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**Cheviot
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2019

Time: 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Location: Assembly Hall, Kelso High School, Angraflat Road, Kelso

AGENDA

Doors open 6pm for tea and coffee – meeting starts at 6.30pm

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places Consultation to help inform the Council in considering if there are areas in the Scottish Borders where drinking alcohol in a public place should not be allowed. (Further information can be found at https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/)
3.	Feedback from Meeting on 30 January 2019 (Pages 3 - 6) (Copy Minute attached.)
4.	Draft Cheviot Locality Plan (Pages 7 - 18) A facilitated discussion on the Locality Plan for Cheviot. (Copy draft Plan attached.) Discussion to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whether you agree with the priorities you have raised through Area Partnership meetings? Has anything been missed?• What would success look like?• How can we work in partnership together to achieve this?• How do I get involved? Further information on local data and statistics can be found at https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20015/your_council/472/area_partnerships/3
5.	Localities Bid Fund Update
6.	Any Other Competent Business
7.	Date of Next Meeting. To be confirmed.

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MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in The
Assembly Room, Jedburgh Grammar
School on Wednesday, 30 January
2019 at 6.30 pm

- Present:- Councillors S. Hamilton (Chairman), S. Mountford, S. Scott, T. Weatherston together with 7 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.
- Apologies:- Councillors J. Brown, E. Robson.
- In attendance:- Communities and Partnership Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator, Community Police Officer (Gina Dickson), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson)

1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2.0 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 5 DECEMBER 2018

- 2.1 The minute of the Area Partnership had been circulated which included a summary of the discussion output as an appendix. The Locality Development Co-ordinator referred to the general concerns, issues, challenges and opportunities raised at that meeting. The theme for the focus for debate for the remainder of the meeting was 'Quality of Life', which was the last theme in the series. Feedback from each theme would then be drawn together to inform the Cheviot Locality Plan.

THEME: QUALITY OF LIFE

- 3.0 The Chairman referred to the main item on the agenda – discussion around the theme 'Our Quality of Life' - and introduced the key speakers who each gave a brief summary of the work, relevant to the theme, being carried out by their organisation/section.
- 3.1 Inspector McGuigan highlighted the commitment of Police Scotland as identified in the Local Police Plan 2017-20 for Scottish Borders. Following a consultation process there were seven Local Police Priorities identified which linked to the themes within the Scottish Borders Community Plan: - domestic abuse; road safety; violent crime; anti-social behaviour; drugs and alcohol misuse; protecting people (including child protection); and acquisitive crime (incorporating rural crime, doorstep crime, housebreakings and thefts). Police had strong links to the Council's Safer Communities team with proactive campaigns such as Drivewise Borders and Crucial Crew. Inspector McGuigan also drew attention to the work undertaken over the past year by the Community Action Policing Team which provided a dedicated community resource which would specifically target locality issues i.e. anti-social behaviour, young driver issues and was an additional resource to the Community Policing Team. In response to a question about the importance of the Resilience Group in Jedburgh, Inspector McGuigan explained that the Group was crucial in times of extreme weather i.e. flooding and heavy snow fall. Those present were supportive of the CAT which had been very effective at responding to problems raised locally. The Community Officer within the schools had had a positive impact and early intervention was seen as key.

- 3.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Group Manager, Michael Jaffray, made reference to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the Scottish Borders which was included in the paperwork provided on the tables. In particular he drew attention to the focus on helping people feel safer in their homes and on the roads. The service would work with local communities to improve outcomes, reduce inequalities and to build community resilience against extreme weather events such as flooding. Action Plans were being developed to address key priority areas in the Scottish Borders. Mr Jaffray referred in particular to the aim to reduce unwanted fire alarm signals, where there was no fire but an automated fire alarm system was activated. This currently accounted for over 65% of emergency response activity across the Scottish Borders. Mr Jaffray concluded by emphasising that the service wanted to work closely with communities and would welcome comments from local residents.
- 3.3 Donna Wood, from Scottish Borders Council, was in attendance to talk about the work of the Community Learning and Development Service and in particular the work being carried out with 11 – 25 year olds. There were 2 Learning Communities in the Cheviot area based around the secondary schools. The development of the learning communities enabled all key stakeholders to plan and work together to ensure improved outcomes for children and young people. Work was being carried out in schools and in particular with looked after and accommodated children and young people who may be failing to reach their full potential. Ms Wood referred to work undertaken by the Service in terms of Youth Work, Adult Learning, Community Capacity, Voluntary participation and targeted work with Vulnerable Adults and children. Ms Wood touched on projects such as summer activities, PEF Youth Workers, Season for Growth and recently held 'Raising Teens Workshops aimed at Parents and Children and Mental Health First Aid. It was highlighted that the new intergenerational school would provide family space and older people would be encouraged to go into the school to do additional learning.
- 3.4 Following the introductory talks, officers joined Elected Members, partners and members of the public at their tables for a discussion of the main issues relating to "Our Quality of Life" in the Cheviot Area. A pack of information was provided at each table to aid the discussion as were feedback sheets to record the emerging points. Following this first discussion period and a short break each group returned to their tables where they were asked by the Chairman to focus on prioritising the key issues raised and to discuss and identify ways of taking these forward within the Cheviot Area. A summary of the output of the discussions were provided as an appendix to this minute.
- 4.0 **LOCALITIES BID FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL**
- 4.1 In response to the decision by Council to appoint additional Members to serve on the Assessment Panel, Councillor Weatherston, seconded by Councillor Brown, moved that Councillor Mountford be appointed and this was approved.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Mountford be appointed as an additional member to serve on the Assessment Panel.

5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 5.1 The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 17 April 2019 in Kelso at 6.30 p.m. The theme of the meeting would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Discussion Output: Quality of Life (30 th January 2019)				
Issue / Challenge	Solution	Play #yourpart		Priority rating
		Lead for action	Who else?	
<p>Police Scotland/Community Action Team (CAT) What steps could be taken to address anti-social behaviours? How could the CAT team work with the community to tackle local issues?</p>	Head teacher/ CAT/ children to collect litter and show the scale. Link to recycling and environment project? Involve Co-op? Multi agency approach - dog fouling. More bins for rubbish. Drivewise - use a local "idol" e.g. Stuart Hogg More visible approaches More beat officers, more CAT teams, stronger name	Police Safer communities Public		
<p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service What measures could be taken to raise awareness and address safety in the home?</p>	Isolated people need to be engaged. Elderly – what are the mechanisms to refer in. More local officers attending homes instead of out of town. Carers need more ability to report and be trained on what dangers to look for. If concerned feel they can report this. "Buddy system" Flow centre asking if they would like a home safety visit. Community Council's could circulate info on Facebook. Utility companies could give a discount if you have a fire safety visit.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Registered Social Landlords promote with tenants. SB cares Carers	Develop and strengthen community links. Safer communities	
<p>Live Borders How do we make leisure and culture services and facilities accessible to all? How do we encourage participation in leisure and culture opportunities?</p>	Encourage local sports clubs to give 'free' sessions for school children. A figurehead to promote sports. Connect paths and cycle ways. E.g. Earlston Community Council - Jubilee Path example. Advertising needs improved (incl. Snapchat/Instagram) Sport – PE base in school Leisure is too expensive, reduce costs Culture/Leisure needs to be open all year round Concerts directed at Youth Noticeboards are confusing. Schools & Live Borders should be separate. Letters during classes (pastoral) Need more concerts directed towards younger people Not enough things for youths in Jed/Kelso	Self-service health and safety checks. Lots of culture opportunities but people don't take them up Education Live Borders		
<p>Community Learning and Development (CLD) How do we improve the well-being and life chances of our most</p>	Cheviot Youth in Kelso & Jed / Ancrum, Yetholm, Stichill in progress. Spread the word but demographic / rurality makes it difficult to get numbers. Pupil equity fund (PEF) to target more young people Pull more resources to build relationships to participate when disengaged	CLD		

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<p>vulnerable children and young people?</p>	<p>More summer outdoor activities – get to know other peers to feel comfortable when moving up to High School More spaces as uptake is good Continue to offer PEF free school meals etc. / Subtly identify children even if not signed up for PEF Shops/businesses/industry to help re. work experience</p>			
<p>Communication How do we ensure communities and individuals know what is happening in their area? How do we engage with those who are socially isolated?</p>	<p>SBC need to communicate better. Quicker in replying. More volunteers to help communicate. School – Jed GS TV to highlight things Information needed to feed out. Free district news column. More likely to listen to local media rather than SBC. Role of community councils need to be utilised more. Make use of Jed Youth Hub media to relay information. Socially isolated use SBCares and Carers to convey information. Remind people to keep an eye on neighbours. Community choirs. Activity clubs / Music clubs. Gin tasting!</p>			

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Cheviot Locality Plan

April 2019 *Draft*

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Introduction

Welcome to the Cheviot Locality Plan. This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The actions that will be carried out
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resourcesⁱ in the most effective way to reduce inequality

ⁱ **Resources** – this could be: funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan will help those who are in greatest need, and focuses on what action can be taken to improve the quality of life for those who live in Cheviot.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Cheviot what would make the area better.

This plan is structured around four themes:

- Economy, Skills & Learning
- Health, Care & Wellbeing
- Quality of Life
- Environment & Place

ⁱ **Area Partnership** – bringing together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

From the Area Partnershipⁱ meetings to date we have gathered all the comments and feedback which you gave and prioritised what you told us is important to you and what will make a difference to the lives of people in the Cheviot area.

Communities, community planning partnersⁱ and local service providersⁱ will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership. The key actions are detailed at the end of this plan.

At a Locality level this is done through the Cheviot Locality Plan and the Cheviot Area Partnership.

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans, are referenced at the end of this plan.

Cheviot Locality Area Profile 2018

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Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Cheviot Area Partnership meetings over the past year. Going forward, our aim is to reach out to a wider range of people within the community as we recognise the importance of engaging with everyone in our community.

We will continue to build on this draft plan, and gain further understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities.

A vital part of this will be ongoing engagement and communication with the people of Cheviot, and to create further opportunities for people to talk to us in person, to take part in surveys or online. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

We have gathered the feedback that you gave us to help shape this plan, and it is really important that you continue to give us your views and thoughts as this plan will have an impact on the community that you live in.

We want the people in Cheviot to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

For information on how to get involved, join a local community group or community council, take part in local volunteering opportunities, please contact XXXXXX.

Cheviot Wards



Kelso & District
 Population - 10,321
 Kelso - 6,903
 Yetholm - 611



Jedburgh & District
 Population - 9,156
 Jedburgh - 3,882
 St Boswells - 1,460

Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Seek additional investment to help regenerate our town centres

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Improve the existing tourism offer, for example
 - development of existing and new accommodation businesses
 - co-ordination of, and between, key tourist sites
 - adjusting business opening hours to meet the needs of visitors
 - creation of new events
- Understand and develop the opportunities alongside the Developing the Young Workforce Programme
- Build on the investment in the new school/community campus estate
- Invest in opportunities for inter-generational projects, including the development of life skills
- Improve the infrastructure, specifically mobile and broadband connectivity as well as transport networks/roads

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Help support (e.g. raise awareness, signpost, promote) and build the capacity (e.g. training, sharing best practice) of local community groups and organisations in delivering their activities

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Improve transport links across Cheviot, including the opportunities that could be provided by Community Transport groups/organisations
- Improve support for unpaid carers
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality to meet need and demand
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of existing co-located and integrated teams (e.g. Multidisciplinary Team, Community Healthcare Team)
- Enhance and promote the “contact” opportunities for individuals with their local communities (to reduce social isolation)

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Quality of Life

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Support the development of (multi-agency) approaches to tackle local community issues

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Encourage sports, leisure and youth clubs to provide year-round, affordable and accessible activities for all
- Improve local community space and activities for young people
- Improve communication across communities, including about specific projects and between public agencies
- Better understand the support on offer for, and within, the community (specifically from the Public and Third Sectors) across all themes of this Plan

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Improve public transport services/delivery models, including accessibility to them, and explore offering free transport for young people

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Plan for future infrastructure requirements, including connectivity (i.e. broadband) and energy (i.e. renewable technology and sustainable heating systems)
- Provide appropriate and affordable housing for all ages and stages of life, including mixed tenure/age housing developments and explore the opportunities of the old/forthcoming secondary school sites
- Ensure the locality has the right provision of business and industrial premises and land availability, including high street premises and spaces for small businesses
- Reduce our impact on the local (and global) environment by raising awareness of what local communities can do in terms of their homes, their businesses, their schools, their travel etc.
- Address local flooding issues, specifically where it holds back local development

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

How we will measure success

The Cheviot Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities. Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

Local Plans for Cheviot

Local Community Action Plans

- Jedburgh Regeneration Action Plan

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Kelso Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Jedburgh Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Cheviot are:

- >list to be drafted<

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