

Scottish Borders Council
Hawick Community Council Pot A Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of the Hawick Community Council Pot A Assessment Panel held at Future Hawick Offices on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present: Marion Short (Chair), Cameron Knox, Rev Alistair Cook

Apologies: None

An application from Future Hawick requesting £4000 was received for the project Hawick Welcome 2023

DECISION NOTED that:

It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £863.00 towards this project and this total is derived from – (a) £643.00 for host uniform purchases and alterations and (b) £220.00 for brochure distribution costs. On this point it was noted that the amount paid is £0.40p per mile whereas it was felt by the Panel that a general fee paid by most organisations is more likely to be £0.25p per mile and therefore the costs for this element were reduced pro rata accordingly.

The Panel was very supportive of the work undertaken by the Welcome Host project and is acknowledged as an initiative recognised for the economic benefit it brings to the community.

The decision on the amount to be recommended was taken on the basis of the information provided in the application that the highest percentage of costs for the project are wages related to contractual posts and it was felt that this was not the best use of funding from the Teviot & Liddesdale Partnership.

Other comments made and noted were for example, in 2022 brochure delivery was stated as £90.00 whereas in the current application this has increased to £352.00 which is a significant increase.

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An application from Eskdale Pony Club requesting £846.32 was received for the proposed Games Rally in Hawick

DECISION NOTED that:

It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £282.11 towards this project

The Panel was very supportive of the work undertaken by the Eskdale Pony Club and their initiative to hold a Games Rally to encourage new members

The decision on the amount to be recommended was taken on the basis of the information provided in the application that the Club is based between Langholm/Newcastleton/Teviothead/Hawick and whilst Langholm is not part of Scottish Borders Council and the associated Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership, then the other two name communities ie Newcastleton and Teviothead (part of Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water) do fall under the remit of the T&L Partnership, and it was therefore felt that a third share of the costs should be met by Hawick Community Council and that it would be the recommendation that the Club equally apply to the other two T&L Community Councils for the other respective shares

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Recommendation to the Area Partnership

The Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot A panel members for Hawick would like to make a recommendation to the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership that wages are no longer included in any applications for funding unless they are related to “consultancy” work. Subcontractor and professional costs would remain eligible when they are required for successful project delivery.