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## Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 11 November 2021

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Via Microsoft Teams

## Additional applications for consideration

9.	<p><b>Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications</b> (Pages 3 - 18)</p> <p>Consider 4 applications for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rotary Club of Selkirk</li><li>• Gala Rugby</li><li>• Melrose Waverly Tennis Club</li><li>• Newstead Village Community Trust</li></ul> <p>(Copies attached.)</p>
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# 2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

## Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

**High** – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

**Medium** – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

**Low** – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

### 1. Applicant Details

<b>Organisation name</b>	Rotary Club of Selkirk					
<b>Organisation structure</b>	Constituted Group					
<b>Application reference</b>	BBBB/EIL/14					
<b>Theme of application</b>	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Project start date</b>	27 November 2021			<b>Project end date</b>	27 November 2021	

### 2. Organisation's Finances

<b>End of year balance</b>	£2197 (generic acc) £5341 (charities acc)
<b>Current bank balance</b>	£2105 (generic acc) £7176 (charities acc)
<b>Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available &amp; purpose</b>	£1766
<b>Total restricted /committed funds &amp; purpose</b>	£2105 (generic acc) £5410 (charities acc)

### 3. Project:

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<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Selkirk Rotary Club supported by Selkirk B.I.D.s require funding to deliver a Community and Economic Recovery Project on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This project will offer retailers a free platform to promote their business, support local charities, showcase local talent, encourage intergenerational work, engage children and young people and Involve the whole community.</p>		

The event will be free to enter and will feature a retail showcase with Some retailers providing demonstrations over the course of the day. Also included is a Charity Bazaar providing local charities and non- profit organisations with much needed fund- raising opportunities. The organisers aim to provide this event free of charge but will apply an entry fee if unable to secure BBBB funding.

There will also be on stage entertainment with local theatrical and musical groups promoting forthcoming events, a fashion show by a local business and other entertainment provided by Rowlands Youth Organisation, who will broadcast their Rowlands Radio Station live from the event and run Small Group Silent Discos during the day. There will also be roving musicians providing entertainment in other areas of the building. A Children's Corner with Magic Shows, Craft Workshops, and a Santa's Grotto where children will receive a small sustainable, eco-friendly gift.

Refreshments served in a "Café" area in the Main Hall; these will also be free of charge. A promotional and marketing campaign will be carried out. The event will be promoted throughout Selkirk and wider Borders Area through Social Media Advertising, Posters, Banners and Leaflets. It is hoped that this will become an annual event. The initial artwork and much of the advertising materials will be generic ensuring sustainability and providing a legacy for future years.

The event will be inclusive with Selkirk Cycling Without Age having their trishaws available on the day to ferry those with mobility issues to and from the Hall.

In a survey carried out by B.I.D.s 92% of retailers who responded were supportive of this event. The BIDs survey was followed up by a visit to the Town Centre and Riverside retail businesses by Rotary Members. All the businesses visited were supportive of the event and either accepted to offer of a stall or agreed to stay open later that day and consider running an in-store promotion to support the event. The Selkirk Chamber of Trade is also supportive and sees the event as a great way to advertise that Selkirk is recovering from Covid and promote the new businesses in the town. The event has been discussed with a number of local charities and organisations and all are grateful for the opportunity to promote their work or raise some much-needed funds. To date, 12 local charities will be involved. A Covid Risk Assessment will be carried out prior to the event. This free Community Event will have something for all. As well as supporting over 50 retail businesses, either at the event or in their High Street location, it will engage the Community of Selkirk and further afield.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The following groups of people will benefit from the initiative.

Retail Businesses - The last two years have seen an accelerated move to on-line shopping. People shielding or isolating have taken advantage of on-line grocery shopping from large retailers, and many may never return to shopping locally. With non-essential shops forced to remain closed many consumers turned to on-line shopping for clothes and gifts. Although generous support was available to most businesses during lockdowns, Selkirk has new shops that did not qualify for any help.

Local Charities and Non-Profit Organisations – At a time when the work of these organisations is needed most these groups have had no opportunity to fundraise during the pandemic.

Local Groups – Groups such as Selkirk Musical Theatre Group, Creative Stage, Selkirk Silver Band, Riddle Fiddles and Rowlands Youth Group have not been able to meet up, perform or interact since March 2020. These groups involve many young people, a demographic known to have suffered increased mental health and isolation issues during the pandemic

Children – The closure of schools and nurseries, which resulted in home schooling for children denied them a normal childhood for much of 2020/21. They missed out on school trips, after school activities, sports and taking part in groups such as Cubs and Brownies.

The Elderly – For many a daily trip to the shops or a coffee with friends is the only social interaction they have to look forward to. During the pandemic this was not possible with cafes and day centres closed. Shielding, isolation and separation from loved ones has resulted in this sector of the community suffering loneliness, stress and anxiety.

Others in the Community – No one in the Community has avoided the effects of the pandemic. People have been confined at home, on furlough, home working, shielding, or isolating. Holidays have been cancelled, weddings postponed, travel banned, care home and hospital visits suspended, and funerals reduced to immediate family.

This event will help to bring a real sense of community to the town of Selkirk allowing communities to meet and socialise again in a safe way. It will help to bring people together to enjoy some entertainment and refreshments whilst allowing local business an opportunity for increased footfall to their shops and stalls.

Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>This initiative will showcase what Selkirk has to offer in its thriving Town Centre, Riverside Development Area, and surrounding area. Not only to locals, including those who shop out of town or on-line at present but also to those from surrounding areas. It will support businesses at a difficult time giving them a pre- Christmas sales boost. In giving local groups the opportunity to showcase their talents and advertise forthcoming shows and concerts this initiative will increase their chance to raise much needed funds. Getting together and performing on stage after such a long time will boost confidence and improve mental health.</p> <p>After twenty months of restrictions and hardships Celebrating Selkirk will provide something for all age groups, lift community spirits and give the whole community something to look forward to, while addressing many issues created by the pandemic. They estimate the Santa’s Grotto and other Children’s activities will attract 200 children along with parents and grandparents. They have based this figure on similar events organised by other Rotary Clubs in the area in towns of similar size. The monthly Selkirk Farmer’s Market regularly attracts 500 + locals and visitors and the recent Scott’s Selkirk Market attracted similar numbers. Based on these figures They would anticipate a minimum footfall of 800 (adults and children) but would hope with strong marketing this number could be significantly increased.</p> <p>The group aim to measure impact by collecting feedback from retailers, monitoring sales generated and increased footfall either via an on-line survey or by visiting each business. They will Collect feedback from Charity Stallholders on the day, monitor the number of children who benefit from the activities and Santa’s Grotto, measure footfall in the Hall and gather feedback at exit points, as well as monitor feedback on Social Media.</p>		

**4. Project Expenditure:**

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£5000
<b>10% organisation contribution</b>	£500
<b>Request to BBBB</b>	£4500

<b>Item of expenditure</b>	<b>Page 5 Cost</b>
Hall hire £550 plus VAT	£660

Hall and street decoration and refreshments	£320
Art Workshops and gifts for santas grotto	£1050
Marketing and promotional material	£1500
Entertainers, demonstrators, magic show, disco	£1470

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
<b>Comments</b>	<p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application scores Medium because it is supporting local retailers and community organisations by offering an opportunity to showcase their produce and group activities.</p> <p>The event is free and inclusive of everyone from children to older people so it will be a good way for the local community of Selkirk to come together and enjoy some shopping, entertainment and refreshments in a safe Environment.</p>
<b>Additional terms and conditions required</b>	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful the group will need to effectively evaluate their project with specific focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from retailers</li> <li>• Footfall to the event</li> <li>• Feedback from those that were in attendance; members of the public and or business owners/stall holders</li> </ul>

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### 1. Applicant Details

<b>Organisation name</b>	Gala Rugby					
<b>Organisation structure</b>	Constituted Group (SCIO) SC 048031					
<b>Application reference</b>	BBBB-EIL-16					
<b>Theme of application</b>	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Project start date</b>	December 2021			<b>Project end date</b>	June 2022	

### 2. Organisation's Finances

<b>End of year balance</b>	£167,075
<b>Current bank balance</b>	£139,646
<b>Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available &amp; purpose</b>	£52,145 Gala Rugby's income tends to be front end loaded with sponsorship and memberships being paid in August and September; income thereafter is dependent on gates and any functions whilst outgoings run at approx. £10k per month. The unrestricted funds have to last 10 months, although a small element of the restricted funds can be used.
<b>Total restricted /committed funds &amp; purpose</b>	£87,501 The other restricted funds belong to other Gala Rugby Clubs who transferred their bank balances during 2020-21 to come under the umbrella of Gala Rugby. The total funds transferred amounted to £37,105.

### 3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

Gala Rugby are seeking funding to appoint an assistant development officer for a 6 month period. This new role would allow Gala Rugby to engage with young people and schools that they don't currently have a resource to do, namely Langlee PS and Balmoral. The current Development Officer's time is taken up with assisting/teaching S1-S4 at the Academy through the School of Rugby programme and there is insufficient time to develop provision for primary school aged pupils.

Gala Rugby would like to provide rugby activities within Langlee and Balmoral primary school as well as focussing on encouraging girls in early secondary school to participate in rugby.

The proposed assistant development officer would be paid at a rate of £10 per hour for 10 hours per week for 30 weeks. The application is also seeking funding to cover travel costs at approx. 60 miles per week @45p per mile for 26 weeks.

Gala Rugby will look to promote this position via their existing squad members, especially those young members who would benefit from learning coaching and development skills.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

Gala Rugby would look to engage with 20 young people per session and will focus on the P5-7 age group. This cohort have missed out on physical activity opportunities as a result of the pandemic and it has been observed that many young people have been slow to return to organised sport.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

In undertaking physical activity it would be seen that the young people would have an improved feeling of wellbeing and the positive effects of being involved in a team activity with their peers

The assistant development officer would also play a role in encouraging further activity in rugby by promoting and supporting young people to attend Mini Maroons which are organised, weekly sessions.

#### 4. Project Expenditure:

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£4,472
<b>10% organisation contribution</b>	£447
<b>Request to BBBB</b>	£4,025

<b>Item of expenditure</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Development Officer	£3,465
Travel costs	£702
Equipment (boots, two track suits, ¼ zip top, two polo shirts waterproof jacket)	£350
	£
	£

Match/other funding sought:

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Status</b>
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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		£
		£
		£

<b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b>	
<b>Comments</b>	<p>The application meets the criteria of the fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application scores medium/low as the application has not effectively evidenced the need for the sessions within local schools and how these will be undertaken.</li> <li>• If delivered the sessions would provide positive opportunities for the young people</li> <li>• The project will hopefully encourage young people to try and sport and progress into regular/organised training sessions</li> </ul>
<b>Additional terms and conditions required</b>	<p>the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we would expect the group to evaluate their project with specific focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of young people involved in the sessions</li> <li>• Number of sessions delivered</li> <li>• Number of young people that have progressed into the Mini Maroons sessions.</li> </ul>

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### 1. Applicant Details

<b>Organisation name</b>	Melrose Waverley Tennis Club					
<b>Organisation structure</b>	Charity (SC034153)					
<b>Application reference</b>	BBBB/EIL/15					
<b>Theme of application</b>	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Project start date</b>	January 2022			<b>Project end date</b>	May 2022	

### 2. Organisation's Finances

<b>End of year balance</b>	£32,366
<b>Current bank balance</b>	£3,866
<b>Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available &amp; purpose</b>	£4,866
<b>Total restricted /committed funds &amp; purpose</b>	£27,500

### 3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)		
<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
As the local community starts to recover from the pandemic, Melrose Waverley Tennis Club wishes to play its part by extending and improving its coaching sessions for children (of which over 100 attend) and also by reaching out to new children.		
In order to do this, the club would like to install a practice fence (hitting wall) to extend the active time for all of the children taking part in coaching sessions and to enable the club's new adult members to be physically active without needing a playing partner. Any member		

of community (member or non-member) would be able to book a timeslot to practice using the hitting wall via the online form between 09:00 – 22:00, 7 days a week.

Alongside the installation of the hitting wall, the club wish to introduce a new, 6-week block of free coaching aimed at 5 year olds who have not yet taken part in the sport. The Lawn Tennis Association coaching scheme is for children aged 4-11 years who are new to tennis and the £34.99 per child cost includes a tennis racket, set of tennis balls, branded t-shirt and a pair of wristbands. The course is led by an enthusiastic coach who has attended specific LTA Youth Start training – in this instance, the sessions will be led by the club's level 5 coach.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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The primary beneficiaries of this initiative will be school-aged children, both primary and secondary, living in Melrose and the surrounding areas. These children faced much-reduced opportunities for sport and leisure during the pandemic. The tennis club has a large coaching programme with its head coach and assistant coaches delivering coaching almost every day of the week to children aged between 4 and 18, as well as an adult programme. These children will benefit immensely from having a practice fence to use, which would be incorporated into the new and existing coaching activities. In addition, the club anticipates that some of its new adult members will use the practice fence.

The LTA scheme would give children who did not get the opportunity to exercise during lockdown the chance to have some coaching in a small group with a coach and assistant coach, as well as providing each one with the equipment they need to play (racquet and balls). The club would endeavour to find 10 children to take part in the scheme who would not normally have the opportunity to do so.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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The incorporation of a practice fence into the facilities that the club can offer to children, adult members and visitors to the club will mean that it can offer more playing time as individuals will be able to practice on their own and it can increase the coaching activities that the club offers by incorporating the use of the fence, which has a ten year guarantee.

During coaching sessions children will have more active time by using this new facility. The club is also aware that some children do not get the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities and would like to reach out to them by running the well-established LTA's Tennis for Kids scheme to offer tennis coaching for young children who have not yet had the opportunity to play.

If the club is successful with its BBBB Recovery Fund application, it will enable the club to run the coaching sessions for free, removing cost from being a barrier to the families of these children as everything they will need to participate is included as part of the scheme.

#### 4. Project Expenditure:

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£9,070
<b>10% organisation contribution</b>	£907
<b>Request to BBBB</b>	£8,163

Item of expenditure	Cost
ServeAce hitting wall & erection works	£8,520.00
10 x children participating in LTA's Tennis for Kids scheme	£349.90
6 week block of coaching (coach & assistant costs) for 10 children	£200.10

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
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		£

<b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b>	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund e.g. the application scores medium.
<b>Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will increase access to sport</li> <li>• It will increase or improve community capacity, resilience and engagement</li> <li>• There is a cost involved with accessing the tennis courts and therefore the hitting wall. This may prove a barrier to members of the community who are on low-income</li> <li>• At the time of assessment, the group were unable to confirm how they plan to identify the 10 young people who may not normally have the opportunity to take part in projects like this (no mention of working in partnership with other organisations etc)</li> </ul>
<b>Additional terms and conditions required</b>	The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance.
<b>Evaluative measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from members &amp; non-members as to the benefits of the hitting wall</li> <li>• Anecdotal feedback from young people on the hitting wall and the coaching sessions</li> <li>• Photographs of the hitting wall</li> <li>• Number of young people who continued to play tennis after the coaching sessions were completed</li> </ul>

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**Medium** – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

**Low** – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

### 1. Applicant Details

<b>Organisation name</b>	Newstead Village Community Trust					
<b>Organisation structure</b>	Constituted – company limited by guarantee					
<b>Application reference</b>	BBBB-EIL-17					
<b>Theme of application</b>	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Project start date</b>	Jan 22			<b>Project end date</b>	July 22	

### 2. Organisation's Finances

<b>End of year balance</b>	£
<b>Current bank balance</b>	£2,015.88
<b>Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available &amp; purpose</b>	£2,015.88
<b>Total restricted /committed funds &amp; purpose</b>	£

### 3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

<b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

Newstead Village Community Trust (NVCT) are looking to appoint a professional consultant to work with NVCT directors and the wider community to develop a comprehensive Community Action Plan and Business Plan.

NVCT was formed as a result of the pandemic. A number of Newstead residents came together during the pandemic to understand and support the needs of local people that

required extra support as a result of Covid, shopping, wellbeing and isolation. This inspired a greater sense of neighbourliness and started a regular community meet which took place over zoom.

Ideas were subsequently formed and put into action including support for vulnerable residents, safe activities to connect the community and a quarterly village newsletter called the Newstead News.

The group now wish to harness and further develop the feeling of community and develop an action plan for the village. To enable the group to realise their ambitions they would like to produce a Community Action Plan and Business Plan.

While the group have undertaken community consultation and engagement they are aware that it was limited in terms of reach and also took place when people were unable to meet face-to-face. The group want to engage more effectively and reach those that are the hardest to reach in their community. NVCT feel that Professional and independent expertise will be able to draw on a variety of methods of engagement and help them to translate the results into a plan that is 'owned' by the community.

NVCT are looking for funding to appoint a professional development consultant.

NVCT developed a 'brief' outlining the scope of work. This was then forwarded to six organisations who offered the required expertise and skills to develop a Community action and Business Plan. The group received three quotes from organisations who were in a position to undertake the required work.

- Community Enterprise (£13758 inc VAT)
- STAR Development (£13000 ex VAT)
- Urban Animation (£10000 ex VAT)

Community Enterprise is the groups preferred provider for the following reasons:

- The plan they propose is comprehensive and the timescales they suggest for the work closely matches our requirements as outlined in the brief we circulated for tender.
- We have reviewed their previous projects, many of which are similar to our own and their track record of delivering realisable and accessible plans which serve communities into the future is impressive. –
- We have spoken to other organisations who have commissioned their support, including within the Scottish Borders and they come highly recommended and are aware of local issues pertinent to the area and our community.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

**High**

**Medium**

**Low**

Comment:

NVCT has a growing membership which currently stands at 84 ordinary members, 22 associate members, 2 junior members and 2 corporate members. At the last census there were 272 people on the electoral roll within Newstead.

A recent community survey carried out within The Newstead News returned 142 responses from members and non-members of the Trust. The newsletter has become very popular and not only provides opportunities for a growing number of local

contributors to write about issues which are important to them, it also enables the Trust to update the community on its progress and offers routes to participate.

NVCT have 347 followers, Newstead Village Chat (private Facebook group) has 146 members, 218 accounts follow the NVCT on Twitter and the village WhatsApp group has 30 members. NVCT recently created a Just Giving page to help raise funds to further their aims which has encouraged donations, So far of £2390.

Newstead has a larger than average retired population and a growing population of families with young children. Throughout the pandemic the community has come together to understand and support the needs of local people. Neighbours supported one another practically and emotionally through a number of forums that were established including a Whatsapp Group, Facebook, Zoom meetings and the development of a village newsletter delivered to every household.

Further consultation will enable NVCT to engage the needs and wishes of the community and establish an on-going plan of activities and events embedded within a community action plan to meet these needs.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

**High**       **Medium**       **Low**

NVCT have a broad of experience and expertise on their Board however, don't have the capacity to produce a document that will provide detail and quality that the whole community will buy in to. In looking to appoint a consultancy firm the group feel that this will help the group to realise the ambitions of their community and to deliver projects identified by the community.

- An Action Plan pulled together by independent party on behalf of the village is usually seen as best practice by external funders. Organisations like the Lottery often look favourably on Community Action Plans developed with third party independent involvement as they feel that these plans are more likely to accurately reflect community views.
- To unlock external funding for projects, Action Plans and Community Consultations are normally required so a properly developed Action Plan on the back of detailed consultation would be looked on very favourably by funders when trying to justify funding applications.
- Although the costs of an Action Plan can be seen as expensive, in the long run if they help unlock grant funding for the projects of priority highlighted in an Action Plan, then the original spend creating the Action Plan is good value for money.

#### 4. Project Expenditure:

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£13,758
<b>10% organisation contribution</b>	£1,375.80
<b>Request to BBBB</b>	£12,382.20

<b>Item of expenditure</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Professional Services for Consultation and delivery of CAP and BP	Page 178
	£

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	£
	£

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
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<b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b>	
<b>Comments</b>	<p>the application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application scores medium as it demonstrates an active community which has been fostered during Covid and their enthusiasm to further develop their community.</p> <p>An action plan will allow the group to access other funding opportunities.</p>
<b>Additional terms and conditions required</b>	<p>the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we require the group to effectively evaluate their project with a specific focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of members of the community that were involved in community consultations/engagement</li> <li>• The completed action plan</li> <li>• Key priorities that the community wish to develop and deliver within Newstead</li> </ul>