunteers and work placements in order to reduce costs and some panel members were able to testify to the difference the project has made to service users.

DECISION NOTED that:

It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £5,000 and there were no conditions made in conjunction with this application.

Burnfoot Community Futures

Applied for £4,960 to deliver an Event Programme 22/23 which principally related to the provision of five community bus trips and 6/7 seasonal community events. Full consideration was given to this application and noted that the total project cost was £5,560 and indicative that the small balance of £600 would be met from the applicants own funds.

DECISION NOTED that:

It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £4,960 as it was considered this would be a much needed facility provided particularly for the residents living in Burnfoot.

ArtBeat Studios

Artbeat Studios applied for £4,240 for Artbeat Workshops and to reconfigure their studio space to include a computer suite, a workshop area and bespoke storage areas. Full consideration was given to this application and noted that the total project cost was £5,000 and indicative that the small balance of £760 relative to staff time would be met from their own funds. The project was submitted on the basis of responses to a community consultation.

DECISION NOTED that:

It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £4,240 as it was considered this would be a very worthwhile facility provided in the community

There was considerable discussion on the £10 participant charge for attendance at these workshops. SBC Officers advised that Artbeat Studios had confirmed that irrespective of the individual client circumstances there would be no facility to provide these workshops free of charge. The Panel considered in the current financial climate with rising costs that this charge could possibly be seen as a barrier to some attending and facilities such as this should be available free of charge within the community. However they also comment that if this project wasn't supported it could be detrimental to their future service. Whilst recommending that the grant should be awarded, the Panel would like to register their comment that service user numbers at Artbeat Studios should be monitored and that the organisation should consider their charging policy and whether discounted facilities can be provided.

Roxburgh & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau

An application from the Roxburgh & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau requesting £5,000 was received for the Cost of Living Project, to employ an additional staff member for 12 months in response to increased demand for their services. SBC Officers confirmed that applications had also been submitted to Berwickshire and Cheviot NSF for £5,000 and £2,500 respectively. SBC Officers advised that Council had approved additional measures of £1.2m in response to the cost of living crisis but the finer detail of the distribution of this funding was not yet available.

DECISION NOTED that:

It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership defer a decision on this application until the details of the aforementioned additional funding are known as it may be that any additional monies available to the Roxburgh & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau would cover the cost of this member of staff and there would be no requirement to seek further funding from this source.

Campaign for Borders Rail

The Campaign for Borders Rail applied for £2,600 to contribute to the costs of commissioning a consultant study to look at the impact an extended Borders Railway would have on local communities and the infrastructure that would be required for an extension. The panel had questions for the applicant with regards to value of undertaking this study when £10 million in funding has been allocated from the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal to support a full feasibility study. The panel also queried the timeline for completion of this survey and asked whether the study could be completed within 6 months to reduce any risk of overlapping with the Borderlands funded study. The applicant was asked to confirm a timeline for the study and has since confirmed that the study would be completed within the six months.

DECISION NOTED that:

It was agreed to recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £2,600. Although concerns were raised about potential duplication of outcomes from the two studies, the use of the NSF for this study and an overlap of timelines, the majority of the panel agreed that the study would provide an additional opportunity to involve communities directly and for the potential benefits of the railway to be promoted.

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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](#)

Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Resident Survey

We are seeking the views of residents in relation to Scottish Borders' future Local Housing Strategy.

As part of the early engagement, we have developed four issues papers:

- Housing Delivery and Place Making
- Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Housing Quality
- Homelessness
- Particular Housing and Specialist Provision

These papers identify the key housing issues in the Scottish Borders. We are seeking the views of residents and stakeholders to make sure that they meet expectations, to see if we have missed anything and to see if there are a better ways of the council carrying out its duties in relation to housing. You can access the four housing issues papers

here: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1489/local_housing_strategy_-_housing_issues_papers

Survey closes 11 September

<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/housing/local-housing-strategy-2023-28-resident-survey/>

Food Conversation/ Financial Inclusion Fund

At the recent food conversation meeting attended by volunteers, community food projects and services from across Scottish Borders, Alchemy Film and Art shared an overview of their 'Rich, Rich Soil' summer programme of film, food and growing. Within Rich, Rich Soil, Alchemy Film & Arts has worked with Burnfoot Community Futures to provide Tea Time, a series of three course communal meals cooked by invited chefs which are served for free to residents of Burnfoot in Burnfoot Community Hub. An update was also provided on the ongoing roll out of Low and Slow which continues to be delivered in the Teviot & Liddesdale area.

Another meeting is due to take place in November and will continue the discussions and planning for responding to the impact the cost of living crisis is having on food access.

Community Orchard/ Burnfoot Grows Together

The proposed community Orchard will sit next to Burnfoot Community School in the heart of the community. The project is being delivered by a number of key partners including Hornshole Greenway project, Scottish Borders Council, Abundant Borders, Burnfoot Community School, CLD, and Burnfoot Community hub.

At its core this is a growing project which will allow hands on experience for local people, with a particular focus on Primary age children and their families, as part of Hornshole Greenway's Eco education program.

The Orchard will have Apple, Pear and Plum trees planted as well as wild flowers to attract pollinator insects. Local families can adopt a tree and using the projects Apple press, will see the direct fruits of their labour and care. The aim is to engage and educate in growing but also to create an enhanced green space for the community.

Although significant engagement has already taken place, including the children from the local school designing a sign for the orchard, and a recent visit from BBC to film various activities, planting will take place autumn 2022.

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.

Community Empowerment:

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Teviot & Liddesdale 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:

[Teviot and Liddesdale 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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



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Covid-19 vaccination programme

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 \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[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

<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