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**Teviot & Liddesdale
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
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Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 26 March 2024
Time: 6pm
Location: The Lesser Hall, Hawick Town Hall and via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

This is a blended meeting. Attendees can either join online or in-person. Please note that the meeting will not be livestreamed or recorded.

1.	Welcome
2.	Feedback from meeting on 20 February 2024
	Section 1: Service & Partner Updates
3.	Area Partnership Review Clare Malster, Participation Officer, Scottish Borders Council
4.	Food Conversation Update Consultation on Food Provision in the Scottish Borders, Sarah Culverwell, Community Engagement Officer, Scottish Borders Council
	Section 2: Community Empowerment and Community Funding
5.	Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table 2023/24 (Pages 3 - 4) Overview from SBC Communities & Partnership Team. (Copy attached.)
6.	Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 5 - 8) NSF Pot A, recommendations: 3 rd Hawick Rainbows - Hawick Community Council, Pot A Escape Youth Service - Denholm Community Council, Pot A Newcastleton CC - Newcastleton Community Council, Pot A Burnfoot Community Futures - Burnfoot Community Council, Pot A In2Venture - Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water, Pot A Neighbourhood Pot B, recommendations:

	<p>Teviotdale Steel Bonnets - Pot B Escape Youth Service - Pot B</p> <p>(Copy attached.)</p>
7.	<p>Teviot and Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund 2024/25 Funding Pot Proposals (Pages 9 - 10)</p> <p>Pot A Proposals (To follow) Pot B Proposals (Copy attached.)</p>
	<p>Section 3: Local Priorities</p>
8.	<p>Annette Reeves - Art Beat Studios</p> <p>Feedback on the Art Workshops project, funded through the 22/23 Neighbourhood Support Fund.</p>
9.	<p>Update on Placemaking in Teviot and Liddesdale</p>
10.	<p>Community Council Update</p>
	<p>Section 4: Other</p>
11.	<p>Additional Information Document (Pages 11 - 16)</p> <p>(Copy attached.)</p>
12.	<p>Date of Next Area Partnership Meeting</p> <p>The next Area Partnership is scheduled for 4 June 2024. Consider potential reschedule to the following dates:</p> <p>Tuesday, 28 May 2024 – 6pm Wednesday, 5 June 2024 – 6pm Thursday, 6 June 2024 – 6pm</p>
13.	<p>Any Other Business</p>

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Teviot and Liddesdale Funding 2023/24

13 March 2024

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2023/24	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2023	£ 42,465.00
Plus NSF (Pot A) Underspend 2022/23	£ 11,354.47
Plus NSF (Pot B) Underspend 2022/23	£ 3,425.64
Total available	£ 57,245.11
Less:	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2023	£ 28,876.69
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 13,386.67
Sub-total	£ 42,263.36
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 14,981.75
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ 6,789.25
Potential Overall Position	£ 8,192.50

Other sources of grant funding - Teviot and Liddesdale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 12,550.00	£ 12,050.00	£ 500.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 6,370.00	£ 6,370.00	£ -
SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Hermitage	£ 42,448.00	£ 42,448.00	£ -
SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Denholm	£ 33,243.00	£ 33,243.00	£ -
Common Good - Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage (Original budget increased)	£ 53,701.00	£ 53,701.00	£ -
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 2,463.53	£ 2,382.54	£ 80.99
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 2,621.63	£ 459.00	£ 2,162.63
	£153,397.16	£ 150,653.54	£ 2,743.62

Summary of applications

No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Pot	Project	Status
1	21/03/2023	NSF	Eskdale Pony Club	£ 282.11	A	Hawick Games Rally	Awarded
2	27/04/2023	NSF	Future Hawick	£ 995.00	A	Hawick welcome hosts	Awarded
3	20/06/2023	NSF	Southdean Village Hall	£ 800.06	A	Southdean Craft Nights	Awarded
4	01/08/2023	NSF	Burnfoot Community Futures - Withdrawn	£ -	A	Burnfoot Projects	Awarded
5	04/08/2023	NSF	Interest Link	£ 4,500.00	B	T&L Learning disabilities befriending project	Awarded
6	28/08/2023	NSF	Hawick Boxing Club	£ 500.00	A	Hawick Boxing Club	Awarded
7	22/09/2023	NSF	Hawick Men's Shed	£ 1,300.00	A	Replacement of computers	Awarded
8	22/11/2023	NSF	Home Basics	£ 5,000.00	B	Collection/delivery van	Awarded
9	22/12/2023	NSF	Hawick Development Trust (Teri Bikes)	£ 4,997.99	B	Teri Bikes - Ebike Hire Scheme	Awarded
10	01/07/2024	NSF	Hawick Events Forum	£ 300.00	A	Thats Entertainment 6 - Hall Hire	Awarded
11	01/08/2024	NSF	Southdean Village Hall	£ 1,411.93	A	Ruletownhead Defibrillator	Awarded
12	01/09/2024	NSF	William Laidlaw Memorial Hall	£ 6,370.00	A	Stage Lighting Replacement	Awarded
13	01/11/2024	NSF	Hawick Reivers Association	£ 2,000.00	B	New website design & creation	Awarded
14	02/02/2024	NSF	3rd Hawick Rainbows	£ 500.00	A	Sleepover	Assessed
15	02/07/2024	NSF - Fast track	Hawick Community Council	£ 419.60	A	First Aid course for Resilience Group	Awarded
16	13/2/2024	NSF	Escape Youth Service	£ 5,279.78	A	Denholm Youth Club	Assessed
17	02/09/2024	NSF	Newcastleton Community Council	£ 2,123.25	A	Newcastleton Community Council	Assessing
18	02/08/2024	NSF	Teviotdale Steel Bonnetts	£ 500.00	B	Group transport	Assessed
19	24/2/2024	NSF	In2Venture	£ 2,121.85	A	Community Facilities	Assessed
20	05/03/2024	NSF	Escape Youth Service	£ 4,985.04	B	Tunes by Teviot	Assessed
21	08/03/2024	NSF	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 4,666.00	A	Hub Lunch Club	Assessing
Total				£ 49,052.61			

Neighbourhood Support Fund, Panel Recommendations
For Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership Meeting, on 26 March 24

Pot A Recommendations

Hawick, Pot A – The Hawick, Pot A fund currently has a balance of £449.72 available.

Minutes of meeting of the Hawick Community Council Fund Pot A Assessment Panel held at the Marsh & Riddell Office, 6 Howegate, Hawick, on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 6.30pm.

Present: G. Turnbull (public member), A. Cook (public member) E. Welsh (HCC), and C. Knox (Chair, HCC).

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Declaration of interests: None.
3. An application from 3rd Hawick Rainbows requesting £500 was received to help finance a Sleepover and entertainment (silent disco, hall hire, bouncy castle and aprons) for girls aged 5-7 years old.

DECISION NOTED that:

It was unanimously agreed by the Pot A Assessment Panel to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £449.72. to 3rd Hawick Rainbows. (Being the amount left in the Pot A fund).

Pot A, Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water – The UT&BW, Pot A fund currently has a balance of £2123.25 available.

An application was received from In2Venture, requesting £2,121.85 to purchase a new equipment store and workshop at the Craikhope Outdoor Centre, in the Robertson Valley.

Summary of Pot A panel meeting, which took place on Tuesday 4 March.

The panel felt that we should support the application but a number of questions were raised. These were mostly to do with the level of participation by the local community at events run at Craikhope and therefore the overall benefit to the local community. In supporting the application the panel felt that In2Veture should make more effort to advertise and promote the facilities available at Craikhope and any events taking place so that the local community is aware of what is offered. This could be done through the Borthwick Valley Newsletter and the CC Facebook page etc.

Our recommendation therefore is -

- That the grant award should be made in full.
 - That In2Venture should attempt to promote and advertise their activities and courses more widely in the local community so that more local residents are aware of these activities and thus encourage more local participation.
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Denholm, Pot A - The Denholm, Pot A fund currently has a balance of £5284.04

An application was received from Escape Youth Service, requesting £5279.78 to pay for staffing costs for a new Youth Club in Denholm. EYS is also applying to Langhope Rig Wind farm for funding and there will be a £2 per week charge for young people attending the sessions. The youth club is planned to run from 1 June 2024 to the end of May 2025. The youth club is aimed at young people from P5-S6.

The panel noted that;

- The application makes clear the difference that will be made to the youth of Denholm
- The consultation results show that the project meets a high and currently unmet need
- The budget looks good, but we feel that for a project of this size to be funded wholly by grants and income from fees with no input from an organisation that has just over £10k surplus is not right. We would ask that a contribution is made by applicant.

Panel recommendation: The panel recommends that 90% of the amount applied for is given and that Escape Youth Service provide £528 funding from their own funds as they are sitting on over £10k on top of ring-fenced monies. Therefore, the panel recommendation is to fund Escape Youth Service £4,751.78

Burnfoot, Pot A - The Burnfoot, Pot A fund currently has a balance of £4,788.38.

An application was received from Burnfoot Community Futures, requesting £4666.00 towards a Hub Lunch club, which includes staffing, venue hire, a new coffee machine, hot drinks and a nominal fee for resources to support session activities.

The application is currently with the Burnfoot, Pot A assessment panel to make their recommendation. Therefore, the recommendation is to follow.

If granted funding (in full), it would leave the Burnfoot Pot A fund with a balance of £122.38 remaining.

Newcastleton Community Council, Pot A – The Newcastleton, Pot A fund currently has a balance of £2123.25.

An application has been received from Newcastleton Community Council, seeking £2,123.25. The application is currently being assessed, and the recommendation is to follow.

Pot B Recommendations

Teviotdale Steel Bonnets

An application was received from Teviotdale Steel Bonnets, requesting £500 towards a used vehicle. The group promotes the history of the Border Reivers, by show and tell weapon displays, clothing from the 15th and 16th century and tented village encampments. The group covers the Border Towns, North Northumberland and further North if asked, however advised that the majority of their activities take place within T&L.

At the Pot B panel meeting on 7 March, the application was discussed, and the panel noted;

- The groups positive work within the community.
- Within the current Pot B (and Pot A) eligibility criteria, used vans are currently considered to be an ineligible purchase. (This is a point that will be raised within the NSF review process section.)
- The panel felt they did not have enough information within the application as to where the remainder of the funds, for the van purchase would come from.

Panel recommendation

The group were supportive of the application as a whole, but felt they needed further information on finances, specifically, where the group were planning to source the remainder of the funding. The panel will be proposing that the 'used vehicle ineligibility' is lifted from the 2024/25 funding programme and advice is currently being sought from the SBC Legal department. If this can be amended and that used vans could be reclassified to an eligible purchase, then the applicant would be encouraged to re-apply within the first funding round of 24/25.

Escape Youth Service, Pot B - Description

An application has been received from Escape Youth Service, seeking £4985.04 for a family friendly music event – Tunes by the Teviot on 17 August 2024.

Escape Youth have been working with a local individual, who brought them the idea and has previous experience in running indoor and outdoor music events. The individual will take a lead in the planning and delivery of the event. As the lead applicant, Escape Youth Services will be responsible for the grant if successful and be accountable for monitoring and evaluation of the project.

This is a ticketed event and there will be a charge for the community to attend (£12.50 for adults & £5 for children). The applicant has advised that some free places may be made available for families that may be unable to afford the ticket price of the event.

Any profits made from the event will be donated to Escape Youth and Hawick Youth Football to assist with ongoing activity and core running costs. Profits will largely depend on ticket sales. (Based on all 500 tickets being sold, 400 adults £5000, 50 under 12's £500, this would mean £953 profit between the 2 groups. In addition to this would be any fees from stall hires, raffle and sales on the day (estimate £500) and if the group are to secure any business sponsorship.

One panel member was unable to take part in the conversation about this application, due to their Association with Hawick Youth Football Club.

The panel discussed the ticket price, which the majority still felt was affordable for a full day out. They noted that the applicant had noted that free tickets may be made available to those who may not be able to afford the ticket prices. They felt the application focussed on the opportunity for the community to come together for a fun music event and that although there may be a small profit (split between the 2 groups as a result) that this is not likely to be a huge amount and that the event feels like the priority over the funding it brings in.

The panel recommendation is to fully fund Escape Youth Service, to award the £4985.04 requested.

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Teviot & Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot B 2024/25

Panel B members are supportive of retaining a Pot B fund alongside the Pot A funds and propose the following;

- Pot B continues to operate with a member from each CC as well as up to 3 members of the community.
- Pot B continues to operate without a limit on the number of times that an organisation applies.
- If possible, the underspend from the 23/24 fund, goes back into the 2024/25 fund Pot B fund.
- The first round of the funding to be considered at the June Area Partnership meeting.
- The maximum application limit of £5000 remains.
- Salary costs to be considered as part of the Pot B fund. However full details of the staffing costs would be required. Subcontractor and professional costs would remain eligible when they are required for successful project delivery.
- That there is no fast-track process for Pot B and no requirement for 10% contribution from the applicant.
- Vehicles: The T&L NSF currently states that funding cannot be used to pay for used vehicles. The panel had a discussion regarding applications for vehicles, after receiving two applications in recent rounds, one for a new vehicle and one for a used vehicle. The panel discussed the cost of a new van to a community group, which can be very expensive and may put a vehicle out of reach for a community group. They felt that used vans (still within warranty) could still be a valuable and reliable option for community groups to purchase. The panel would like to recommend that the NSF could be used to purchase used vehicles, that would still be covered within a warranty period (ie under 3 years old and up to 60,000 miles). SBC are currently seeking guidance from their legal department on this point/proposal– which can be fed back at the March AP meeting.
- Funding in round 4 NSF: For the fourth and final round of the NSF, Pot A and B pots are proposed to merge to create one large pot. This could be applied to by community groups from any area, with priority going to applicants within the Community Council area where the original Pot A budget had not been spent, however all applications would be considered. This aims to ensure that NSF does not risk being lost, should it not be possible to carry it over to the next FY. The first, second and third round would continue to be for individual CC pots as well as the Pot B fund.
- Underspends of grants: Where community groups have an underspend on their awarded grant, where the value is over £250 - the underspend will be requested to be returned to the NSF pot.

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Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Closes 24th February 2026

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

[Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up](#)

For residents – Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Closes 30 April 24

The purpose of the consultation is to identify people's current situation in relation to food poverty, with the aim of making access to food easier for people. Feedback provided will;

- Feed into subsequent food strategy and Good Food Nation Act.
- Identify the food needs of residents.
- Inform what food services are currently on offer and aims to avoid duplication of services.
- Use data to better signpost to services.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time for many people, and the cost-of-living crisis has had and continues to have a significant impact on lives.

Open to: All residents of the Scottish Borders

[For residents - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

For organisations – Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Closes 30 April 24

The purpose of the consultation is to identify local organisations and community groups current situation in relation to food provision and services that they deliver. Feedback provided will;

- Feed into subsequent food strategy and Good Food Nation Act.
- Inform what food services are currently on offer and aims to avoid duplication of services.
- Use data to better signpost to services.
- Help to identify the food needs of residents.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey to help us get a better picture of the current impact to organisations/community groups, operating throughout the Scottish Borders.

Open to: All organisations and community groups of the Scottish Borders

[For organisations - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Scottish Government Current Consultations

Scotland's draft circular economy and waste route map to 2030 **Closes 15 March 24**
[Scotland's draft Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030 - consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Guidance on inclusive design for town centres and busy streets **Closes 29 March 24**
[Guidance on inclusive design for town centres and busy streets - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence bill **Closes 21 April 24**
[Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

National Good Food Nation plan consultation **Closes 22 April 24**
[National Good Food Nation Plan: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Climate change – draft Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3 **Closes 24 April 24**
[Climate change - draft Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Consultation on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024: Statutory Guidance on Part 2 and 3, section 18 **Closes 16 May 24**
[Consultation on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024: Statutory Guidance on Part 2 and 3, section 18 - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Energy Efficiency Schemes

Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme.

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) is a government energy-efficiency scheme in Great Britain, designed to tackle fuel poverty and help reduce carbon emissions. ECO is an obligation placed on energy companies to deliver energy efficiency measures to domestic premises.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/energy-company-obligation-eco/homeowners-and-tenants/faqs-domestic-consumers-and-landlords>

The Great British Insulation Scheme

Similar to ECO 4, but focusses on insulation only

[Great British Insulation Scheme | Ofgem](#)

Home Energy Scotland

Home Energy Scotland can offer bespoke advice to householders that best fit their circumstances and this could include the ECO 4 scheme or other grants and schemes such as the EES:ABS scheme or Warmer Homes Scotland.

<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/funding>

Food Conversations

The Food Conversation meetings are open to any community group or organisation who has an interest in the delivery of food support and long-term food access in Scottish Borders. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know by emailing us at communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk

SBC has launched 2 consultations, one for resident and one for organisations. Further information can be found in the SBC consultation information on page 1. We would be grateful if you could please complete this consultation, to give us a clearer picture of food provision and access to food in the Scottish Borders, which will feed into the subsequent Good Food Nation Act and associated strategy.

[For residents - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

[For organisations - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

The next food Conversations meeting will be taking place in May 2024.

Community Choices

SBC Parks and Environment shared learning with SBC senior management on the grass management pilot they are undertaking with communities. The pilot is running across five areas of Scottish Borders with an aim to improve outcomes for communities by enabling more cuts on priority areas by recalibrating SBC's cutting frequencies. Part of this involves identifying opportunities for naturalised grass or biodiversity areas which requires less cutting during peak growth times, freeing up staff time to service the priority sites. This all recognises that SBC's 20 working day cutting frequency as a one size fits all approach has not always delivered the best outcome for communities, which we are seeking to improve on. The objective is to trial a grass management pilot to empower both staff and communities to agree a more flexible approach to grass management which reflects local priority and need, but also provides a balanced approach to service delivery and delivers biodiversity benefits. A pilot evaluation report will be presented at the end of the season.

Community Empowerment

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or Asset Transfer Requests being considered within the Teviot & Liddesdale area.

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](#)

For details on existing Borderlands Towns Place Making progress visit [Place Programme \(arcgis.com\)](#)

Place Making in Hawick

The boards outlining the approach and content for the Place Plan are now live online for the community to feedback. There is an in person event scheduled for 17th March 2024, and a feedback survey to gather comments – all can be accessed at [Hawick \(arcgis.com\)](#).

Area Partnerships' Information Pack

[About Teviot and Liddesdale | Teviot and Liddesdale area partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Browse meetings - Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[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](#)



Download the NHS
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/>

[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