

Public Document Pack

Eildon
Area Partnership

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Thursday, 22 June 2023

Time: 6 pm

Location: Via Microsoft Teams

All attendees, including members of the public, should note that the public business in this meeting will be livestreamed and video recorded and that recording will be available thereafter for public view for 180 days.

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Additional Information Document (Pages 3 - 6) Copy attached.
3.	Feedback from Meeting of 23 March 2023 (Pages 7 - 10) Minute of Meeting held on 23 March 2023. (Copy attached.)
	Section 1: Service & Partner Updates & Consultations
4.	Scottish Borders Climate Action Network Update - Louise Cox
5.	Community Plan Priorities Consultation - Nile Istephan
6.	Local Housing Strategy Consultation Presentation - Lindsey Renwick
	Section 2: Local Priorities
7.	Eildon Area Partnership Action Tracker - Update
	Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding
8.	Eildon Funding Table 2023/24 (Pages 11 - 12) Copy attached.
9.	Neighbourhood Support Fund 2023/24 Eildon Assessment Panel to present funding recommendations for the following NSF applications:

- Melrose in Bloom
- Live Learn Earn CIC
- Go Wild Scotland
- Hike and Bike Hub
- Galashiels Bowling Club
- Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company
- Lauder Larder

(To follow.)

Section 4: Other

10.	Next Area Partnership: Thursday, 7 September 2023. Agenda Issued: Monday, 28 August 2023
11.	Any Other Business
12.	Meeting Evaluation Via Menti

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Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Consultation

The Scottish Borders Local Housing Strategy sets our vision for housing, setting our key partnership priorities and goals for the next five years, 2023-28. We want people to share their views on our proposed vision, outcomes, key actions and housing issues. We are interested to find out the view of anyone living or wanting to live in the Scottish Borders, as well as any group or organization with an interest in housing in the Scottish Borders.

Read more: [Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Consultation - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up

Placemaking 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.

Read more: [Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Scottish Government Current Consultations

New National Parks - appraisal framework

The Scottish Government has produced an appraisal framework to support the assessment of nominations for new National Park designations.

This consultation is seeking your views and comments on this Appraisal Framework and the selection criteria for new National Parks.

Read more: [New National Parks - appraisal framework - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](#)

Council tax on second and empty homes / Non-domestic rates: Consultation

The consultation asks whether councils should have additional powers giving them discretion to:

- charge up to 100% premium (double the full rate) on council tax for second homes
- charge more than 100% premium on council tax for second homes and long-term empty homes

Our aim is for everyone in Scotland to live in safe, secure and warm homes. We want your views on how local taxation and existing housing can help achieve this. Your responses will help inform policy development and what actions we take next.

Read more: [Council tax on second and empty homes/ Non-domestic rates: consultation - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](#)

Prescribing the minimum annual number of learning hours: consultation

This consultation seeks views on the Scottish Government's plans to set a legal minimum number of hours of school education school pupils should receive each year.

Read more: <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/learning-hours-consultation/>

Review of the National Outcomes

The National Outcomes set out the kind of Scotland we all want to see. It is therefore vital that we hear from communities in Scotland about what matters most to you, so that we can ensure the National Outcomes reflect our shared priorities. Our collective wellbeing is a matter for all of us – government, charities, communities, businesses and people – working together to make these National Outcomes a reality. This consultation will inform the National Outcomes we work towards for the next five years.

Read more: [Review of the National Outcomes - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](https://consult.gov.scot/review-of-the-national-outcomes-scottish-government-citizen-space)

Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan consultation

This consultation provides an opportunity for communities, workers, citizens and businesses to engage in the process of designing Scotland's energy transition. In consulting on this draft vision and route map, our purpose is to:

- seek views on our vision and the actions we are taking to transition to an affordable, resilient and clean energy system
- understand how we secure the maximum social and economic benefits from the energy transition for Scotland

The Scottish Government will review responses to the consultation and the issues raised during engagement with stakeholders to inform development of the final version of the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

Read more: [Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan consultation - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](https://consult.gov.scot/draft-energy-strategy-and-just-transition-plan-consultation-scottish-government-citizen-space)

Food Conversations

Feedback from the previous Food Conversations on Friday, 17 March 2023 was mapped into four challenge areas, Policy and Public Services, Capacity and Resources, Communities and Services, and Parents and Children. Feedback from this session will be presented at the next meeting alongside proposed next steps.

The next Food Conversation meeting will take place on Friday, 23 June 2023. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know.

Community Choices

There are no updates for Community Choices. Should this change, an update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

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

[Eildon 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](#)

[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/>

[Grants Online](#)

<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

<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

**Eildon
Area Partnership**



MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors J. Linehan (Chair), C. Cochrane, L. Douglas, E. Jardine, N. Mackinnon, F. Sinclair, together with 8 representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils, and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillor D. Parker, J. PatonDay, E. Thornton-Nicol

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Community Engagement Officer (E. Coltman), Democratic Services Team Leader

1. **CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Thornton-Nicol, Councillor Linehan chaired the meeting.

2. **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held remotely via Microsoft Teams, which included Elected Members, guests attending within the meeting and those watching via the Live Stream.

3. **FEEDBACK AND EVALUATION FROM MEETING OF 26 JANUARY 2023**

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 26 January 2023 had been circulated and was noted. The Community Co-ordinator, Mr Harrow, advised that following the focus on transport at the January meeting a meeting was to be held at 10 a.m. the following day to discuss transport in the Eildon locality. The use of bikes was also being looked at and he invited those present to join him on a trip that was currently being planned in partnership with the Bike and Hike Hub, Galashiels.

4. **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

The Chair welcomed Ms Carol Hayden to the meeting. Ms Hayden gave a presentation on the ongoing engagement and involvement in respect of the Health and Social Care Strategic Framework for 2023-2026. She provided an update on the work to date and sought further comments from those in attendance and involvement in the planning, design and monitoring of the Framework. She provided details of the key challenges being faced and highlighted the need for more support for unpaid carers. The vision for the Framework was that all people in the Scottish Borders would be able to live their lives to the full. The Framework set out how health and social care services would be transformed and delivered over the next three years and detailed the levels of achievement that were being aimed for. Ms Hayden asked that people submit their views on the Framework and advise whether anything was missing. She then explained the various ways people could be involved. Ms Jenny Mushlin from the Parish of Stow Community Council highlighted that transport was missing from the Framework. She had been a member of a previous group and would be very happy to be involved again. However, she did note that the group would need administrative support to be more effective. The Chair asked that the presentation be circulated and encouraged everyone to submit their views.

5. **CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE GALASHIELS ACADEMY**

There had been circulated copies of a document on the consultation relating to the proposal to relocate Galashiels Academy. The consultation period would run from 13 March to 12 May 2023 and a public meeting was to be held on 20 April between 6.30 pm

and 8.30 pm at Galashiels Academy. The paper gave details of the proposals and the educational benefits of the new building. Members welcomed the progress being made and encouraged everyone to take part in the consultation process. Councillor Sinclair commented on a successful dedicated website which had been created for the new Peebles High School and hoped this would be replicated for Galashiels. In response to a question as to whether or not Parish of Stow Community Council could receive a further briefing via Microsoft Teams from the contractors, Mr Coltman advised that he would check. The contractors had undertaken to provide regular feedback sessions as the construction progressed.

6. **AREA PARTNERSHIP REFLECTIONS**

Attendees were placed in breakout rooms to discuss how to encourage greater involvement at Area Partnership meetings, what topics people would like to see going forward and thoughts on the Neighbourhood Support Fund criteria which was to be considered later in the meeting. After attendees had returned to the main meeting the Chair thanked everyone for their participation and asked that people add their notes to the Google Jamboard.

7. **EILDON FUNDING TABLE 2022/23**

Copies of the Eildon Funding Table 2022/23 had been circulated with the agenda. Mr Coltman advised that the opening balance of the Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) had been £147,038.24, and that £138,372.79 had been awarded since April 2022. Applications totalling £18,433 had been assessed and were awaiting decision. Mr Coltman explained that if all of the applications were approved in full then the Fund would be oversubscribed by £9767.55.

8. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND CRITERIA 2023/24**

It was noted that the funding available for 203/24 had dropped to £87k and it was therefore proposed that the limit for an individual application be reduced from £15k to £10k and this was unanimously approved. A review of the funding criteria was also suggested and it was further agreed that a reflective session be held with the Assessment Panel before the next meeting of the Area Partnership in June and that any proposed amendments be brought forward for consideration. There were currently 2 vacancies on the Assessment Panel and Mr Harrow encouraged people to get in touch if they were interested in joining.

9. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND**

9.1 There had been circulated copies of the Eildon Assessment Panel's recommendations as a supplement to the agenda. The Chair welcomed Ms Jenny Mushlin of the Eildon Assessment Panel to provide an overview of each of the recommendations.

9.2 **Melrose in Bloom**

With reference to paragraph 5.5 of the Minute of 26 January 2023, it was reported that ownership of the fence had still not been ascertained but that the Panel were happy to consider an application in 2023/24 once ownership had been confirmed. Mr Coltman advised that a meeting had been arranged with Melrose in Bloom to discuss the next steps. Members unanimously agreed not to grant the funding.

9.3 **At Birkhill House CIC**

With reference to paragraph 5.6 of the Minute of 26 January 2023, it was reported that the previous concerns regarding lack of quotes and a business plan had now been addressed. The Panel considered it was a strong application and recommended part funding of £8,665.45. Members unanimously agreed to approve this funding.

9.4 **Rotary Club of Melrose**

An application for £2,500 had been received to re-establish the library at Earlston High School following the appointment of a new librarian. The money would be used to purchase new appropriate books. The Panel had recommended that the application be

refused but suggested that the Rotary Club liaise with Live Borders. Mr Coltman confirmed that a conversation with the Rotary Club was ongoing. Members unanimously agreed not to grant the funding.

10. **NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP**

The Chair confirmed that the next Eildon Area Partnership would be held on Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 6pm. Meetings would continue to be held online via Microsoft Teams at present.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ OPEN FORUM**

No items were raised.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.

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Eildon Funding 2023/24

22 June 2023

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2023/24	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2023	£ 86,073.00
Total available	£ 86,073.00
Less:	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2023	£ 1,949.00
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 31,147.82
Sub-total	£ 33,096.82
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 52,976.18
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ 30,927.33
Potential Overall Position	£ 22,048.85

Other sources of grant funding - Eildon			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 28,400.00	£ 6,500.00	£ 21,900.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,525.00	£ -	£ 10,525.00
Common Good (Galashiels)	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Common Good (Lauder)	£ 5,900.00	£ -	£ 5,900.00
Common Good (Selkirk)	£ 18,150.00	£ -	£ 18,150.00
William Hill Trust	£ 12,090.00	£ 40.00	£ 12,050.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 3,686.11	£ 461.12	£ 3,224.99
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 11,497.69	£ 2,500.00	£ 8,997.69
	£ 90,748.80	£ 9,501.12	£ 81,247.68

Summary of applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	21/12/2022	NSF	Melrose in Bloom	£ 5,750.00	Replacement fence (decision to be made 22/06/23)	Assessed
2	08/04/2023	NSF	Gala Cricket Club	£ 1,200.00	New mower	Awarded
3	21/04/2023	NSF	Live Learn Earn	£ 3,840.00	Metalwork sessions with LAC (decision to be made 22/06/23)	Assessed
4	03/05/2023	NSF	Selkirk Hill Management Group	£ 749.00	New mower	Awarded
5	11/05/2023	NSF	Hike and Bike Hub	£ 6,150.00	Rent costs (decision to be made 22/06/23)	Assessed
6	13/05/2023	NSF	Go Wild Scotland	£ 9,992.78	Salary costs (decision to be made 22/06/23)	Assessing
7	18/05/2023	NSF	Galashiels Bowling Club	£ 10,000.00	Roof replacement (decision to be made 22/06/23)	Assessed
8	26/05/2023	NSF	Ettrick & Yarrow Community Development Company	£ 10,000.00	Salary costs and expenses (decision to be made 22/06/23)	Assessing
9	26/05/2023	NSF	Lauder Larder	£ 5,407.82	Food provision expansion (decision to be made 22/06/23)	Assessed
10	30/05/2023	NSF	Trustees of Bowden Common	£ 934.55	Equipment for Common maintenance	Assessing
11	07/06/2023	NSF	Lauderdale Youth Football Club	£ 10,000.00	Pitch upgrade & warm space	Assessing
Total				£ 64,024.15		

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