

Scottish Borders Council
Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of Teviotdale & Liddesdale Fund Pot B Assessment Panel held by Teams meeting on Monday 27th March 2023 at 5.30 pm

Present: Marion Short (Chair), Duncan Taylor, Dale Ploughman, Jacqueline McNeill, Rebecca Woods, Mandy McGuigan, Ian Crosbie, Del Tucker, Adam Davies

In attendance: Gillian Jardine & Sarah Culverwell (SBC)

Hermitage Hall

An application was received from Hermitage Hall requesting £1200 towards the cost of obtaining a landscape plan for land which has been donated by Buccleuch Estates. It was noted that their Group had also applied to the T&L Pot A panel for Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage Community Council for £3783.25 for the same project.

The Panel considered this application and were unanimous in their support for the importance of village halls particularly within rural communities. However, consideration was given to their current bank balance and concerns expressed that perhaps they could have funded this work from their own funds, albeit it was noted that from the total there is money ring fenced for other work and that in the future they are planning to carry out additional work to the hall and also that they had already funded some elements themselves.

Furthermore, it was even considered that once the landscape plan had been provided, did that necessarily mean that the project to provide outside activities and car parking would indeed progress

This application merited a great deal of discussion and dialogue and none more so that this was the first application from Hermitage for any funding

DECISION NOTED that: It was therefore agreed as a majority decision to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership should approve this application for £1200 to Hermitage Hall.

Live Music Hawick

Duncan Taylor declared an interest in this application and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion

An application was received from Live Music Hawick requesting £1653 towards the cost of organising an annual community music festival and it was noted this was a pilot for any future similar events

The Panel considered this application and were unanimous in their support for this event and the possible health and wellbeing benefits associated with the project and that

additional revenue would be available to venues/cafes/pubs due to the anticipated footfall in the town

There were no conditions attached to the award for this year (2023), however, if this does become a regular annual event and there is the possibility that increased funding would be required, then the panel would like to see if the group identify and pursue other funding sources

DECISION NOTED that: It was unanimously agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership should approve this application for £1,653 to Live Music Hawick.

Marion Short

Chair

28 March 2023