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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Assembly Hall, Kelso High School, Angraflat, Kelso on Wednesday, 17 April 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors S. Hamilton (Chairman), J. Brown, S. Mountford, E. Robson, S. Scott, T. Weatherston together with 11 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.

Apologies:-

In attendance:- Communities and Partnership Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinators (Colin Banks and Gillian Jardine), Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Community Police Officer (Gina Dickson), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson)

1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Cheviot Area Partnership and thanked the Community Councils, Partners and local organisations for their attendance, and for participating and putting forward ideas.

2.0 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES

2.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr. Brian Frater, Service Director Regulatory Services and Mrs Nuala McKinlay, Chief Legal Officer to the meeting. Mr. Frater explained that consideration had been given to the introduction of bye-laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places in certain communities back in 2013. It was considered that the responses to the consultation at that time, of which there had been very few, were no longer relevant so it would not be appropriate to proceed to implement the draft bye-laws and a new consultation process was to be undertaken. The consultation document went live on the Council's website on 27 March 2019 and the volume of responses was encouraging with 300 responses in 2 weeks and Mr Frater encouraged everyone to take part. It was important that a wide range of groups and communities gave their views so that the responses were representative of the views of everyone across the Borders. He asked communities to consider whether there was a problem in their area which could be helped by bye-laws and emphasised that they were not designed to impact on local festivals or "café culture" but to help prevent anti-social behaviour. The first part of the consultation would close on 1 June and if there was a desire for bye-laws then a second consultation would be held to ascertain exactly where they should be implemented. A final report would be taken to Scottish Borders Council in November 2019.

2.2 In response to questions about comparative information, Mr Frater advised that Scottish Borders Council were the only Authority in Scotland not to have byelaws. He emphasised that the byelaws were not to tackle underage drinkers. In relation to what was a public place, Mrs McKinlay explained and highlighted when an occasional licence would be required. Mrs McKinlay explained that the byelaws, if approved would be an additional tool for Police to use. Mr Frater reiterated that no decisions had been made and the results of the consultation would decide whether the introductions of byelaws were to be pursued.

3.0 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 30 JANUARY 2019

3.1 The minute of the Area Partnership had been circulated which included a summary of the discussion output as an appendix. The Locality Development Co-ordinator referred to the general concerns, issues, challenges and opportunities raised at that

meeting. Feedback from each theme would then be drawn together to inform the Cheviot Locality Plan.

- 3.2 The Chairman referred to the main item on the agenda – discussion around the theme ‘Our Quality of Life’ - and introduced the key speakers who each gave a brief summary of the work, relevant to the theme, being carried out by their organisation/section.

4.0 DRAFT CHEVIOT LOCALITY PLAN

- 4.1 There had been circulated copies of the Draft Cheviot Locality Plan. The Chairman explained that the aim of the plan was to reflect the priorities and needs of Cheviot people and the draft had been prepared taking account of the feedback provided at all the previous themed meetings. There were 4 themes within the plan and the top priority for Cheviot under each theme had been identified and the views of those present were being sought to check that the plan had what people wanted.

- 4.2 Colin Banks explained how the evening would work. There was a facilitator at each table and each table would discuss one of the themes for 20 minutes with the facilitators moving round.

- 4.3 There followed some very constructive discussion and a copy of the main points raised are appended to the Minute.

5.0 LOCALITIES BID FUND UPDATE

- 5.1 Colin Banks advised that flyers had been placed on each table and applications could be submitted until the end of the month. He was happy to assist any group with their application. The Chairman commented on the changes to the criteria and encouraged people to apply.

URGENT BUSINESS

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the item dealt with in the following paragraph should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to make an early decision or to keep Members informed.

6.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

- 6.1 There were circulated at the meeting copies of a note by the Service Director – Asset and Infrastructure which sought approval from Members for delegated powers for future applications for Small Schemes. The report explained that to ensure applications for Small Schemes are dealt with timeously, Members were asked to delegate authority to the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure to approve future applications in 2019/20 subject to conditions.

DECISION

AGREED that authority to approve future applications in 2019/20, be delegated to the Service Director – Assets & Infrastructure subject to the following:

- (a) Application(s) for projects to be carried out from Small Schemes are received, assessed and costed by Council Officers;
- (b) Officers will then send details of the project(s) to Elected Members along with a recommendation for their consideration;

- (c) Elected Members will advise appropriate Council Officers of their support or otherwise for a particular project – support will be required from a majority of Elected Members for a project to proceed;
- (d) Should support by the majority of Members not be given for a project, this application will be refused; and
- (e) Details of projects funded from the Small Schemes budget will be presented to the Cheviot Area Partnership as part of any future updates on Grants and Funding.
- (f) Any application for Community Fund funded projects should be directed to the Communities and Partnership Team.

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 19 June 2019 in Jedburgh at 6.30 p.m. The theme of the meeting would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 8 p.m.

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Cheviot Area Partnership – Discussion Output (17.04.2019)

Draft Locality Plan – Economy, Skills & Learning		
Priority	Success What would success look like? (Measures)	Partnership How can we work in partnership together?
Seek additional investment to help regenerate our town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport infrastructure required • More disabled friendly • Encourage more people to shop locally • Increase the local offer - Jed local businesses open Sunday • Jed streetscape • A68 - tourist route to Edinburgh • Local partner networks need to join up • Assist Visit Kelso • Tourism info office 'i know' organisation promote this site • Hotel accommodation in Jedburgh 	
Improve the existing tourism offer, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of existing and new accommodation businesses • co-ordination of, and between, key tourist sites • adjusting business opening hours to meet the needs of visitors • creation of new events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have specific events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kelpies - Border Union Show - Tour de France - Kelso Races - Play park at Harestanes - Floors Castle become more commercial? - Riding stables • Visit Kelso taking Co- ordination role? • Kelso Abbey 	
Understand and develop the opportunities alongside the Developing the Young Workforce Programme		
Build on the investment in the new school/community campus estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacy of old site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supermarket - housing - hotel - soft play area • Old folks home • Houses • Hotel • Hotel on old campus site • Community benefits - climate change issues - people travelling from all over UK • Schools need coordinators to work with businesses. 	
Invest in opportunities for inter-generational projects, including the development of life skills		
Improve the infrastructure, specifically mobile and broadband connectivity as well as transport networks/roads		

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Draft Locality Plan – Health, Care & Wellbeing		
Priority	Success What would success look like? (Measures)	Partnership How can we work in partnership together?
Help support (e.g. raise awareness, signpost, promote) and build the capacity (e.g. training, sharing best practice) of local community groups and organisations in delivering their activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better sharing of information Better engagement with communities Being truthful re. consultation and information Support of Online Borders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBC Third Sector Interface (TSI)
Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible access to physio therapy - can access private and NHS based services Increased funding to services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heath and social care NHS Churches/3rd sector
Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More young people following a career in healthcare Availability of adaptations within people's homes 	
Improve transport links across Cheviot, including the opportunities that could be provided by Community Transport groups/organisations		
Improve support for unpaid carers		
Increase the range of housing options available across the locality to meet need and demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing provision for elderly including extra care housing Properties for the ageing population Mapping of housing availability to identify gaps New build housing built to cater for a range of needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBC Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) Private landlords
Improve efficiency and effectiveness of existing co-located and integrated teams (e.g. Multidisciplinary Team, Community Healthcare Team)		

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Enhance and promote the “contact” opportunities for individuals with their local communities (to reduce social isolation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll out of Berwickshire pilot - Community Capacity Building Team Identify isolated and develop intergenerational work with schools Gardening scheme to help people who are unable/unwilling to keep their garden in a good state. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBC - Housing RSLs - education (schools)
	Other comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free to use public toilets 	

Draft Locality Plan – Quality of life

General comments:

- be conscious of the urban/rural split
- greater engagement and transparency
- integrate with statutory planning

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Support the development of (multi-agency) approaches to tackle local community issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> needs more definition Community Action Team Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversification of activities Number of people Improvements Other agencies involved – Data/GDPR Safe and well visit Improve quality of life (what’s the definition) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local community groups – educating – Area Partnerships
Encourage sports, leisure and youth clubs to provide year-round, affordable and accessible activities for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of activities Access to age range How affordable and accessible are new facilities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Community Partnerships Social workers Live Borders – too expensive Third Sector Common sense approach to sharing facilities (Live Borders) – using money efficiently/joined up
Sustain and improve local community space and activities for young people all ages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older people – isolation and mobility challenges Youth facilities in rural areas (spread the benefit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better use of existing equipment, e.g. old skate park equipment Health and Safety around care of younger people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men’s Shed Community Cinema Shared community assets through Community Council networks

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Improve communication across communities, including about specific projects and between public agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village halls are the hubs Social media / networks Wider publication / how to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLD Community Capacity Building Team Communication strategy for certain areas – e.g. communication tree Role for resilient communities
Better understand the support on offer for, and within, the community (specifically from the Public and Third Sectors) across all themes of this Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bringing more people in, capacity building What is the Third Sector Interface offer - How visible are they and in which areas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teviot wheels?
	<p>Other Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beauty, landscape Cultural and natural Conservation area management plans Climate Change? Succession planning for voluntary organisations Difference between volunteers and workforce/staff How do you keep the voluntary groups going for this theme? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charity Begins at Home does a lot Closer working relationship with the Communities & Partnership Team Shift from project to core funding Match funding External funding Night class issues (High School) 	

Draft Locality Plan – Environment & Place		
Priority	Success What would success look like? (Measures)	Partnership How can we work in partnership together?
Have public transport services/delivery models, that service needs of local people including accessibility to them, and explore offering free transport for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e-Car scheme minibuses would be available for community use Transport need amongst different age groups will have been mapped and timetables, availability etc. will have responded to this Different travel models will have been explored Needs to have a sustainable infrastructure Improved car parking provision Joined up thinking when planning transport and local services is evident Railway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to consider those who can drive but whose licences don't automatically allow them to drive larger vehicles (those in their 30s and younger)

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Plan for future infrastructure requirements, including connectivity (i.e. broadband) and energy (i.e. renewable technology and sustainable heating systems)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options for methods of delivery and what is most suited to the Borders will have been explored Increased number of charging points 	
Provide appropriate and affordable housing for all ages and stages of life, including mixed tenure/age housing developments and explore the opportunities of the old/forthcoming secondary school sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community groups are involved in the local housing plan process 	
Ensure the locality has the right provision of business and industrial premises and land availability, including high street premises and spaces for small businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More presentable business premises / industrial estates 	
Reduce our impact on the local (and global) environment by raising awareness of what local communities can do in terms of their homes, their businesses, their schools, their travel etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling centre in each settlement Enough facilities in schools for recycling – children and young people lead the campaign Visual messages of what can be recycled and where – place images on bins etc Need to establish what impact we are making on the local environment Local communities are supported to challenge businesses to be more sustainable 	
Address local flooding issues, specifically where it holds back local development		
	<p>Other comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hubs in villages should have more services available locally to reduce the need for travel by service users Retain and improve culture and natural environment of the locality 	

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