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Eildon
Area Partnership

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Thursday, 25 April 2024
Time: 6 pm.
Location: Eildon Housing HQ, The Weaving Shed, Ettrick Mill, Dunsdale Road, Selkirk, TD7 5EB and via Microsoft Teams

Please be advised that this meeting will be blended and livestreamed. 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)
3.	Feedback from Meeting of 25 January 2024 (Pages 7 - 8)
	Section 1: Service and Partner Updates
4.	Galashiels Town Team - Placemaking Update
	Section 2: Local Priorities
5.	Area Partnership Review - Breakout Discussion Clare Malster (Participation Officer, SBC) An opportunity to breakout into groups to discuss the upcoming Area Partnership Review.
	Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding
6.	Eildon Funding Table 2023/24 - Final Position (Pages 9 - 10) Erin Coltman – Community Engagement Officer, SBC
7.	Neighbourhood Support Fund 2024/25 (Pages 11 - 12) 7.1 Criteria 7.2 Panel membership 7.3 Fund reopening

	Section 4: Other
8.	Any Other Business
9.	Next Area Partnership: Thursday, 13 June 2024

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Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders

Closes: 30 April 2024



The purpose of the consultation is to identify the current situation of individuals, local organisations, and community groups in relation to food poverty, food provision, and services that are being delivered. Feedback provided will:

- Feed into a subsequent food strategy and the 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.

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

For organisations: [For organisations - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - 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

There are currently 12 active Scottish Government consultations:

- Cattle identification and traceability in Scotland
- Phasing out the use of cages in Scotland's laying hen sector
- Draft Bioenergy Policy Statement
- Scottish Court Fees
- Developing a natural capital market framework
- Investing in Planning: a consultation on resourcing Scotland's planning system
- Disclosure Scotland fees: discounting, waivers and accredited bodies
- Masterplan consent area regulations
- Development plan amendment regulations
- Restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024: Statutory Guidance on Part 2 and 3, section 18
- Islands Connectivity Plan: Strategic Approach and Vessels and Ports Plan



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

Please see the Scottish Government website for more information: [Find activities - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Food Conversations

The Food Conversations 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.

We have launched two consultations, one for residents and one for organisations. 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 Good Food Nation Act and associated council 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 is scheduled for May 2024.

Community Choices

Our Parks and Environment Team 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 our cutting frequencies. Part of this involves identifying opportunities for naturalised grass or biodiversity areas which require less cutting during peak growth times, freeing up staff time to service the priority sites. This all recognises that our 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, whilst providing 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 being considered within the Eildon locality.

Scottish Borders Council is currently involved in initial Asset Transfer discussions with two community-based groups and advancing discussions with a third community-based group.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act: summary - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

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](#).

You can also find out what is going on in your town in the Scottish Borders by visiting our purpose-built Place Making webpage: [Place Programme \(arcgis.com\)](#)

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](#)



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://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

Grants Online

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

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/community-grants-and-funding)

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Support-Fund)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](https://www.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 in the Council Chamber, Council HQ and via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 28 March 2024 at 2.00 pm

Present:- Councillors E. Thornton-Nicol (Chair), C. Cochrane, L. Douglas, J. Linehan, N. Mackinnon, D. Parker, J. PatonDay, F. Sinclair and H. Steel.
Apologies:- Councillors E. Jardine
In Attendance:- Community Engagement Officer (E. Coltman), Democratic Services Team Leader.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership and explained that it was being held to consider funding applications.

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND 2023/24

2.1 There had been circulated copies of applications to the Neighbourhood Support Fund 2023/24 with the agenda. The Chair invited the Community Engagement Officer, Mr Erin Coltman, to provide a summary of the applications.

2.2 Lauderdale Initiative

Mr Coltman explained that the Lauderdale Initiative had been awarded £10k at the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership in September 2023 to fund the purchase and installation of Christmas lights on Lauder High Street. The Group had delivered their project with an underspend of £1,785 due to some of the required works being carried out by BEAR Scotland for no charge. The Group had requested that they retain that underspend to fund the purchase and installation of two motifs and an LED tree topper. The Assessment Panel had recommended that £814.31 be retained by Lauderdale Initiative, with the remaining £970.69 returned to the Neighbourhood Support Fund.

2.3 Bowden Village Committee

The application from Bowden Village Committee was for £5k to assist in a project being undertaken to restore the Brunton Fountain. The overall project aimed to restore the Fountain's foundations, archive the process, collect, and collate the history of Thomas Brunton for a booklet, increase public awareness, seek Category C listed status, and arrange for the Brunton family grave in Bowden Kirkyard to be cleaned. The final phase of the project was to use strong conservation practice to reinstate and make sound the foundations of the Fountain and re-erect a cleaned and re-inscribed fountain with the original fixtures and fittings. The Assessment Panel had recommended that the project receive the funding in full, however payment would be withheld until confirmation of an award from the Fallago Rigg Environment Fund or that the deficit was covered by another funding source.

2.4 Members discussed the applications in detail and highlighted that the funding for the Bowden Village Committee project was reliant upon a portion of the underspend from the Lauderdale initiative project being returned to the Neighbourhood Support Fund pot. Members unanimously agreed that the full underspend from the Lauderdale Initiative be returned to the Neighbourhood Support Fund. Members considered the historical and

cultural importance of the Brunton Fountain and unanimously agreed to approve the application for £5k from Bowden Village Committee.

The meeting concluded at 2.20 p.m.

Eildon Funding 2023/24

31 March 2024 - Final Position

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	£ 86,073.00
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ -
Sub-total	£ 86,073.00
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ -
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ -

Other sources of grant funding - Eildon			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 28,400.00	£ 25,100.00	£ 3,300.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,525.00	£ 10,525.00	£ -
Common Good (Galashiels)	£ 500.00	£ 590.00	-£ 90.00
Common Good (Lauder)	£ 5,900.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,900.00
Common Good (Selkirk)	£ 18,150.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 16,650.00
William Hill Trust	£ 12,090.00	£ 1,720.00	£ 10,370.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 3,686.11	£ 2,142.85	£ 1,543.26
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 11,810.12	£ 10,618.61	£ 1,191.51
	£ 91,061.23	£ 55,196.46	£ 35,864.77

Summary of NSF applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	08/04/2023	NSF	Gala Cricket Club	£ 1,200.00	New mower	Awarded
2	03/05/2023	NSF	Selkirk Hill Management Group	£ 749.00	New mower	Awarded
3	11/05/2023	NSF	Hike and Bike Hub	£ 6,150.00	Rent costs	Awarded
4	13/05/2023	NSF	Go Wild Scotland	£ 9,992.78	Salary costs	Awarded
5	26/05/2023	NSF	Lauder Larder	£ 5,407.82	Food provision expansion	Awarded
6	30/05/2023	NSF	Trustees of Bowden Common	£ 934.55	Equipment for Common maintenance	Awarded
9	02/08/2023	NSF	Interest Link Borders	£ 10,000.00	Learning disabilities befriending project	Awarded
10	03/08/2023	NSF	Lauderdale Community & Leisure Centre	£ 7,985.54	One-off emergency support	Awarded
11	04/08/2023	NSF	Lauderdale Initiative	£ 8,243.26	Christmas lights 2023	Awarded
12	06/08/2023	NSF	TD1 Youth Hub	£ 9,360.00	TD1 Active	Awarded
13	10/09/2023	NSF	Lilliesleaf Community Development Ltd	£ 697.00	Leaf Green Growing Area	Awarded
14	28/09/2023	NSF	Melrose FC	£ 10,000.00	Changing room upgrade	Awarded
15	26/10/2023	NSF	Scottsh Country Dancing	£ 828.00	Dance festival 2024	Awarded
16	27/11/2023	NSF	Recovery Coaching Scotland	£ 4,255.00	Breakfast Club - Borders in Recovery	Awarded
17	10/12/2023	NSF	Melrose Imagination Library	£ 2,204.00	Imagination library	Awarded
18	08/01/2024	NSF	Bannerfield Horticultural and Allotment Assoc.	£ 1,480.00	Water borehole and irrigation system	Awarded
19	29/02/2024	NSF	Stow Community Trust	£ 800.00	IT and Repair/Reuse sessions	Awarded
20	01/03/2024	NSF	Bowden Village Committee	£ 5,786.05	Brunton Fountain restoration	Awarded
Total				£ 86,073.00		

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Eildon Neighbourhood Support Fund 2024/25 – Criteria

The panel discussed the criteria that was in place for the 2023/24 and were mostly content with the current wording and the maximum grant award set at £10,000.

For 2024/25, the panel would like to add in some additional wording, as follows:

“Applications from organisations that have previously received funding from the Eildon Neighbourhood Support Fund will be considered on their own merits. However, preference will be given to those organisations that can demonstrate their project is financially viable and justifiable and that steps to explore other avenues of funding have already been taken.”

There have been many discussions throughout the 2023/24 financial year regarding applications for projects that require recurring funding year-on-year and whilst the panel is keen not to outright exclude organisations from applying if their annual project/event requires support, they do want to ensure applications for a wide variety of projects are given the opportunity of financial support from the Eildon Neighbourhood Support Fund.

Eildon Assessment Panel Membership

Three of the current panel members have reached the end of their three-year appointment. This was discussed at the most recent panel meeting and there was a real sense of disappointment that the three-year period had come to an end as all members have enjoyed the challenging and rewarding nature of the assessment process.

The question was raised whether the current members could stay on the panel in their current position, and from an officer perspective, we are happy to support that. However, we felt it was important to raise this at the Area Partnership to ensure that members and attendees were comfortable with this. As officers, we also recommend that there is another recruitment drive to encourage more members of the Eildon community to join the assessment panel to introduce new perspectives to the assessment process and to continue to provide an opportunity for volunteers to have a say on where their locality's community funding is spent.

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