

**Please find attached additional papers in respect of Items 3, 7(b) and amended paper in respect of Item 9(b) on the Agenda for the Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting, 2 December 2021**

3.	<b>Place Making update</b> (Pages 3 - 4)	
7.	<p><b>Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund</b> (Pages 5 - 8) Consider two applications for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Eyemouth &amp; District Community Trust. (Withdrawn.)</li> <li>b) Connect Berwickshire Youth Project (Copy attached.)</li> </ul> <p>Photos of BBBB funded projects: <a href="#">BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22   Flickr</a></p>  <p>The banner features the text 'BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND' in large white letters, with 'OPEN 01 JUNE 2021 - 31 MAY 2022' below it. A QR code is on the right side. The background shows a silhouette of a person walking in a landscape.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Additional information for noting</b> (Pages 9 - 10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Current consultations, Community Empowerment requests and additional information including Community Assistance Hub update. (Copy attached.)</li> <li>b) Funding table overview. (Copy attached.)</li> </ul>	

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## Place Making - Proposal for creation of BAP Working Group

### Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of this paper is to propose the formation of a BAP Place Making working group (PMWG), charged with making recommendations on the way forward concerning the development and implementation of Place Making / Planning in Berwickshire. The recommendations of the PMWG will be presented to the BAP meeting on 3rd February 2022.

A PMWG will have two benefits. Firstly, it will strengthen the role of the BAP as a key community engagement platform. Secondly, it will help clarify all issues concerning Place Making and Place planning in Berwickshire.

It is envisaged that this WG will operate on a short-term basis, albeit it may subsequently prove appropriate to form a Sub-committee of the BAP to take responsibility for the oversight of place-making in Berwickshire over the coming years.

### Background

There have been a number of policy initiatives in the area of community involvement and Place Making. Place being described as where people, location and resources combine to create a sense of identity and purpose.

- SBC's Fit for 2024 Transformation strategy has empowerment as a key theme and recognises that there must be a greater focus on supporting communities to participate.
- The Council say they are committed to respond to the obligations in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, particularly in relation to Community Planning, and SBC believe that all bodies which can contribute to community planning should be able to do so in an effective way.
- More recently the Place Principle has been promoted by the Scottish Government as a way to focus many of these policy aims in a flexible localised approach to community needs and services.
- The review of Area Partnerships undertaken by the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC)

The proposal for a PMWG fully recognises these policies and SBC's commitment to Place Planning. However, the question remains "How can all of this be effectively delivered?".

Concerns were raised during the discussion of the "Place Making -Next Steps" paper at the BAP meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. A number of contributors commented on the absence of prior consultation with those communities whose contributions will be vital to the future success of place planning. Others spoke of what they believed to be flaws in the proposed methodology. Yet other community development organisations and community councils expressed difficulty interpreting the proposal due to the approach and language used.

Overall, there was a feeling that there was insufficient time to discuss the paper in any meaningful way and therefore it was unclear how we could reach a well-considered view on the way forward. Evidence of the apparent disconnect between SBC and non-SBC members of the BAP can be seen from the feedback on the "Place Making -Next Steps" paper. Feedback was sought from 570 people across the Borders, but unfortunately only 21 responses were received. The numbers for

Berwickshire were 90 invitations and just 3 replies. It is well recognised that although of some value, this level of feedback cannot form the basis of any real “agreement” to the proposals made by SBC.

### **Creation of a BAP Place Making Working Group**

Over the past year, the BAP has made significant strides to improve effective operating arrangements. In many ways BAP is developing into a true partnership. It is now proposed that a BAP working group be created, as detailed below, in order that BAP continues to mature. It is clear that, in relation to the vitally important area of Place Making in Berwickshire, we need to avoid the danger of reverting to what has in the past been perceived as a “top down” approach.

There is clear evidence that working-groups can work successfully with all members from across the BAP having the time to debate issues in detail and deliver recommendations quickly and effectively. Past working group experience shows that within a timescale of 6 weeks, and following 2 or 3 well-structured 2-hour on-line meetings, it is possible to deliver recommendations that have subsequently been fully endorsed by BAP.

Recent working groups of the BAP have comprised 6-8 members with an additional 2/3 SBC councillors. To my knowledge there has always been a place for those who express a wish to be involved. They have been chaired by a non-SBC member of the BAP. The working groups have benefitted from the expertise and support of SBC officers during their deliberations. It is suggested, therefore, that we implement this proven model of success and apply it to the topic of Place Making and Planning.

Much of the agenda for a place-making working group will come from the Place Making – Next Steps paper presented at the last meeting. Amongst other topics it is likely that the following will be considered:

- Place Making and Place Planning – clarification of terminology
- Proposed Joint Principles
- The Proposed Target Place Making Framework
- The methodology for determining which communities to prioritise
- How to best allocate resources available for place planning in Berwickshire
- The Area Partnership – Draft Place Making Role Agreement

### **Recommendations**

**The Berwickshire Area Partnership is asked to agree:**

- 1. to set up a Place Making working group (WG)**
- 2. to the initial WG Agenda (outlined above)**
- 3. to plan a facilitated Place Making workshop, to explore and agree a way forward**
- 4. a Borders wide a good practice workshop (also facilitated)**
- 5. to the proposed timescale for recommendations to the BAP meeting in February 2022**
- 6. a method of recruitment to the working group**
- 7. that appropriate officer support for the PMWG will be made available**

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Chair - Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth CC  
November 2021

# 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>	Connect Berwickshire Youth Project					
<b>Organisation structure</b>	Registered Charity SC020840					
<b>Application reference</b>	BBBB-BER--7					
<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 type="checkbox"/>
<b>Project start date</b>	01/01/2022			<b>Project end date</b>	31/05/2022	

### 2. Organisation's Finances

<b>End of year balance</b>	£ 319,053
<b>Current bank balance</b>	£ 103,282.62
<b>Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available &amp; purpose</b>	£ 8342
<b>Total restricted /committed funds &amp; purpose</b>	£207,863

### 3. Project:

Connect Berwickshire Youth Project want to use BBBB funding to start an S1/S2 youth club, offering support to young people who are making the transition from Primary school to High School as well as running a programme of fun activities and projects.

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

Connect Berwickshire Youth Project would like to support families in Coldstream and build extra youth work provision there, as the Borders Recovery Matrix identifies Coldstream as the most at risk community in Berwickshire (at 23 points). They want to help develop a new youth and family hub, using the annexe next to the Primary School in Coldstream, working alongside Community Learning and Development who are also looking to use the facility. Permission has not yet been given for either service to use the annexe but conversations are ongoing however for the past ten years they have been using a dedicated space at Coldstream Community Centre and will continue to use it going forward until a decision is reached one way or the other re the annexe.

Connect Youth intend to use BBBB funding to pay:

- Youth Worker salary to deliver 1 youth work session for S1 and S2 pupils per week for 5 months and 1 youth club session per week which will be free of charge to families who are unable to pay
- Play Leader salary to deliver an after school club Monday – Friday during term time (3.15-6pm) and a holiday club during school holidays (9-4pm) for 5 months
- A Lead Worker salary to co-ordinate the two projects for 5 months

Connect Berwickshire Youth Project have match funding in place to extend the two services beyond 6 months of delivery. Connect Berwickshire Youth Project have match funding in place to extend the two services beyond 6 months of delivery.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Connect Berwickshire Youth Project say they currently see many children who are feeling anxious and isolated. They believe there is a great need for safe youth work opportunities as there are limited opportunities for young people in the area and they have missed out on social connections and experiences during Covid-19 which had led to an increase in lower levels of mental health and well-being. Connect Berwickshire Youth Project want to make sure that low income doesn't prevent access to their services and aim to ensure all local children and young people will have more chances to get involved in regular activities and youth work sessions locally. The young people will be able to plan and participate in the sessions Connect Youth will deliver. There will also be volunteering opportunities and chances to enrol on Youth Achievement Awards, Dynamic Youth Awards and Saltire Awards and gain accreditation for their work.

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

<b>High</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Coldstream has been identified as a community most at risk of a difficult recovery in Berwickshire and Connect Berwickshire Youth Project hope that their new service will increase wellbeing for children, young people and their families. Low income affects many families (15.2% according to the Borders Recovery Matrix) and they have successfully brought in funds to enable these families to access their services through an alliance led by BAVS with the Scottish Government Recovery fund.

The weekly S1 and S2 session will create opportunities for local young people to get involved in planning and participating in fun activity sessions. There will also be volunteering opportunities and chances to enrol on Youth Achievement Awards, Dynamic Youth Awards and Saltire Awards and gain accreditation for their work. They want the young people who come to their sessions to feel valued and to have chances to improve their social skills in a safe environment. Young people will have opportunities to make more links across their community out with their regular social groups and develop important relationships with youth workers and volunteers who will be positive role models and mentors. Covid has impacted on Coldstream's young people confidence and they are finding it difficult to go out and socialise again. Connect Berwickshire Youth Project want young folk to get involved with our services, to have a say and shape youth work opportunities in their town, increasing their own wellbeing and community participation. S1 and S2 pupils missed out on the Primary 7 work being done to help with the transition from primary school to High school and the project's work will ensure that there is support for this group of young people as they settle into the challenges of High school.

**4. Project Expenditure:**

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	Page 6 £ 39630
<b>10% organisation contribution</b>	£ 3963

<b>Request to BBBB</b>	£ 14,250
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<b>Item of expenditure</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Lead worker salary 6 months (gross) – contribution	£ 13973
Play Assistant salary 6 months (gross) - contribution	£ 4940
Youth Worker salary 6 months (gross) - contribution	£ 1527
Utilities and office support	£ 1000 – breakdown of costs in supplementary information

Match/other funding sought:

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Status</b>
BBC Children in Need	£ 10k per year x 3 years	10k per year x 3 years
	£	
	£	

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>
01-04-2021/2020/2019	Commissioned Services Grant (CYPLG)	£ £15,500 per annum
01-06-2020	SBC Community Grants Scheme	£ 6,099
01-07-2019	Localities Bid Fund	£ 7,270
01-04-2020	Service Level Agreement	£ 9,000
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<b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b>	The application meets the criteria of the fund
<b>Comments</b>	The application has been assessed as medium. Connect Youth have a successful history in delivering youth work opportunities in the Coldstream area. Their intention to deliver youth work sessions and an after school club will provide support to young people and families to recover from the impact of the pandemic. Additional detail on the planned youth work and after school activities could move this project to being assessed as high.
<b>Additional terms and conditions required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation</b>	<p>If the applicant is successful,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people attending the youth work sessions</li> <li>Number of people attending after school club</li> <li>Feedback from service users and staff</li> <li>Range of activities delivered</li> <li>Sustainability plans</li> </ul>



**Berwickshire Funding 2021/2022**

02 December 2021

<b>Community Fund 2021/2022</b>	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population)	£ 50,230.00
<b>Plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget</b>	<b>£ 7,030.00</b>
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 57,260.00</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021	£ 12,272.00
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 9,032.00
Sub-total	£ 21,304.00
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 35,956.00</b>

<b>Build Back a Better Borders</b>	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.)	£ 87,783.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 87,783.00</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021	£ 30,148.60
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 14,250.00
Sub-total	£ 44,398.60
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 43,384.40</b>

Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 35,956.00</b>

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 43,384.40</b>

<b>Summary of all applications</b>						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	06/07/21	Community Fund	Allanton Village Hall	£ 3,150.00	Repair damaged wall	Awarded
2	25/07/21	Community Fund	Cockburnspath Allotment Association	£ 5,000.00	Garden & allotment developer	Awarded
3	26/07/21	Community Fund	Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Services	£ 4,122.00	Community e-bikes	Awarded
4	06/09/21	Community Fund	Duns Players	£ 5,000.00	Duns PlayFest 2022	Assessed
5	17/10/21	Community Fund	Eyemouth & District Community Trust	£ 4,032.00	Staff costs mental health project	Assessed
6	15/06/21	BBBB Fund	Roxburgh & Berwickshire CAB	£ 4,395.60	Staff costs	Awarded
7	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Staff costs - Volunteer Co-ordinator	Awarded
8	05/07/21	BBBB Fund	Eyemouth Enhancement Group	£ 12,010.00	Ride on mower	Awarded
9	15/07/21	BBBB Fund	Reston Concert Band	£ 480.00	Hall hire & equipment	Awarded
10	04/08/21	BBBB Fund	A Heart For Duns	£ 12,678.00	Events	Awarded
11	01/11/21	BBBB Fund	Connect Youth	£ 14,250.00	Youth service and after school work	Assessed
<b>Total</b>				<b>£ 65,702.60</b>		

<b>Other sources of grant funding - Berwickshire</b>			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 7,030.00	£ -	£ 7,030.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 13,680.00	£ 6,255.00	£ 7,425.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 48,200.00	£ -	£ 48,200.00
Common Good - Coldstream & Duns	£ -	£ -	£ -
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 2,082.49	£ 2,038.00	£ 44.49
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 10,203.76	£ 2,500.00	£ 7,703.76
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 81,196.25</b>	<b>£ 10,793.00</b>	<b>£ 70,403.25</b>

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