

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
CHEVIOT AREA FORUM

MINUTE of the MEETING of the
CHEVIOT AREA FORUM held in the
Tait Hall, Kelso on Wednesday, 4
February 2015 at 6.30 p.m.

- Present:- Councillors T. Weatherston (Chairman), J. Brown, S. Mountford, A. Nicol, S. Scott, R. Stewart.
Community Councillors J. Taylor, N. Jarvis, C. Cook, P. Bridgewood, J. Shanks, J. Freshwater, Trevor Jackson.
Inspector Carol Wood and Temp. Inspector Keith Dougal, (Police Scotland – J Division), Mr Scott Forbes, Station Manager (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Mrs Carol Gillie, Director of Finance (NHS Borders).
- Apologies:- Community Councillors J. Bassett, K. Steel, A. Hall, S. Stewart, H. White, L. Johnston, E. McNulty.
- In Attendance:- Area Neighbourhood Manager (A. Finnie), Democratic Services Officer (Mrs F Henderson).
- Members of the Public:- 0

MINUTE

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of Meeting of the Cheviot Area Forum of 26 November 2014.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minute.

SCOTTISH BORDERS LAND USE STRATEGY PILOT PRESENTATION

2. With reference to paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Minute of 12 February 2014, Derek Robeson from Tweed Forum was in attendance to give a presentation to update Members on the Land Use Strategy (LUS). He explained that the National Land Use Strategy was published in March 2011, under the Climate Change Act and included 10 high level principles and 13 proposals (strategic actions). The first revision was due in 2016 and would focus on opportunities for multi-benefits, based on an ecosystem approach, trade-offs, climate change adaptation and people engagement. The pilot regional land use framework reflected SG policies and regional/local policy, had regard to 10 LUS principles for sustainable land, considered all major land uses in area, Regional or catchment-scale, provided clarity for decision makers (opportunities & constraints, grant funding), was prepared in partnership (land use sectors), took an ecosystem approach and accounted for changing circumstances and cumulative impacts of land use change, although the Land Reform Review was not part of the brief.
3. It was further explained that since the meeting in February 2014, Opportunities and constraints had been considered with the development of mapping and extensive stakeholder engagement programme including catchment workshops from September 2014, Interim consultation on key points (May-June 14); Draft Framework (August – November 14) and Public consultation (approved by Council 18th Dec). From the Key Stakeholder Group, 20 organisations were represented and met every 12 weeks. Although the Borders was a large area, engaged with over 44 organisational representative and 36 Community Councils. and had case Study Areas with 7 sub catchments. The contents of the Draft Framework

were explained together with the next steps and the arrangements for monitoring and assessment. Concerns were raised by Community Councils that this was the thin edge of the wedge, what the government might use the information for and that it may soon become enshrined in legislation. Mr Robeson explained that Scottish Borders Council and The Tweed Forum had undertaken the LUS Pilot on the basis that the LUS would be non-statutory and non-regulatory. However, there was no way of telling what the Scottish Government would do with the mapped data/information. It was hoped that it would be used in a voluntary capacity as an Education and awareness raising tool. Elected Members raised why farmers were being asked to block drains to hold water on the land, when land had been drained for generations for food production. Mr Robeson advised that drainage on production land was a good thing and was necessary for arable/livestock production. However, on hill tops where deep peat and heather deposits occur and food production was minimal, there was a lot of scope to block hill drains to help slow the flow of water from the land and reduce food levels, there were also a whole raft of other multiple benefits which accrue from undertaking such measures. Some were of the opinion that what the Scottish Government would do with the data should not be of concern and that the information collected be used in a sensible way for the greater good. In terms of the public having the opportunity to comment on the land strategy and its findings, it was explained that engagement with the wider public had been ongoing for 18 months, and presentations would be held in the case study areas to present the map based information. There had been significant input from the wider public, not just farmers and land owners and many of the comments made were contained within the supporting documents. There was an opportunity for everyone to look on the SBC Website and to make comment on the LUS objectives.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

POLICE FORCE OF SCOTLAND – UPDATE FOR ‘J’ DIVISION

4. Inspector Carol Wood and Acting Inspector Keith Dougal were present at the meeting to update the Cheviot Area Forum on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 31 January 2015. Police Scotland had published the local Multi Member Ward plans for both Kelso & District and Jedburgh & District and these were available to download from the Police Scotland website with the following links - <http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/kelso-and-district/> or <http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/jedburgh-and-district/>. The plans were set as a result of public consultation and would be reviewed annually ensuring that the Police were tackling those issues that mattered most to the local communities in the Cheviot Area and that they were held accountable to the local communities. The Ward Plan Priorities for Kelso and District were highlighted as Young drivers; antisocial behaviour; Youth antisocial behaviour and Drugs use. The Ward Plan Priorities for Jedburgh and District were highlighted as Speeding; Rural Theft and Youth antisocial behaviour. It was reported that there had been an increase in recorded crimes in the Kelso & District ward (by 38 crimes) compared to last year with a slight increase in solvency over the same timescale. In terms of the Jedburgh Ward there was a decline in the detection rate for the Jedburgh & District Ward and a substantial decrease in recorded crime of almost 22% which equated to 39 fewer crimes and a significant amount of fewer victims, which was very positive. It was highlighted that the figures fluctuated on a daily basis and should only be used as a guide. In relation to the planned priorities for Kelso and District it was reported that work continued on monitoring and engaging with young drivers within the ward area, 23 tickets were issued for various offences including no insurance, no MOT, speeding and mobile phone offences, 8 of the tickets were issued for vehicle defects, the majority being to young drivers. Regular road checks were carried out during the reporting period, as a direct result of the festive initiative and a roads Policing initiative targeting drunk drivers and educating motorists on the new legislation. As

the majority of road works had been completed in Kelso town centre, which had included the re-instatement of line markings, the local Community Beat Officer carried out additional patrols, dealing with any parking infringements as necessary. During this reporting period the local CBO PC Howgego had carried out 24 parking patrols in Kelso town centre, warned 13 motorists and issued one parking ticket. In relation to antisocial behaviour 30 street searches were carried out during the reporting period, these were in relation to drugs, alcohol and stolen property searches. Six fixed Penalty Tickets were issued, one Breach of the Peace, one for vandalism and four for urinating in public. A number of antisocial behaviour incidents primarily related to the nightclub dispersal within the town centre included offences of Breach of the Peace and urinating. Engagement continued with those responsible for any youth antisocial behaviour in the ward area, and the Community Beat Officer and Locality Integration Officer regularly discussed any young people who may come to the attention of the police. Members of the public were encouraged to inform the Police of any information they may have in relation to drugs misuse. The local Community Beat Officer was working within the community to set up a Nominated Neighbour Scheme within the ward area, which would help prevent vulnerable people falling victim to bogus callers and also encourage legitimate callers to maintain best practice. Other significant crimes in Kelso and surrounding area in the last few months included a local supermarket being targeted on 1st November, when two suspects made off with a considerable quantity of goods, enquires were ongoing to identify suspects. On 12th November a premises was searched in Kelso and a substantial quantity of cannabis was recovered, a male had been reported for possession and supplying cannabis, a further house was searched in Kelso where further drugs were recovered and a female reported for drugs offences. Premises in Bowmont St, Kelso was forcibly entered and a quantity of electrical items removed on 30th November 2014 and Police were following positive lines of enquiry. Following a slip in theft at premises in Forestfield, Kelso on 7th December, a male was detained, subsequently locked up for court and the property partially recovered. On 10th December, following proactive work by Officers 2 shoplifters were challenged in a local supermarket, when searched one suspect was found to be concealing 9 bottles of alcohol, he was subsequently detained and charged with theft.

5. In terms of Jedburgh and District, it was reported that 31 road checks had been carried out in Jedburgh and the surrounding area during the last quarter (Nov-Jan) up to 31 January 2015. A number of advisory warnings were given to motorists but there were no fixed penalty tickets issued. Rural theft continued to be a problem and advice to farmers and residents in rural areas continued to be circulated advising to take as many safety measures as they could to secure their property. Should anyone require specific advice they could contact their local community officer either by phoning Jedburgh police station or emailing them via the Police Scotland website link. Pro-active visits to itinerant scrap metal dealers continued as well as liaison with a number of partners to ensure premises were run appropriately. Liaison with neighbouring forces continued, including sharing information to assist in tackling rural crimes, particularly in relation to travelling criminals. In terms of Youth anti-social behaviour there were 26 street searches carried out in the ward area, which resulted in six seizures of alcohol and five recoveries of illegal substances and two fixed Penalty Tickets were issued during December 2014 for anti-social behaviour. Other significant crimes in the Jedburgh and surrounding area in the last few months included a slip in theft overnight on 10th -11th December at the Pheasant pub, Jedburgh when a CD player, alcohol and a quantity of cutlery were stolen. An unregistered quad bike was stolen from the rear of a property in Ladylands Drive, Jedburgh between 28-30th December 2014, which was later recovered and enquiries were continuing. On 6th January 2015 two males were observed within the Spar, Lothian Road, Jedburgh in possession of a black bin liner wrapped around what appeared to be a BB gun. The males were traced and taken to Hawick Police station. Both were charged with firearms offences, one appeared from custody and the other was released to appear at court at a later date. Overnight on 17th-18th January 2015 a theft was reported at Queens House, Queens Street, Jedburgh, which was under renovation. Equipment and tools were

stolen and enquiries were ongoing. During the early hours of 21st January 2015, a fire was reported at Longnewtown Farm, St Boswells. A steel framed barn containing a large number of bales, a trailer and some inert fertiliser were destroyed, total losses estimated at £110,000. Enquiries so far had proved inconclusive as to whether this fire was suspicious or not. During early/late morning of 6th December 2014, a slip in theft occurred at a house in St Boswells, where entry was gained via an insecure patio door. The house was entered and cash and store cards were stolen, a number of valued items were not disturbed or taken and enquiries were continuing. During the late afternoon on 20th December 2014, a property in Main Street, St Boswells was broken into and cash stolen and enquiries were ongoing.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE – ENGAGEMENT WITH NHS BORDERS

6. Mrs Carol Gillie, Director of Finance, NHS Borders was present at the meeting and advised that there would be a representative from NHS Borders attending the Cheviot Area Forum on a regular basis to give information where appropriate and to provide experts as required. In response to a question in terms of the amount of green land which was to be used for car parking at Borders General Hospital, Mrs Gillie advised that there were 38 more parking spaces being created and this was the final phase of the plans at present. A multi-story car park had been considered but as this was not viable there had been car share initiatives introduced and additional shuttle buses for staff to try and alleviate the parking problems being experienced. In relation to the waiting times within A&E, where 95% of people would be seen within 4 hrs, this target had been met overall between October and December, although there had been issues in December and the target had not been met in December 2014. Councillor Brown raised concerns that the Local Hospital within Hawick was not admitting patients from Jedburgh. Mrs Gillie reported that GP's within Hawick had expressed concerns about treating patients not on their lists and it had been agreed that for a temporary period patients from Jedburgh would be seen in Jedburgh or Kelso. This position would be reviewed. It was requested that NHS representatives present themed talks at the Cheviot area Forum i.e. Budget, Older people services, Health Issues within the Cheviot Area, specific recourse required, Social Care Integration Partnership Strategic Plan.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

FIRE AND RESCUE

7. Mr Scott Forbes, Station Manager was present at the meeting and explained that the purpose of the report circulated was to inform the Cheviot Area Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity since the last meeting on 26th November 2014. The report detailed that during the period of the report there had been 3 House Fires (2 Domestic House Fires and 1 Farm Fire), 1 Occurrence of Fire – Open, 4 occurrences of Special Services resulting in 2 casualties and 16 unwanted Fire Alarm Signals. The report explained that within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 for the Scottish Borders, 5 priorities had been identified: Reduction of Dwelling Fires; Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities; Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting (Not including Dwellings); Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals; and the Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions. In relation to partnership working, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Community Action Team (CAT) within the Scottish Borders core work centred on the on-going delivery of the SFRS Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) policy. The team continued to expand its partnership working with key agencies including Police Scotland, Health, Social Care and Housing in order to focus on members of local communities at high risk from fire and achieve outcomes in helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires. Fire raising awareness sessions presented by the team to partner agency practitioners had been and continued to be successful in promoting HFSVs and encouraging agencies to make referrals using the SFRS CSET online booking system.

8. Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years had been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provided the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year. Mr Forbes reported on the ongoing activities within the Cheviot Ward which included Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all local stations providing Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provided the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life were provided as part of this free service. Firesharp was an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention. Fire Safety Audits provided a targeted examination of business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises were being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engaged with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness. Unwanted Fire Signals were being addressed by phased intervention actions which identified premises which were producing 'false alarms', provided guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and could also evoke legislation if occurrences failed to reduce in number. Legislation and enforcement Policy and Procedure for Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals went live on 1st December 2014. The SFRS Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for Protection of Children and Adults at Risk of Harm was implemented in April 2014 to link into adult and child protection. The introduction of the policy had created closer ties with Social Services within Scottish Borders and ensured those people and families which fire crews identified as at risk were brought to the attention of Social Services. This had resulted in joint visits to homes to reduce risk to those occupiers and as a result in eight adults had been referred during the reporting period. The Community Action Team took part in the multi-agency Violence against Women Conference at Tweed Horizons in December 2014, which, together with strong partnership with the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and involvement in MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), put the Fire Service at the forefront of delivering the agenda of outcome six of the Local Fire Plan. The LALO and Scottish Borders Station Manager for Prevention and Protection were fully involved in all local MARAC processes, attending the monthly conferences and all steering group meetings and would be involved in the inaugural twelve-month CAADA (Co-ordinated Action against Domestic Abuse) assessment. The work had provided the additional advantage of strengthening our partnership with external stakeholders, in particular Police Scotland, Adult and Child protection services and local housing providers.

DECISION**NOTED the report.****THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, KELSO) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2006**

9. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Commercial Services which proposed to amend the Scottish Borders Council (Various Streets, Kelso) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2006. The report explained that recent amendments to the Kelso Traffic Regulation Order had been in relation to the Town Centre works. The amendments shown in Appendix A to the report and described in Appendix B had been collected from recommendations by members of the public, SBC Officers and local Members. These were proposed to aid the movement of vehicles in areas not affected by the recent Town Centre works. As with all Traffic Regulation Orders, a two stage consultation process had been undertaken, firstly there was a statutory consultation with bodies who had a direct interest such as emergency services, freight and public transport representatives and Community Councils. Following that process, the proposal required to be advertised locally to allow others the opportunity to comment or object. Mr Gary Haldane, Assistant Engineer was present at the meeting to answer Members questions.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the proposed amendments to The Scottish Borders Council (Various Streets, Kelso) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2006.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES UPDATE

10. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of 26 November 2014, there were circulated at the meeting updates on the Quality of Life Scheme and Neighbourhood Small Schemes. The Area Neighbourhood Manager advised that the allocated budget (£34,702) for small schemes was available through Neighbourhood Services for the Cheviot Area in 2014/15. The report detailed those schemes which had been approved, completed and due for completing prior to 31 March 2015. The remaining budget of £7,361 was available for Neighbourhood Small Schemes. In addition, a budget of £20,000 was available for Quality of Life schemes in the Cheviot Area Forum Area in 2014/15. It had previously been agreed that this budget would be split equally between Kelso and District and Jedburgh and District Wards. There remained £8,820 for Kelso and District and £6,790 for Jedburgh and District.

DECISION

(a) NOTED:-

- (i) the update on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A;**
- (ii) the updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B; and**
- (iii) that authority had been delegated to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to Neighbourhood Small Schemes, subject to consultation with and approval by all six members of the Cheviot Area Forum through email.**

- (b) AGREED that clarification be sought from the Chief Financial Officer as to whether remaining budget in the Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life Scheme could be carried forward to 2015/16 financial year and report back to a future meeting.**

OPEN QUESTIONS

11. There were no questions from the public.

DECISION

NOTED.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

12. **Oxnam Road Wall, Jedburgh** – With reference to paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Minute of 26 November 2014, Area Neighbourhood Manager reported that the repair works to the wall within the property known as Airenlea, were completed just before the start of the festive holiday period. As part of the works the public footway over the length of the Airenlea property was re-shaped and re-laid after the road kerb had been reset. The street lighting column was re-erected at the same time as the footway works, but due to a shortage of electrician resource at that time, the column was only re-connected to the power supply on 12th January 2015. Some minor accommodation works within the property were outstanding, however, these had been completed during week commencing Monday 19th January 2015. During the festive period the owners of Airenlea erected a new timber fence along the length of their property, this work was not part of the wall repair works and the owners arranged for this work themselves.

13. After consultation with local ward members, officers of the Council's Asset Management section had been reviewing the current carriageway arrangements on the section of Oxnam Road between Blair Avenue and The Boundaries. After a meeting with ward councillors towards the end of November a more detailed assessment was being carried out which involved the production of more detailed designs and projected estimates. Until this work had been completed the temporary widening of Oxnam Road between Blair Avenue and The Boundaries would remain in position.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

14. **Skiprunning Burn, Jedburgh** – With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of 26 November 2014, the Area Neighbourhood Manager advised that following the previous update, it could be confirmed that there were no objections to the published scheme during the objection period, which expired 10th December 2014. A report was due before Council on the 19th February to confirm the scheme under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. As at 29 January 2015, the scheme was still on programme with works due to commence summer 2015. The work to replace the existing fence at the Fire station was completed in December and the remaining Phase 1A works (drainage channel improvements on the Canongate and extensions to planters) were being undertaken in February and March 2015.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

15. **Parkside Primary School** – With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of 26 November 2014, the Community Councillor requested an update. It was reported that a site visit had been held at Parkside Primary School with Elected Ward Members. The Community Councillor requested information regarding where on the priority list Parkside Primary School was situated, but there was no further information available at this time.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Cheviot Area Forum was scheduled for Wednesday, 1 April 2015 in Jedburgh.

**DECISION
NOTED the date of the next meeting of the Cheviot Area Forum and that the venue was to be confirmed.**

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.



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Evaluate the hazards and implement appropriate control measures

Take safe and suitable safety measures regarding storage of ALL hazardous materials including fuel, oil, pesticides and fertilisers

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Item No. 9

Localities in the Scottish Borders- a co-ordinated approach for local improvement

Summary of report for Scottish Borders Council Executive, March 2015

Why take this approach?

- To ensure long term sustainability of services and communities, we need to take a coordinated, intelligence-led, problem solving and participative approach to delivering services and future investment;
- We can't afford to ignore community capacity and local issues that are emerging and just continue to keep delivering what we've always delivered;
- Community Empowerment Bill means that communities will have the right to be involved in service delivery and improvement. This approach will help us fulfil and go beyond the requirements of the Bill, to benefit local areas;
- Some SBC services and partners already use our 5 area forum areas for planning and delivery.

How will it work?

Step one- the Locality Framework

Officers across the council collect and present information about our 5 localities:

- Demographic, economic, and social information
 - Council assets (including assets for disposal, and capital investment)
 - Housing land, industrial land, parks and open spaces, etc
 - Services delivered, premises, existing locality teams
 - Partner and community information
- ✓ Advantage- Officers, members and all stakeholders are starting with the same, accurate information, which is consistent for each area.

Step two- the Localities Approach on the ground

Overseen by the Depute Chief Executive (People), a Senior Lead Officer would be identified to co-ordinate and facilitate on the ground. This involves identifying SBC staff across a range of services already operating on a locality basis, pulling them together, and engaging local elected members, key stakeholders and partners in discussions about issues affecting localities (including service delivery issues).

- ✓ Advantage- work across SBC, partners and the community is more co-ordinated and can focus on *problem solving* for the local area.

Step three- Engaging the community

The senior lead officer establishes a plan for engaging key stakeholders in discussions about the local area, using the information in the framework as the starting point.

- ✓ Advantage- SBC and partners hear directly from the community, who can then influence and be involved in service planning & delivery, improvement initiative/projects and finding solutions to problems.

Step four- Preparation of a Local Action Plan

Based on evidence and discussion about what is required in a locality, a plan is prepared with a limited number of time bound actions.

✓ Advantage- actions are stated, shared and owned across stakeholders

Step five- regular review of actions at Area Forum

Using the functions referred within the SBC Scheme of Administration, area forums can regularly review the local action plan. Community stakeholders and partners would also be encouraged to share plans at Area Forums, to better co-ordinate activity, explore partnership working, and avoid duplication.

✓ Advantages- area forums are a valuable part of local democracy

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VARIOUS STREETS, ST BOSWELLS - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

CHEVIOT AREA FORUM

1 April 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report proposes to amend The Scottish Borders Council (Various Streets, St Boswells) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2012.**
- 1.2 Concerns have been raised regarding the use of Hamilton Place/The Croft, St Boswells as a shortcut for traffic entering/leaving the village. Consultation was carried out with residents and a proposal to alleviate the problem by introducing an "Access Only" restriction is proposed.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Cheviot Area Forum approves the amendment of The Scottish Borders Council (Various Streets, St Boswells) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2012.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Concerns have been raised regarding the use of Hamilton Place/The Croft as a shortcut for traffic entering/leaving St Boswells.
- 3.2 Consultation with residents returned data showing that some residents favoured a one-way system, while others strongly opposed this and preferred a permanent closure.
- 3.3 The proposed "Access Only" restriction was favoured by some, but critically did not receive opposition. A plan of the proposal is shown in Appendix A, with a draft schedule in Appendix B.
- 3.4 Under the Council's Scheme of Administration approved on 1 January 2015, Area Forums approve the making of temporary, permanent or experimental orders for the regulation of traffic.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 23 October 2014 to 14 November 2014. No adverse comments were received at this stage.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 19 February 2015 to 13 March 2015. One objection was received and is shown in Appendix C. This was based on enforcement capabilities which would be the responsibility of Police Scotland and a preference for the introduction of a one-way operation.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The costs associated with signs and lines have already been incurred. The only remaining costs are associated with advertising and making of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Advertising TRO	£1,500
Signs	£500

All costs would be borne by the existing Aids to Movement budget.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The risks of not proceeding with the recommendation are that vehicles will continue to use this as a shortcut.
- (b) There are no perceived risks of proceeding with the recommendation.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment scoping assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 Rural Proofing

It is anticipated that there are no adverse effects on the rural area from the proposal contained in this report.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council will be consulted and any comments received will be reported at the Area Forum.

Approved by

Service Director Commercial Services Signature

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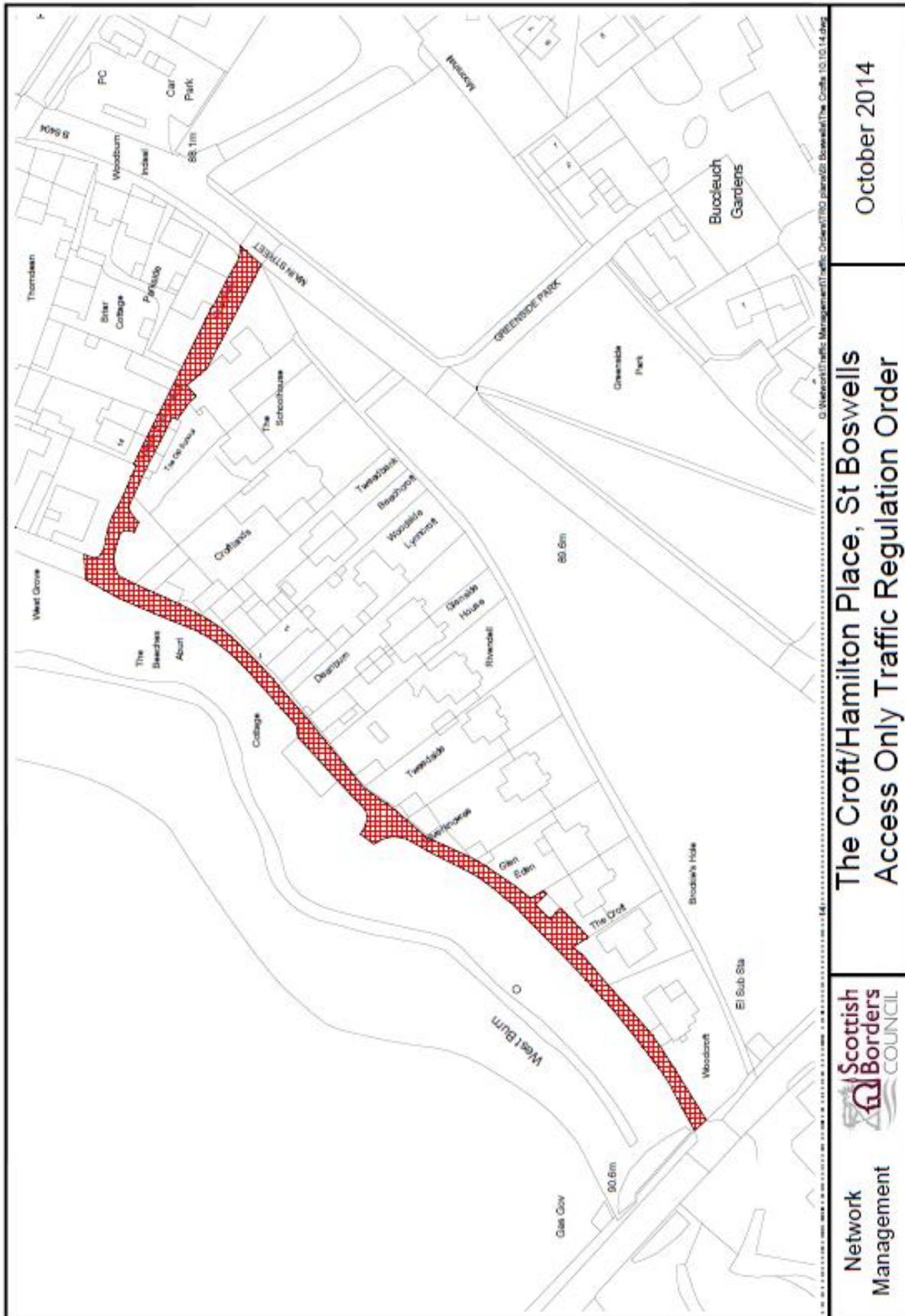
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**The Croft/Hamilton Place, St Boswells
Access Only Traffic Regulation Order**



**Network
Management**

October 2014

Appendix B

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, ST.BOSWELLS) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2012 AMENDMENT 2

Introduce new schedule for access only

Hamilton Place – entire length

The Croft – entire length

Service Director Regulatory Services
Scottish Borders Council
Council Headquarters
Newtown St. Boswells, TD6 0SA

(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2015
PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR ACCESS

Dear Sir,

For many years I was a member of St. Boswells Community Council and in that time heard many complaints about The Croft being used as a short cut from the village to the A68 to avoid the long queues that formed in the "rush hour" at the junction of the B6404 with the A68, and the speed of vehicles along The Croft.

I attended about three meetings on site as a member of the Community Council with a representative of ~~the~~ your Council and a Councillor. The Community Council had suggested that The Croft should be made " Access for Residents Only " or " One Way " but your Council representatives firmly rejected any idea of residents only and the reason given was that it would be too difficult to police; resulting in people ignoring the signs.

I cannot understand how this has now become the chosen solution knowing that in the intervening years Police manpower, time and money have become even tighter. I would like someone to explain.

One of the main hazards on The Croft at any time of day was caused when two vehicles met head on because the carriageway is so narrow in places and people are impatient. This resulted in vehicles mounting what little verge there is on the West Burn side of the road which weakens the structure of the road.

I understood you were planning on making The Croft "One Way" towards the A68 which would have solved all these problems.

I can see no reason why you should make Hamilton Place a resident only road. It is used a great deal for short and medium term parking by people visiting the village centre and presents no problems in width or construction like The Croft. All you will do is create further parking problems elsewhere in the village.

W. Smith-Jones

NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

CHEVIOT AREA FORUM

1 APRIL 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Scheme from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on previously approved Neighbourhood and Quality of Life Schemes in 2014/15.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Scheme has been requested for consideration by the Cheviot members: - install carpet bedding design at A68, Jedburgh.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Cheviot Forum:**
- (a) **approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Scheme for implementation:-**
 - (i) **Install carpet bedding design at A68, Jedburgh. £1,950**
 - (b) **notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small schemes in 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix A to this report.**
 - (c) **notes the updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes in 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix B to this report.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Neighbourhood or Quality of Life schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following scheme has been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Cheviot Area:-

- (a) Install carpet bedding design to form the Society's emblem within the raised bed on the A68, Jedburgh, to mark the 200th Anniversary of the Jedburgh Horticultural Society (£1,950). This request was received from a local Ward Councillor.
- 3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetable and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.
- 3.3 Updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Scheme in 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix A to this report.
- 3.4 Updates on previously approved Quality of Life Scheme in 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix B to this report.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Cheviot Area in 2015/16. If the above scheme is approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £32,752 for future schemes.

Appendix A list up-dates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes in 2014/15.

- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Cheviot Area in 2015/16. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Kelso & District and Jedburgh & District Wards.

Appendix B list up-dates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes in 2014/15.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If the budgets are not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 2.1.

4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 **Rural Proofing**

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation

5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Consultation is being undertaken with the Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Strategic Policy, the Head of Audit and Risk, the HR Manager and the Clerk to the Council. Any comments received will be incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Service Director of Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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CHEVIOT AREA
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

APPENDIX A

Location	Work Description	Status ¹	Price	Available Budget	Comments
Total Budget available for Neighbourhood Small Schemes				£34,702	
Kelso & District					
East Bowmont St. Car Park, Kelso	Construct grinding margin	Completed	£2,380	£32,322	
Ferneyhill Cemetery, Kelso	Install bench	Completed	£150	£32,172	
Stichill Play Area	Provide picnic table & benches	Completed	£350	£31,822	
Kirk Road, Linton	Install drainage	Completed	£2,540	£29,282	
Hendersyde Park, Kelso	Replace existing street name plates	Completed	£400	£28,882	
Mill Wynd, Kelso	Remark parking bays	Completed	£500	£28,382	
Town Yetholm	Provide street name plates	Completed	£450	£27,932	
War Memorial, Kelso	Repaint fence	Completed	£790	£27,142	
Recycling Point, Town Yetholm	Form hard standing	Completed	£1,072	£26,070	
Sydenham Court, Kelso	Install new play equipment	Ordered	£5,000	£21,070	
Bridgend Park, Kelso	Refurbish gates	Completed	£1,160	£19,910	
Shedden Park Road, Kelso	Install bus shelter	Completed	£850	£19,060	
Golf Course Road, Kelso	Install bus shelter	Completed	£635	£18,425	1074
Jedburgh & District					
Hatrigge Field, Jedburgh	Renew existing fence	Ordered	£747	£17,678	
Maxton Play Area	Install junior goal posts	Ordered	£680	£16,998	
Ancrum Play Area	Install 2 No. dog grids	Completed	£1,700	£15,298	
Ancrum Play Area	Provide picnic table	Completed	£50	£15,248	
Maxton Village	Install kerbing	Completed	£6,973	£8,275	
Heiton Village	Provide planters	Completed	£315	£7,960	
C90/3 Millheugh - Hardens	Construct passing place	Completed	£5,900	£2,060	986
Remaining Balance for Neighbourhood Small Schemes					

CHEVIOT AREA
QUALITY OF LIFE SCHEMES

APPENDIX B

Location/Project	Work Description	Status ¹	Price	Available Budget	Comments
Total Budget available for Quality of Life Schemes				£20,000	
Kelso & District				£10,000	
Edenside Road, Kelso	Install dropped kerb	Completed	£1,180	£8,820	
Dardanelles	Cut back scrub & paint door	Completed	£230	£8,590	
Sprouston Village	Provide 2 no. goals c/w nets	Ordered	£1,562	£7,028	
Kelso Play Areas- Croft Park & Meadow Court	Install 2 no. basket swings	Ordered	£6,106	£922	
Jedburgh & District				£10,000	
Jedburgh Xerscape Project	Contribution to installation of equipment	Completed	£1,800	£8,200	
Carter Bar Signage	Enginner's Report	Completed	£200	£8,000	
Carter Bar Signage	Refurbishment of lectern signs	Completed	£1,210	£6,790	
McDonald Dryburgh Room, Jedburgh	Supply & erect notice board	Ordered	£735	£6,055	
C38 , Jct A698 - Lanton Village	Construct passing place	Completed	£4,203	£1,852	
Maxton Village	Provide 2 no. benches	Ordered	£580	£1,272	
Jedburgh North Entrance	Installation of bench	Ordered	£200	£1,072	
Remaining Balance for Quality of Life Schemes					