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Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 25 November 2020
Time: 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Location: Via Microsoft Teams

BUSINESS

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from Meeting on 29 January 2020 (Pages 3 - 6) Copy Minute from Meeting on 29 January 2020. (Copy attached.)
3.	Other Information and news for noting (Pages 7 - 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Outstanding Community Fund Applications for 2019/20 - these have been dealt with as per the report that went to Council on 27 08 20 which also contains the evaluation of Localities Bid Fund 1&2 and Participatory Budgeting:b. The Cheviot Community Fund for 2020/21 is now open - guidance and application form is on SBC website: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20076/community_grants_and_funding/261/community_fundc. Community Councils - grants are being paid as normal for 2020/21d. Festival Grant Scheme – commitments re public liability and insurance are being met for 2020e. Federation of Village Halls – grants are being paid as normal for 2020/21f. VE Celebration Fund – this fund is now closed and commitments re expenses are being metg. Cheviot Locality Plan & Action Plans - these plans are now published and outline the priorities of the Cheviot area and could be the focus of a future Area Partnership meeting: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1310/locality_plansh. Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or formal Asset Transfer requests being considered within Cheviot.
4.	Fit for 2021: Review of Area Partnership & Community Fund and actions for Cheviot Area Partnership (Pages 9 - 10) (Summary of the reports attached.)

5.	<p>Cheviot Community Fund 2020/21 (Pages 11 - 32)</p> <p>4 applications for approval:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lothian Hall Committee • Cheviot Youth • Kalewater Community Company • Generations Working Together
6.	<p>Date of Next Cheviot Area Partnership - 27 January 2021</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda?</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Formal Business</p>
8.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Opportunity to raise local matters.</p>

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**Cheviot
Area Partnership**



MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP held in The Assembly Room, Jedburgh Grammar School, Jedburgh on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 at 6.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors S. Hamilton (Chairman), E. Robson, S. Scott, T. Weatherston together with 16 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.

Apologies: - Councillors Mountford and Brown.

In attendance: - Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Locality Development Co-ordinator (Jan Pringle), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

Members of the Public: - 16

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 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

2.1 The minute of the meeting of the Cheviot Area Partnership held on 25 September 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion on Community Transport: Solutions and Actions was attached as an appendix to the Minute.

3.0 TRANSPORT UPDATE

3.1 Following the presentation given at the meeting on 25 September 2019, Timothy Stephenson, Transport Manager was in attendance to give a verbal update on Transport Planning. It was explained that the Council had a statutory obligation to transport Pupils and not to provide Local Bus Services. Subsidies on local bus services (LBS) cost £1.5m per annum and moved 1m travellers and as with other Local Authorities budgets of the LBS were always being reviewed. Savings made in 2018 totalled £200k and were based on data collected on-bus and passenger trends, providing alternatives and some innovative thinking. Savings in 2019 of £85k were already secured without further cuts to bus services and £165k of budget savings were needed in 2020. The Plan for 2020 and beyond identified a number of under-performing bus routes – decline of passenger numbers, re-tender pricing across Scotland was around +20%, the cost per passenger (subsidy) was very high and was not sustainable; there were some tough decisions to be made to secure a workable plan to save £165k and looking at alternatives rather than cutting services. In August and September 2019 met Communities through the Area Partnerships to discuss community transport needs to form a transport plan. The local bus services being reviewed were the 66 (Earlston-Stichill-Kelso), 85/87 (Kelso-Greenlaw-Berwick), 710 (Kelso-Coldstream) and the 902 (Westruther-Stichill-Kelso) and information had been circulated to the Community Councils. Following analysis, it was proposed to remove routes 66 and 720 and to enhance route 99, however the consultation was open until 13 February 2020 and Mr Stephenson was keen to hear from Communities who want to try new things, it was about adjusting and improving services and not just about cost cutting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

- 4.0 **JIM CLARK RALLY 2020 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS** There had been circulated copies of a joint report by the Executive Director and Service Director Assets and Infrastructure which had been presented to the Executive Committee on 21 January 2020. It had been agreed that the report be presented to the three Area Partnerships in whose areas the event was scheduled to take place. The aim of the report was to raise awareness of the revised legislation for motor sport events on closed public roads and to agree the Council's consultation process for the proposal submitted by event organisers of the Jim Clark Rally to hold a rally on closed roads in the Scottish Borders on 30 and 31 May 2020. The report explained that revised legislation was introduced in 2019 to allow motor sports events to take place on closed public roads. The new regulations built upon previous experience through the Jim Clark Rally and other such events and were intended to introduce increased rigor to the procedure for organising and running such events. The 2019 Regulations introduced a two stage procedure where organisers must first successfully apply to an "authorised body" for a permit before applying to the local roads authority for a Motor Sports Order. In determining whether to make a Motor Sports Order, Scottish Borders Council, as local roads authority, had to consider a number of factors laid out in the Regulations. The report outlined those factors and provided an opportunity to examine the proposals submitted by the rally organisers in respect of the routes and timings for the rally on 30 and 31 May 2020.
- 4.1 The organisers of the Jim Clark Rally, having successfully applied for a permit from "the authorised body", had lodged an application with Scottish Borders Council (within the specified 6 month period required to allow consideration) seeking a Motor Sports Order to undertake the event. It was noted that the event organisers had, prior to submitting the application, been in consultation with representatives of Scottish Borders Council and Police Scotland through the established Safety Advisory Group (SAG). The intention of the Jim Clark Rally organisers was for the event to be based in Duns and to run a total of 8 rally stages (over 4 different routes) on the Saturday and 6 rally stages (over 3 different routes) on the Sunday. The four routes on the Saturday were Westruther, Scott's View, Eccles and Longformacus – Abbey St Bathans. This would see a single run, in an anti- clockwise direction of travel, over the first three routes followed by vehicle servicing and refuelling in Duns and then a repeat of that earlier sequence. Following a further re-group and service in Duns the day would then conclude with two runs over the Longformacus – Abbey St Bathans route. Sunday would see routes at Edrom, Ayton and Whitsome. The intention being to run a clockwise loop of these routes followed by servicing and refuelling in Duns before a repeat loop over the three routes and a podium finish in Duns.
- 4.2 The report was welcomed as the Jim Clark Rally was a major sporting event and brought significant economic benefit to the Scottish Borders. It attracted a high number of spectators, supporters, staff and competitors to the area, many of whom stayed a number of nights and by extending the route it would spread the benefits throughout the Borders. Organisers of

the Jim Clark Rally were present at the meeting and answered questions in relation to how routes were chosen and whether Electric cars would be a possibility for the future.

DECISION

NOTED the introduction of the new legislation and the application by organisers of the Jim Clark Rally to run an event on 30 and 31 May 2020.

5.0 CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENTS 2019-20

5.1 An explanation of the SBC's Community Fund application process was included in the information on the tables at the meeting. This was a fund available to community and voluntary groups to help support community activity. Grants of up to £5k for non-constituted groups and £10k for constituted groups were available. In exceptional cases up to £30k was available for constituted groups. Applications submitted to SBC were assessed by the Communities and Partnership team and if they met the fund criteria, would go forward to Area Partnership meetings with an officer recommendation. Assessments would be included in agenda papers and those who attended the Area Partnership meetings would be asked if they agreed with the recommendation made by the SBC officer. Ms Smith referred to the Interim Assessment forms, circulated at the meeting and summarised below, which gave details of an application for Cheviot Area Partnership to consider:-

5.2 Kelso Salmon Fishing Museum

Funding of £10,000 had been requested by the River Tweed Salmon Fishing Museum to establish a permanent exhibition of salmon and the sport of angling in the centre of its birthplace, Kelso. The Museum was planned to be based in Kelso Town Hall and sought to bring a currently vacant space in the heart of the town into a sympathetic use. The museum itself would include displays of the history, heritage and its influence in the social and economic development of the town within the Scottish Borders and Scotland. The applicant was seeking support for a contribution to the 'fitting out works' and in particular the creation of the glass display cabinets. These required to be made to measure to accommodate the irregular shaped walls within the building and to maximize the space for exhibits, as well as being able to be locked. Funding would also be used to create wall and window displays. Entry to the museum would be free and it was intended to be open to the public seven days a week for ten months of the year. The recommendation to the Cheviot Area Partnership was to approve the funding request in full.

DECISION

AGREED to grant funding of £10,000 from the 2019/20 Community Fund to the River Tweed Salmon Fishing Museum.

5.3 Lothian Hall, Crailing

Funding of £2,462.40 had been requested to enhance the access to Lothian Hall, Crailing. Lothian Hall served a rural community with many of the users travelling in from outlying settlements, the parking was on the roadside or in the gravel area to the rear of the hall, resulting in many of the users having trouble accessing the hall safely. The user base for the hall was ageing, with several of the members using wheelchairs and they were finding it difficult to access the hall along the existing gravel path without significant levels of help. The Hall provided opportunities for individuals to maintain social connections in turn encouraging users to maintain their independence, yet the current situation compromised this before users could get into the hall. There were similar access challenges for parents with small children and buggies. With the proposed closure of day centres and an

expectation that clients would attend community activities instead, there was an increasing pressure on village halls – therefore ensuring adequate access was an important issue for the small rural community. The local community had no shops or schools and therefore the hall was a key community asset for residents. The proposed works were intended to create a dedicated parking bay to the front of the hall, together with an improved path access with tarmac surface to enable access for people with wheelchairs, walkers and prams. The access paths would be graded to both entrance doors. Funding of £10,000 had been secured from the national Lottery Community Funding.

DECISION

AGREED to grant £6,250.52 from the 2019/20 Community Fund to Lothian Hall, Crailing for improvements to the access to the Hall and car parking

6.0 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT UPDATE

A copy of the List of Participation and Asset Transfer requests received during 2018/19 had been circulated for information. Clare Malster asked that anyone with questions regarding participation requests or Asset Transfers get in touch.

7.0 CHEVIOT LOCALITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Locality Development Co-ordinator, Jan Pringle, drew attention to the Cheviot Locality Plan and the Action Plan Update which had been circulated by email with the agenda, two weeks prior to the meeting. Copies were also available on the tables at the meeting. The Locality Plan outlined the priorities identified within the Cheviot area and the action plan gave an update on planned activities and progress for each priority area. Mrs Pringle stressed that the action plan was a working document which would be updated and reviewed regularly. The Communities team were looking at the best ways possible to feed back this information at Area Partnerships.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Suggestions for future agenda items could be sent to the Locality Development co-ordinator at jpringle@scotborders.gov.uk

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 The next meeting would be held on **Wednesday, 22 April 2020 in Kelso at 6.30 p.m.** The theme of the meeting would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Community Fund 2019/20, Locality Bid Fund 1 & 2 and Participatory Budgeting

A report was taken to Council on 27 08 20, which covered the outstanding Community Fund applications, the evaluation and review of the Locality Bid Fund and Participatory Budgeting.

You can view the full report here:

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&MId=5138&Ver=4>

Here is a summary of the main points of the report:

Community Fund 2019/20 – outstanding applications:

The Community Fund was suspended on 20 March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and staff were deployed to the Community Assistance Hubs (CAH's).

Outstanding Community Fund applications that were submitted before 31st March 2020 are being progressed as follows:

- Borders wide applications will be considered by the Executive Committee
- The Service Director Customer & Communities will approve or decline the 2019/20 Community Fund application applications, subject to the agreement of at least 50% of the Members in the relevant Ward(s)

Evaluation and review of Locality Bid Fund 1 & 2 and Participatory Budgeting:

Analysis and findings

- There was a high level of dissatisfaction within communities and projects regarding the Localities Bid Fund 1 and 2 processes
- It would be challenging to sustain a participatory budgeting fund of this size and type in future due to high levels of resourcing and support required.

Next steps and further development:

Future participatory budgeting funds should consider both the Scottish Government's Evaluation of Participatory Budgeting (PB) Activity in Scotland 2016-18:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/evaluation-participatory-budgetingactivity-scotland-2016-2018/>

and the recommendations from the SCDC review:

- Staff and other stakeholders need to become more familiar with the PB Charter
- Any future PB process should ensure that minority and rural communities are integrated into the process through communication and out-reach work to equitably include them in PB
- Work continues to develop proposals to embed the 1% CoSLA mainstream participatory budgeting agreement, which needs to include a strategic framework being developed within the Council
- Participatory budgeting at a grass roots level, using a bottom up approach, may also be undertaken within each Area Partnership utilising the Community Fund if desired.

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FIT FOR 2024 – Review of Area Partnerships, the Community Fund and next steps:

Last year, Scottish Borders Council asked Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) to undertake a review and consultation of Area Partnerships arrangements with a range of stakeholders – with a report being presented to Council on 27 08 20. You can see the report at:

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&MId=5138&Ver=4>, which gives full details of the findings and the next steps to be undertaken.

As part of the Council's response to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, and from the findings of the SCDC report - Area Partnerships and communities can now make recommendations to SBC by the end of January 2021 about how they would like their Area Partnership and Community Fund to operate in the future

These recommendations will then go out for further public consultation that will take place in Feb 2021 - Cheviot Area Partnership will need to decide how they wish to make recommendations. At the end of the public consultation, a report will go to Council in March 2021.

During the pandemic, five Community Assistance Hubs (CAH's) were set up and have worked well with communities, Community Councils and Resilient Community Teams. We need to continue to build on the ways that we have been working in partnership which best suit local towns/villages. The findings from the SCDC Report, together with the benefits and experience of the Covid-19 response should be considered as part of the work the Area Partnerships.

Here is a summary of the main points of both reports:

Review Findings – Area Partnerships

- Area Partnerships have yet to realise the level of community engagement and involvement that was envisaged when they were established
- Community Councils and other community groups should be involved in shaping Area Partnerships going forward
- Improved community engagement, support to enable a wider range of people to attend the meetings, agenda setting, meeting structure and ways in which the meetings are facilitated, separate operational and governance are all required
- Each locality should agree and establish a way to consider improvements to the Area Partnerships and develop recommendations to reflect their local circumstances
- This work may include Elected Members, Community Councillors and additional members, this needs to be agreed by each Area Partnership
- The opportunity for those attending to say what they would like to be covered at the next, and future, Area Partnership meetings
- In some areas, there is not enough community capacity building support to sustain local activity

Review Findings – Community Fund:

- Most found the application process, administration of the Community Fund, criteria of the fund and support from officers to be positive.
- Improved transparency of the grant making process, including decision making, along with publicity about which grants are available is needed.
- Village Halls, Community Council and Festival Grants should remain ring-fenced for the time being

Based on these findings and other stakeholder feedback - immediate changes have been made to the Community Fund from 1 September 2020:

- Changes to maximum grant bids

- Multiple applications will now be accepted
- Exceptional projects over £30k can now be submitted
- These new arrangements will be reviewed after one year

Each Area Partnership may also:

- Allocate their Fund to different schemes, priorities and timescales
- Use their Community Fund as a match funding mechanism if required

Proposed actions and next steps for the development of Area Partnerships and the Community Fund:

- The SCDC report to be shared as widely as possible seeking thoughts/comments/ideas
- Each Area Partnership establish a way to review the findings and make recommendations at a local level for further public consultation in February 2021
- A report by the Service Director of Customer and Communities will then take a report to Council in March 2021
- It is envisaged that this model will develop and evolve differently within each locality

Some suggested questions in regards to developing these recommendations:

Cheviot Area Partnership

- Do you want to form a sub group to make recommendations – this may include Elected Members and Community Councillors or any other stakeholders, but needs to be agreed within each Area Partnership.
- Or, do you want to have a general discussion and make recommendations at the Cheviot Area Partnership on 28th January 2021
- Do you want the Area Partnership to be a Council committee in the future or a community meeting
- What should be the role, remit and purpose of future Area Partnerships meetings
- If the meetings were not a Council committee, what would the governance model be, what will the membership look like, and who would Chair etc.
- When would you want to meet – evenings or otherwise
- How do you want to progress the Cheviot Locality Plan & Action Plan
- What support do you think you would need to progress the development of Area Partnerships

Cheviot Community Fund:

- The criteria, assessment and decision making arrangements for the Community Fund – do you want to change the criteria, decision making or consider convening a funding panel to assess applications
- Festival Grants, Community Council and Village Hall grant levels – you may change or increase the funding allocation using the Community Fund in order to do this
- Are there community projects from the Cheviot Locality Plan & Action Plan that could be funded from the Community Fund
- Do you wish to undertake participatory budgeting at a local level using third parties and a sum from the Community Fund – this could focus on a specific priority for Cheviot
- Use the Community Fund as match funding to apply for other funding, or to supplement community projects

Cheviot Funding 2020/21- November 2020

Allocation 2020/21	£	Awarded to date
Community Fund	£22,416.00	£0.00

Cheviot summary - 2019/20	Awarded
Community Fund	£71,967.55
VE Day fund	£1,200.00
Festival Grants	£15,900.00
Community Councils	£13,260.85
Federation of Village Halls	£9,140.50

Date rec	Applications	Amount	Project	Status
05/03/2020	Lothian Hall Committee	£13,748.00	Lothian Hall windows	Assessed
24/09/2020	Cheviot Youth	£25,151.00	Mental health project	Assessed
08/10/2020	Kalewater Community Company	£3,966.00	Fees and excavator	Assessed
19/10/2020	Generations Working Together	£23,093.00	Gardening project	Assessed
21/10/2020	Kelso Camera Club	£811.07	Sound system	Pending
26/10/2020	Jedburgh Resilient Communities	£1,102.50	To purchase radios	Pending
03/11/2020	Edgerston Village Hall	£1,500.00	Book of memories	Pending
	Total	£69,371.57		
	Budget remaining	-£46,955.57		

Cheviot Community Grant awarded by quarter 2014 - 2021					
	Quarter1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Totals
Sum of 2014/15	£0.00	£12,372.00	£10,570.00	£13,315.00	£36,257.00
Sum of 2015/16	£5,000.00	£3,482.00	£0.00	£14,452.00	£22,934.00
Sum of 2016/17	£7,232.00	£5,000.00	£8,662.00	£0.00	£20,894.00
Sum of 2017/18	£2,286.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,795.00	£17,081.00
Sum of 2018/19	£0.00	£6,632.00	£4,988.00	£11,625.00	£23,245.00
Sum of 2019/20	£0.00	£2,625.00	£18,539.00	£7,274.80	£28,438.80
Sum of 2020/21	£2,490.00	£6,626.40	£0.00	£0.00	£9,116.40

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Cheviot Area Partnership: further funding information - November 2020

Cheviot Community Council commitment	
Ancrum	£630.00
Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet	£540.00
Ednam, Stichill and Berry Moss	£630.00
Floors, Makerstoun, Nenthorn and Smailholm	£630.00
Heiton and Roxburgh	£630.00
Jedburgh	£1,365.00
Jed Valley	£540.00
Kalewater	£630.00
Kelso	£1,365.00
Lanton	£540.00
Maxton and Mertoun	£630.00
Oxnam Water	£540.00
St Boswells	£630.00
Sprouston	£540.00
Yetholm	£630.00
Total of grants	£10,470.00
Hall Hire (projected)	£1,855.50
Insurance	£1,178.38
Data Protection	£600.00
Total	£14,103.88

Cheviot- other sources of grant funding			
Grant type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Common Good, Jedburgh	£11,550.00	£1,000.00	£10,550.00
Common Good, Kelso	£5,500.00	£4,624.00	£876.00
SBC Enhancement Grant	£59.08	£0.00	£59.08
SBC Welfare Grant	£1,681.77	£0.00	£1,681.77
*SBC Small Schemes	£34,700.00	£0.00	£34,700.00

* Local actions organised by SBC Neighbourhood Services

Cheviot Federation of Village Halls Grant - £9,140.00
To support of halls in :
Ancrum Public Hall
Eckford Village Hall
Edgerston Village hall
Ednam Village Hall
Glen Douglas Community Hall
Heiton Village Hall
Hownam Village Hall
Lanton Village Hall
Lothian Hall (Crailing)
Makerstoun Village hall
Morebattle Institute
Morebattle Village Hall
Oxnam Village hall
Pennymuir Hall
Roxburgh Village hall
Smailholm Village Hall
Sprouston Coronation Hall
Stichill Village Hall
Wauchope Hall (Yetholm)
Yetholm Youth Hall

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2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Cheviot

Ref. No.: CF2021-CHE-1

Organisation Name: Lothian Hall Committee

Funding Requested: £13,748

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Charity – SC046472		
Annual Accounts Balance	£tbc		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Cheviot Community Fund	2019/20	2,462.40	Disabled parking area and improved access.
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	Lothian Hall is a 120 years old traditionally built building. The existing heating system struggles to heat the building adequately and a lot of money is spent unnecessarily in order to use the hall throughout the year. A grant from the Cheviot Community Fund would enable Lothian Hall Committee to install secondary glazing units to all 25 windows as the first step in improving the building's thermal efficiency. In the longer term the committee will also upgrade the heating system.
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	As soon as the funding is in place
Total Expenditure (£)	£15,276
Community Fund Request (£)	£13,748

10% organisation contribution	£1,528	
Any Other Contribution?	none	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Cheviot Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustain and improve local community space and activities for all ages • 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. 	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Lothian Hall serves a rural community with many of the users travelling in from outlying settlements. The Hall provides opportunities for individuals to maintain social connections with one another and help to combat social isolation. The local community has no shops or schools and therefore the hall is a key community asset for residents. The group hopes to hold a social event as soon as it is possible to do so to bring the community together again following the restriction of the past year.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>Lothian Hall is a popular venue for local activities, particularly the informal fortnightly coffee mornings and monthly coffee evenings. Prior to the current Covid situation and restrictions the Hall also hosted weekly meetings of the wood turners, local dog training group, regular surgeries for Elected Members, MP/MSP's and has operated as a polling station for elections. Additionally the hall supports a range of seasonal events including a Christmas fayre, Easter gatherings and Kelso Civic week events. It was planned to introduce gentle exercise classes in 2020. All events are open to all and very popular with all ages. The hall activities enhance community cohesion by bringing the community together as well as reducing rural social isolation.</p> <p>Improving the thermal fabric of the building and thus the comfort of users will ensure that groups can continue to</p>

	<p>meet throughout the year whilst utility costs are kept at an acceptable level and not passed on to hall users.</p> <p>The application meets the following outcomes of the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities (including arts, music, heritage or sports activities) • Communities have more access to a better quality environment (including the built environment) • Communities have more pride in their community
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The community hall is owned and run by the local community. The Hall Committee has worked closely with Crailing, Eckford & Nisbet Community Council. Working with the Community Council it was identified that improving the thermal fabric of the building is the first step in reducing the environmental impact of Lothian hall and ensuring it is fit for purpose and can be used throughout the year.</p> <p>Prior to the current restrictions the Hall had been operating with an average regular footfall of approx. 250 per month.</p> <p>The Lothian Hall Facebook page has 141 followers. The 2011 census showed the population of the Crailing, Eckford & Nisbet area to be 579.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The committee meets the costs of day to day maintenance through income received from lets and holding fundraising events e.g. coffee mornings.</p> <p>No other funders for the secondary glazing units have been approached.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>Success will be measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of groups that continue to use the hall throughout the winter months, • the reduction in utility costs. <p>The proposed secondary glazing is powder coated aluminum frames with PVCu cover plates and will be maintenance free. The glazing units are backed by a 10 year guarantee.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>2 quotes have so far been received – another quote is required as per Community Fund guidance.</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>Lothian Hall is owned by the community.</p>

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application does not currently meet the criteria of the Community Fund due to only two quotes having been received, and 2019/20 annual accounts including an up to date bank statement are outstanding.

Evaluation of previous projects funded by the Cheviot Community Fund: The applicant received a grant from 2019/20 Cheviot Community Fund in January 2020, however the project was delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions and an evaluation of the project is still to be submitted.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Total number of users (including groups) accessing the hall
- Feedback form users about the effect on comfort
- Effect on utility bills

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Cheviot

Ref. No.: 2021-CHE-2

Organisation Name: Cheviot Youth

Funding Requested: £25,151

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	SCIO		
Annual Accounts Balance	£60,391 (March 2020)		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £41,988 in restricted funds for various project activity • £18,403 in unrestricted funds. • Current bank balance £118,889 which include three months reserves at £20,000, £23,000 for an environmental programme and salaries for staff up until March 31st 2021 and salaries for two staff members beyond March 31st. Funding for staff wages has been granted through the COVID-19 Emergency Fund 			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
CYPLG	Annual	£15,692	50% funding for salary costs
SBC Service Level Agreement	2020/21	£9,000	Rural Youth Club initiative & joint CLD/Cheviot Youth Working with Parent's project
SBC Service Level Agreement	2019/20 (annual)	£2,983	Ancrum Youth Club salary costs
TOTAL		£27,675	
<p>Have they applied for Common Good Funding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Cheviot Action Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase early interventions conducted to address Anti-social behaviour • Support the development of multi-agency approaches to tackle local community issues
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<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Working with GPs and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), Cheviot Youth has developed their enhanced Stepping Stones service on the back of identified need amongst children and young people in Cheviot. At the moment services in Cheviot are able to provide limited emotional well-being support for children and young people and it is not enough to meet demand. Using a national tiered model of delivery, the Stepping Stones Practitioners will provide early intervention work at Universal Tier One level as well as supporting delivery of sessions at Tier Two and Three level.</p> <p>At the end of October this year, 49 young people have been supported by Stepping Stones in Cheviot. Of those, 9 young people were in Tier 3 (most vulnerable - active suicidality or previous attempts, current self-harming, established eating disorder). 32 young people were in Tier 2 and 8 young people were being supported with behaviour/anger / bereavement. Schools referred 15 young people, GPs 14, 6 were self-referrals and 14 were referred through partners. An increase in practitioner hours will provide more opportunity to support young people who require help.</p>
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<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The intention is for 8 Stepping Stones practitioners to provide 50 sessions a week to children and young people in the Cheviot area either online or in person. All Practitioners have a minimum qualification of an HNC in counselling and experience of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). There will be an opportunity for Practitioners to enroll on the Borders College HND course next academic year to further their qualifications.</p> <p>Sessions take place in Cheviot Youth's consultation room in The Planet. A second consultation room will be available once funding is secured. Sessions can last up to an hour and are based on CBT. The sessions allow service users to focus on thoughts, beliefs and attitudes that are affecting their feelings and behaviour and identify coping strategies to help individuals manage their problems. There is no time limit on the participant's engagement with the service.</p> <p>Cheviot Youth believe their early intervention model provides young people with access to an emotional well-being and mental health service at an earlier stage than can be easily accessed through NHS. The intended outcomes of the programme are that young people will have improved confidence, self-esteem and resilience enabling them to play a fuller, more active life in their community. It is also hoped this will have a positive impact on participation at school.</p> <p>The Stepping Stones service are working in partnership with Borders College to support students undertaking counselling and psychotherapy qualifications to take up placement with them.</p>
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	This will provide students with the opportunity to learn from the Stepping Stones Practitioners.
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	Partnerships have been developed with Energy Trust, One Parent Family Scotland and Eildon Housing Association. Cheviot Youth believe a holistic approach will help build resilient communities and are actively promoting Stepping Stones with school staff, social work, NHS Mental Health team, GPs and the local community. They are due to present to Jedburgh Medical Centre in early 2021 and will continue promotion with primary schools. Currently the two high schools are referring as are 2 primary schools. Borders Ice Rink are charging a small rent for use of The Planet which is of great assistance to Cheviot Youth.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	Funding has been secured with three other funders and they have one further application pending. If this is not secured, Cheviot Youth will offer a reduced service and continue to seek funding elsewhere. The ambition is to secure multi-year support from funders so they can become more consistent in delivery.
How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	Delivery of the programme and individual progression will be monitored and reviewed. Monthly progress reports will be submitted to the Charity's Trustees and staff support and supervision sessions will be completed. External assessors will review the service in order to develop it further for the benefit of both service users and staff. The collected information will help improve their understanding of need and demand so they can continually refresh their offer as required. As long as it is needed, Cheviot Youth will continue to look to provide this service but this will require further funding. Cheviot Youth's income is derived from project specific grants and donations so most funds are spent in the short to medium term leaving little opportunity for investment.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	N/A

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Number of service users
- Number of sessions delivered
- Outcomes for service users
- Accessibility of venue and services
- What partners were involved and did it lead to new opportunities
- Improved integration in the community
- Training opportunities / staff and volunteer development
- Sustainability

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2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Cheviot

Ref. No.: CF2021-CHE-3

Organisation Name: Kalewater Community Company

Funding Requested: £3966.00

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	SCIO		
Annual Accounts Balance	£7403.53		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?</p> <p>Restricted Funds:-These funds are for other elements of the recreation ground development and cannot be spent until group have met all the planning conditions.</p> <p>Scottish Land Fund - £3916 Fallago Environment Fund - £440 Hugh Fraser Foundation - £1000 National Lottery - £779 Morebattle & Yetholm Windfall Fund - £200</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
SBC Community Fund	24/06/2019	£2625	Geophys Survey
<p>Have they applied for Common Good Funding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Brief	<p>Kalewater Community Company are looking for funding to commission Clyde Archaeology to carry out the next stage investigation of Morebattle Archaeological Site. The funding will cover a five-day evaluation of the site which will involve community engagement and training, as well as school involvement on site.</p> <p>Clyde Archeology will hire a mechanical excavator to open up 4 to 5 evaluation trenches across the linear features at the northern end of the site, closest to the village, plus a few 1m square test pits targeting other possible anomalies. 2 archaeologists will be on site at all times.</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	As soon as possible	
Total Expenditure (£)	£4407.50	
Community Fund Request (£)	£3966.00	
10% organisation contribution	£441.50	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	Support and build the capacity of local community groups and organisations in delivering their activities	

ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Kalewater Community Company have 5 trustees and a further 35 members of the community company all of whom are in support of this application.</p> <p>The group are required by SBC Planning department to undertake this additional excavation/investigation work. Without this criteria being met the group will be unable to proceed with the development of the recreation ground as stipulated by SBC planning department.</p>
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	<p>The group were given the opportunity to purchase a 3 acre field behind the Village Hall on the condition it was used for the benefit of the community. A community consultations was carried out along with open meetings and a survey of the community's suggestions.</p> <p>A recreation ground was identified as the communities chosen idea. Thereafter plans were created for a children/toddlers play area, trim track, community garden, orchard and level playing field. These proposals were submitted to SBC planning department in 2018. Planning consent was given with the condition that an Archaeological study was to be undertaken. Quotes were obtained for this study and Clyde Archaeology was hired to carry out a Geophys. This work was carried out in September 2019 and a report was sent to SBC on their findings.</p> <p>SBC Planning Department now require the group to carry out further excavations, until this work is completed the group are unable to proceed with their proposals for the recreational area.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The group aim that the local primary school will be involved with this project and take an active interest. Small class groups will be able to attend and assist at the dig site. This this will be supported by Clyde Archaeology who have previously built up a relationship with the school and young people during previous visits. These visits will follow all Covid 19 regulations.</p> <p>Community involvement will be encouraged and information of how to become involved will be circulated via a community newsletter.</p> <p>If funding is granted this will allow the group to proceed with their long term aims of creating a community recreational site that includes play areas, community orchard, community garden and trim track.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The Community Council and the wider community have shown their support for this project. A community consultation was carried out in 2018 which demonstrated community support for this project.</p> <p>The group plan to notify the community via newsletters and notices in the local village shops.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The group have previously applied to Heritage Scotland but unfortunately the project did not fit the criteria. The group have found sourcing other funding challenging as funders have been manly focusing on Covid related support.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>Clyde Archaeology will help the group record and evaluate archaeological findings.</p> <p>The group will record community engagement by recording numbers of volunteers involved in the excavation, as well as anecdotal feedback.</p> <p>School pupils will also provide verbal and written feedback on their involvement in the project.</p>

	<p>Once this project is completed the group will be able to identify what areas of the proposed recreation ground will be allowed to be utilized as a Community Orchard.</p> <p>This funding will allow the group to satisfy planning requirements</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe use and involvement of all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Number of people who benefitted from the project including volunteers, visitors, participants
- Number of young people involved
- Improved integration in the community

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Cheviot

Ref. No.: CF2021-CHE4 -GWT

Organisation Name: Generations Working Together

Funding Requested: £23,093

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	SCIO		
Annual Accounts Balance	£71,671.07		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
<p>The account balance of £71,671 includes just over £30,000 of funding required for this year's current budget 2020-21 leaving GWT with a reserve of just under £41,000 which is about three months running costs. Their constitution states that they should have 6 months running costs.</p>			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Have they applied for Common Good Funding			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	Generations Working Together (GWT) are looking to appoint a Development Officer that will plan and deliver a gardening project based at the Jedburgh Community Campus. This

Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY		<p>proposed project will be added to an existing post giving the part time officer additional hours.</p> <p>The group are also looking for £5,000 to erect and install a Polytunnel in the school grounds which will be warmer and dryer allowing the group to continue to work on this project throughout the year.</p> <p>The group also require additional costs that would support the running of this project, including volunteer expenses, outdoor clothing for participants.</p>
Total Expenditure (£)		£25666.00
Community Fund Request (£)		£23,093
10% organisation contribution		£2567.00
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and build the capacity of local community groups and organisations in delivering their activities • Sustain and improve local community space and activities for all ages 	

ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Covid-19 has had a negative impact on people's access to learning and has aided in people feeling isolated and disconnected. The need for an intergenerational outdoor space is also backed up by Scottish Government who encourage people to meet outdoors where physical distancing measures can be safely applied</p> <p>Young people participating in the RSPB wild challenge identified the need for an intergenerational Garden to allow them to</p>
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	<p>continue their learning and to create opportunities to learn and share skills and experiences with older people.</p> <p>A sub group of the community council previously had use of a greenhouse at the old Grammar school in Jedburgh. The group now no longer have access to this area and require a new base so that they are able to carry on their work.</p> <p>Due to Scotland’s wet and cold weather the group are looking for funding to erect a Polytunnel within the school grounds. This will make the space accessible throughout the year, even on colder/wet days.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The project will be led by a part time Development Officer who will plan and deliver the programme using an intergenerational approach. The project will address local challenges felt by younger and older generations which will deliver the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * increased trust and respect between different generations * increased confidence and better communications skills between different generations * new friendships * improved health and wellbeing of participants * increased knowledge on gardening, recycling and cooking * increased community cohesion * increased feelings of safety within the community * new skills * feelings of pride in being able to share life experiences <p>The group aim to recruit ten volunteers from the community to work alongside 20-30 youths (from nursery to 67). The project will involve planting seeds, growing fruit, vegetables and flowers. The produce will be available to those that have participated in the project aswell as being available for the wider community to access and use.</p> <p>While the focus will be on intergenerational group work older adults will be able to access the Polytunnel and gardening space during school holidays.</p> <p>SBC are currently reviewing access to schools sites. Groups physically working together may have to wait until current restrictions are lifted. The group feel that they would be able to start this project by individuals growing from their own seeds at home or in school and sharing ideas and tips through virtual meetings.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Conversations have taken place with Jedburgh’s Community Council who fully support the project. The Community Council have a subgroup, JCVMEG (Jedburgh Community Volunteer Maintenance Enhancement Group) who have a wealth of knowledge around gardening and are willing to support and be</p>

	<p>involved in this project. They currently have plants that they would be keen to transfer to the new Polly tunnel at the Jedburgh Campus.</p> <p>The project will be supported by GWT's Scottish Borders Intergenerational network, a working group and the Community Learning and Development Team. Participants of the project will be encouraged to build a strategy on how they will future fund the project.</p>
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	No other funders have been approached
How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	<p>The group plan to set up a small committee that will look to develop this project over the 12 month period and beyond.</p> <p>Volunteers will be recruited and trained to be involved in the Intergenerational project with the aim that these volunteers will have the necessary skills to continue this project after the initial 12 month period.</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes – approval to erect Polly tunnel by SBC Director of Education and BAM (property owner)

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT
<p>This application meets the criteria of the Community Fund</p> <p><i>Additional Terms and Conditions;</i></p> <p><i>Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe use and involvement of all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol</i></p> <p><i>We would seek the group to particularly report on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people who benefitted from the project including volunteers, visitors, participants • Number of activities delivered • Improved integration in the community • More opportunities to bring people together and address social isolation