

Hawick Town Team

Press Release

A very positive meeting was held at Burnfoot Community Hub on Tuesday 17th October, with the real progress being made generating a buzz of enthusiasm in these like-minded folk. Following on from the good work carried out by the small Steering Group which has led the Place-Planning project since early 2023, the Town Team has now expanded to include a wide range of volunteers whose only criterion is “will this make Hawick better?” The prize for working together for the common good of the people of our town is the ability to access the substantial financial resources available from the Borderlands Project over the next decade.

As well as confirming Keith Johnson as chair for the immediate future and Ruth Lyle/Gordon Muir as joint secretaries, those at the meeting were delighted to have a detailed presentation from Marion Chrystie. With her team, she has been analysing almost 1300 individual Post-It note responses to the Have Your Say Days, events and online surveys carried out in the spring. Grouped into 14 categories such as Traffic & Parking, Feeling Safe and Public Transport, the views of Teries have been recorded and reported, with the full results being available at hawickonline.com

Next steps include the selection of a consultant to delve even more deeply into what the responses suggest are the priority projects, with Colin Hope leading that recruitment team, and an appointment scheduled for the New Year.

Additionally, each member of the Town Team has taken responsibility to contact as many of the over 200 groups which all play their part in making Hawick a great place to live. If you haven't already been contacted and you would like to share your suggestions on how to make our town even better, please email: hawicktownteam@outlook.com