

Scottish Borders Council

Burnfoot Community Council Community Fund Pot A Assessment Panel

Meeting of the Burnfoot Community Council Community Fund Pot A

Assessment Panel held via Zoom on Friday 25th August at 3.30pm

Present: Rachel Oliver, Helen Hill, Emma Clarke

1. Welcome by EC and overview of what the Panel meeting was to cover - Burnfoot Community Council application for funding.
 - The panel walked through the Events proposal alongside the annual report and financial statement. We then looked through the application in detail and what was being requested.
 - Discussion was had looking at all sides of the request. We agreed that the events are a fantastic asset to the community and it is something that is really beneficial in an underprivileged area, offering affordable or free events for those who need it most. They are also something that the community really look forward to and brings people together.
 - However each member failed to understand what the staffing costs were covering. Before staffing costs would be recommended we'd require more information to understand why this is not covered within current funding (including lottery), and why and what expenses are required to be covered.

Review meeting of the Burnfoot Community Council Community Fund Pot A

Summary of meeting provided to SBC on 6 September 2023

2. Burnfoot Community Council provided a summary of their meeting to SBC on 06.09.2023, following a review of the application and additional, requested information provided from Burnfoot Community Futures.
 - An application from Lindsay Wood on behalf of Burnfoot Community Futures, requesting £3084 was received for Burnfoot Projects.
 - DECISION NOTED that:

Following the receipt of additional information, following on from the panel meeting on Friday 25 August, the panel have discussed the additional information provided at length and our recommendation would be for a maximum of £1500 to be awarded through the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership grant.

Anything further should be looked at from fundraising or other means.

One of the factors for this decision is that the previous funding received from pot A resulted in the incorrect item being purchased. This is still sitting unopened and unused within the premises.

A recommendation would be to return this item and use the funds for the current request.

Southdean Pot A Panel

Meeting at Southdean Show 19th August

Assessment made

Philip Kerr, Emily Douglas, Adam Davies, Geoff Phelps

An application came to the Southdean Community Council, Pot A fund asking for £800.06 for the Southdean Village Hall Craft Evenings.

There was a discussion and a decision made following a meeting at Southdean Show on Saturday 19th August on the application from Southdean Village Hall for Craft Evenings. All the panel members were unified in their view that this was a strong application that should be supported for the full amount. The panel has already seen the benefit to the local communities from exiting craft evenings arrange in the Hall, so an expansion of the range of speakers only serves to enhance the offering. The ability to offer discounted tickets to make the events affordable, especially given the local demographic, is integral to the application.

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Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of Teviotdale & Liddesdale Fund Pot B Assessment Panel held by Teams meeting on Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present: Marion Short (Chair), Duncan Taylor, Dale Ploughman, Iain Crosbie, Mandy McGuigan, Rosie Webster, who was welcomed being her first attendance at a Pot B panel meeting

In attendance: Sarah Culverwell (SBC)

Apologies received from Jacqueline McNeill, David Nesbitt, Rebecca Woods

Not attending – Adam Davies

An application was received from Interest Link requesting £4500 towards volunteering and Group costs, comprising tutor costs, venue hire and an overnight trip, albeit noted this event will not be held until May 2024

The Panel considered this application and noted there was much evidence of many other funding applications, either secured or had been applied for. The Officer from SBC made us aware of two other secured funding applications which had not been included on the application form and upon request made the Panel aware that this organisation had also applied to the four other Area Partnerships for funding

DECISION NOTED that: It was unanimously agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership do make a grant of £4500.00 to Interest Link and there were no conditions attached to the award of this funding. However, as of interest, feedback to the Panel would be appreciated in the first instance relative to the group tutor events and secondly in 2024 in respect of the proposed trip to Keilder.

Panel members expressed comments such as Interest Link providing a valuable and fantastic organisation much needed within Scottish Borders for those with learning difficulties but just not for the children themselves but also family carers. Great consideration was given by the Panel to this application, particularly in respect of current and potentially future funding for the work involved.

Marion Short

Chair

23 August 2023