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Area Partnership

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Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2020
Time: 6:30 pm – 8.30 pm
Location: Via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from meeting of 18 February 2020 (Pages 3 - 8) Copy of Minute attached.
3.	Other information and news for noting (Pages 9 - 10) (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 (summary attached). (b) The Teviot & Liddesdale 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_fund (c) Community Councils - grants are being paid as normal for 2020/21 (d) Festival Grant Scheme – commitments re public liability and insurance are being met for 2020 (e) Federation of Village Halls – grants are being paid as normal for 2020/21 (f) VE Celebration Fund – this fund is now closed and commitments re expenses are being met (g) Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan & Action Plans - these plans are now published and outline the priorities of the Teviot & Liddesdale area and could be the focus of a future Area Partnership meeting: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1310/locality_plans (h) Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or formal Asset Transfer requests being considered within

	Teviot & Liddesdale
4.	<p>Fit for 2024: Review of Area Partnerships & Community Fund and action for Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership (Pages 11 - 12)</p> <p>(Summary of reports attached).</p>
5.	<p>Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund 2020/21 (Pages 13 - 30)</p> <p>Three applications for approval:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Saturday Polish School (b) Hawick Community Pump Track (c) Strawberry Lemonade Events <p>(Three assessments attached plus Teviot & Liddesdale funding information).</p>
6.	<p>Date of next Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership - 12 January 2021</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda?</p>
7.	Any other formal business
8.	Open Forum

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**Teviot & Liddesdale
Area Partnership**



MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors N Richards, S Marshall, W McAteer, D Paterson, C Ramage, G Turnbull
With 18 representatives from Partner organisations, Community Councils, officers and members of the public.

In Attendance:- Communities and Partnership Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (G Jardine), Democratic Services Officer (J Turnbull)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman, Councillor Richards, welcomed everyone to the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership and thanked Community Councils, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. He outlined the programme for the evening and introduced the speakers.

2. STORM DENNIS

2.1 Mr Jim Fraser, one of the Council's Emergency Planning Officers, was in attendance to advise on the Council's response to the flood damage caused by Storm Dennis at the weekend. Mr Fraser explained that prior to Storm Dennis, Storm Kiera had caused 7ft snowdrifts in some parts of the higher ground in the Scottish Borders, and the ground was already very saturated. Last Tuesday, the Met Office and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) issued an alert that Storm Dennis was anticipated to strike the Scottish Borders at the end of the week. By Friday the Met Office had issued an amber warning for rain. On Saturday there were 17 flood warnings issued across the Scottish Borders including for Jedburgh, Kelso, Newcastleton, Peebles, and Hawick. The Council's Emergency Bunker was opened and staffed by the Emergency Incident Team, including officers from Police Scotland, Housing Associations and the Fire and Rescue Service. As the day went on, the Met Office issued three severe flood warnings. The Council established rest centres at the Teviotdale Leisure Centre in Hawick and in Newcastleton for residents who might need to be evacuated.

2.2 Mr Fraser went on to explain, that the flooding had severely affected Newcastleton. The Council had reacted quickly and by 0800 hrs on Sunday, had deployed staff, road sweepers and JCBs to tidy up the roads and footpaths in Newcastleton. In response to questions, Mr Fraser advised that SEPA had acted correctly in their predictions and timings of their warnings. However, the water levels did spike extremely quickly. Regarding Saturday's warning times he advised that the first warning for the River Teviot was issued at 1855 hrs, River Slitrig was 1856 hrs and Liddle Water was 1625 hrs, with another at 1900 hrs. Regarding the support given by the emergency services, Mr Fraser advised that Police Scotland had declared a major incident in Newcastleton and had deployed, in addition to a number of local officers, five police vans from their operational reserve, including officers from Glasgow. In addition, 30 coastguard personnel were mobilised, along with Fire and Rescue Service personnel and specialist Water Rescue

Teams from both Galashiels and Carlisle. There was also a drop-in centre opened on Monday to offer support to local residents and this would remain open for most of the week. With regard to the flooding at Bonchester Bridge, he explained that the Fire Service had attended as a rescue service and were unable to pump water out of affected properties until there was a certain level of water and they had somewhere to pump the water. Mr Fraser went on to advise that SBC had a Flood Protection initiative and flood products were available to be purchased via a grant scheme; properties could be protected by installing these flood products. Following Storms' Desmond and Frank in 2016, between 200 to 300 flood gates were purchased by residents in the Scottish Borders. Regarding the lack of communication response from the Emergency Bunker during the weekend, Mr Fraser explained that staff were in attendance but had been dealing with an extremely high number of calls from the emergency services for support, and from residents in Hawick, Newcastleton, Peebles, Kelso and Jedburgh. The Chairman thanked Mr Fraser for his attendance and the update.

3. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 19 NOVEMBER 2019**

The Minute of the Meeting of the Area Partnership held on 19 November 2019 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion attached as an Appendix to the Minute. The Chairman gave a brief outline of the previous discussion advising that themes included improving communication through promotion of What Matters' Hubs, a directory of services and activities available in the area and creation of a small network to bring small groups together. Using the Community Fund to pay for transport costs to bring people to community events and increasing numbers on public transport had also been highlighted. The Chairman then welcomed Mr Timothy Stephenson and Mr Gordon Grant, Scottish Borders Council's Passenger Transport Managers who were in attendance to update on the transport plan.

4. **TRANSPORT UPDATE**

4.1 Following the presentation given to the meeting of 19 November 2019, Mr Stephenson explained that as part of the review, a number of underperforming bus routes had been identified where passenger numbers were declining and subsidies per passenger were high. Services reviewed in Hawick were the evening service (H1 and H2) at a cost of £30k per annum; Nos 46, 47 and 49 town service at a cost of £12k, and X95 at a cost of £58k. Also reviewed were the Newcastleton 128 and Bonchester Bridge 910 at a cost of £42k and £3.5k respectively. Mr Stephenson continued that with regard to the Bonchester Bridge's 910 service, the Council were carrying out a leaflet drop to promote the service and encourage people to 'use it or lose it', and/or give suggestions to improve this service. With regard to the Newcastleton 128 service, he explained that following discussions with Newcastleton Community Council, this service would now be reduced to one journey in the morning and one in the afternoon (reduced from three). Travellers could also access the School bus on school days at 0750 hrs and 1355 hrs return from Hawick. A connection with the 127 service was also being considered, with the possibility of a local operator providing a direct service, to Carlisle on a Saturday. Mr Grant went on to discuss the Hawick H1 and H2 evening town service and the X95 evening and Sunday service. Six months of passenger data had been analysed before revising the timetable for these services. The new proposed timetable had been published for consultation and he encouraged feedback.

4.2 In response to questions, Mr Stephenson advised that with regard to size of buses, operators tended to purchase vehicles of a similar size, as they were required for various routes throughout the day with differing passenger numbers to accommodate. Regarding extension of the Borders Railway to Carlisle, transport links would be reviewed when this happened. Regarding the X95, which was joint funded by Dumfries and Galloway, this service was currently being reviewed to determine passenger numbers and possible alternative services. It was proposed to divert the evening X95 via Burnfoot shops to mitigate for the withdrawal of the H1 and H2, Mr Stephenson advised that Burnfoot Community Council might wish to organise their own shuttle from the terminus to parts of the estate which would offer more choice and greater flexibility, and he could offer his

expertise to assist them with achieving this. It was noted that Mr Stephenson would discuss with Denholm Community Council out with the meeting, funds available to organise their own community led transport project. The Chairman thanked Mr Stephenson and Mr Grant for their attendance and update.

5. **TEVIOT ELECTRIC CAR CLUB**

The Chairman then welcomed Mr Andy Maybury who was in attendance to provide an overview of the establishment of the Teviot Electric Car Club, which was set up to provide affordable personal transport in Hawick, with a low carbon footprint. Mr Maybury advised that SP Energy Networks had set up a Green Economy Fund to encourage green projects. The Teviot Electric Car Club had been awarded funding from this Fund, and had set up as a community owned Car Club. Mr Maybury explained that 20.5% of households in the area had no access to a car or van, 34.2% of households owned two or more vehicles, with 15% reporting public transport as an accessibility issue. With a third of households owning more than one vehicle, this might be the opportunity to encourage shared use of a vehicle which would mean a more efficient use of resources. Mr Maybury then went on to discuss climate change which could be tackled by reducing emissions and how this was transforming the energy sector. He explained that there was no point in charging a car from electricity produced from coal power stations and explained smart charging with cleaner energy from nuclear, solar, hydro and wind sources. Mr Maybury then went on to advise that in terms of the Car Club's vehicles these were fully electric - a Nissan and a BMW - fitted with telematics which enabled self-service by members of the cooperative to book online, turn up with their smart card to unlock and use the vehicle. In response to questions, Mr Maybury advised that membership was £25.00 per year. Hire of cars was £4.75 per hour or £34.00 for a day. There was no charge per mile. Regarding smart charging information this would be received from the booking system. With regard to chargers, Mr Maybury advised that these were fast chargers rather than rapid chargers. The Chairman thanked Mr Maybury for his attendance and his presentation on the Teviot Electric Car Club. It was noted that the launch of the Teviot Electric Car Club was scheduled for Friday, 21 February 2020.

6. **HAWICK FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

Mr John Mallin, Sustainability Officer, then gave a brief update on the Community Benefits Clause. An update had been circulated with the agenda which explained that the contract to Hawick Flood Protection Scheme would be awarded in the coming weeks. The contract included a Community Benefits Clause (CBC) which required the successful bidder to deliver a range of community benefits including new jobs, apprenticeships, school activities and the provision of support to local community groups and projects. A range of community groups in Hawick would benefit from the requirement for the main contractor and their supply chain to provide support/sponsorship to community groups or projects. This was likely to be in the way of surplus material donations, small financial contributions to community groups/projects or undertaking some form of work for a community group. Hawick Community Council, Burnfoot Community Council and other local community groups might wish to consider developing a register of local groups or projects interested in taking advantage of this community benefit requirement. Providing a register 'wish list' would create an opportunity for early dialogue with the main contractor, which in turn, would maximise community benefit realised over the full duration of the project. Mr Mallin gave, as an example, a community garden as a potential project, whereby the contractor would be able to provide assistance in the form of staff and or equipment. In response to questions, he suggested that groups combine to submit their 'wish list'. With regards to the types of projects applicable, Mr Mallin explained that it would depend on contractor availability and type of project. Further information on CBC would be circulated via social media.

7. **HAWICK CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME**

It was noted that the update on the Hawick Conservation Area Regeneration scheme would be deferred to the next meeting.

8. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE LOCALITY PLAN & ACTION PLAN**
There had been circulated copies of the Locality Plan and Action Plan. Ms Jardine advised that the layout had been enhanced by graphics to provide an easier to read document which showed clearly the priorities of the partnership. The Action Plan would be continually updated to reflect ongoing work in this area. Both Plans would be available on the Council's website. Ms Jardine welcomed feedback on progress and success of activities.
9. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE COMMUNITY FUND**
9.1 There had been circulated for information copies of the Interim Community Fund Overview Map 2019-20. The total budget allocation for the Teviot and Liddesdale Community Fund was £174,308, after committed allocations, £132k remained in the Fund. Ms Jardine advised that this did not include the VE Celebration Fund to be launched on 24 February, of which £9,359.67 was Teviot and Liddesdale's contribution. Application forms were on the Council's website. The closing date was 31 May 2020, a maximum of £2.5k was available per application.
- 9.2 There had been circulated copies of an application from Future Hawick with a funding request of £5,166.00. The amount would be used for the printing of 6,000 promotional brochures and tick pad surveys which would be used by Hawick Welcome Hosts to promote Hawick and the surrounding area and evaluate visitor experience. There would also be a small contribution to the Hawick Welcome uniforms. It was agreed to approve the application for £5,166.00 from Future Hawick. It was noted that a fast track application had been approved from Hobkirk Community Council for £1,352.00 for a display board.
10. **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT UPDATE**
There had been circulated copies of the Scottish Borders Council Participation Requests received during 2018/19. Ms Jardine highlighted that nine participation requests had been received, of which five had been agreed, three refused, with one pending. The Council had received three formal valid asset transfer requests, of which one had been agreed, one refused and one was pending. Ms Jardine explained that they had also received seven asset transfer requests which did not progress beyond initial discussions. Enquiries about participation requests, asset transfer or anything else to do with the Community Empowerment Act was available on the Council's website or email: communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk.
11. **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES**
Following the presentation given to the meeting on 16 April 2019, Ms Jardine advised that 491 responses had been received to the consultation - 44% of those who took part did not think the consumption of alcohol in a public place was causing a problem; 36% though it was, with 20% unsure. As a result the Council had agreed to hold a consultation that asked people how they felt about a byelaw to ban the consumption of alcohol in public places being introduced in any or all of the following towns for a pilot period: Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick and Peebles. The consultation would open this week and be available on the Council's Consultation Hub (<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com>) or through search 'consultations and surveys' from the Council's website. Public consultation events were being arranged in each of the four towns. The team would be attending the Hawick Community Council meeting on 9 March at 6.30 pm in Hawick High School, to discuss what a potential byelaw could look like in Hawick and answer questions.
12. **OPEN FORUM**
12.1 Area Partnership/Community Fund consultation – It was requested that an update be presented at the next meeting.

- 12.2 CCTV - It was requested that any monies remaining in the community fund be transferred to the next financial year. If this was not approved, it was requested that consideration be given to allocating any remaining monies to CCTV.
- 12.3 Flooding - A number of points were raised:
- Consideration should be given to better communication with farmers regarding field run-off.
 - Who is responsible for maintaining and clearing the road ditches and gullies – was this the Council?
 - The connection between deforestation and flooding should be discussed.
 - Further discussion required on dredging rivers.
 - Improvement of flood defences.
- 12.4 Scottish National Planning Framework - It was noted that the Scottish National Planning Framework would be attending Hawick Town Hall on 25 February. There would be a drop-in sessions for anyone interested in attending.
13. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**
The next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership was scheduled for Tuesday, 21 April 2020. The Chairman thanked all those who had attended the meeting for their participation and input.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm

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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-budgeting-activity-scotland-2016-2018-2/>

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.

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 – Teviot & Liddesdale 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:

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- 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 Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership on 12th 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 Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan & Action Plan
- What support do you think you would need to progress the development of Area Partnerships

Teviot & Liddesdale 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 Teviot & Liddesdale 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 Eildon
- Use the Community Fund as match funding to apply for other funding, or to supplement community projects

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Teviot & Liddesdale

Ref. No.: CF2021-T&L-1

Organisation Name: Saturday Polish School CIC Hawick

Funding Requested: £7,425

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Community Interest Company		
Annual Accounts Balance	£14,710		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
A grant from the National Lottery of £5,450 is ring-fenced for managerial costs (£750) and speech therapy and events (£4,700).			
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?
Fairer Scotland	2016	5,000	School running costs
Fairer Scotland	2017	5,000	School running costs
Fairer Scotland	2018	5,000	School running costs
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>A grant from the Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund will enable the Saturday Polish School Hawick (SPSH) to continue to operate for the 2020/21 school year despite the loss in revenue due to reduced pupil numbers. The grant will cover the cost of teaching staff, additional teaching support for GCSE students and admin/management costs.</p> <p>The SPSH was established in April 2013, after the Polish community in the Scottish Borders expressed a desire to have a school offering their heritage language to the younger generation.</p>

	<p>The school offers pre-early education, literacy, literature, history classes in Polish and GCSE qualifications in Polish as a Modern Foreign language. In the last few years the school has been able to deliver speech and language therapy to identified children. Organised community events are put on and participation from the whole local community is encouraged.</p> <p>Since the start of lockdown classes have been provided virtually, this is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. During this time the number of students has reduced by over 40% (80 students reduced to 45) which has a knock on effect to income raised from parental fees. The SPSH is covering the fees for children that would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial hardship.</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	01/12/2020	
Total Expenditure (£)	£15,480	
Community Fund Request (£)	£7,425	
10% organisation contribution	£825	
Any Other Contribution?	Parental fees estimated to be £7,230	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Polish Consulate	1,200	Pending (ring-fenced for another aspect of the SPSH)
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input 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	
Teviot & Liddesdale Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning & training which is accessible and affordable and which meets the needs of all individuals and employers. • Increase the range of learning courses and qualifications available in the locality to reduce the need for people to travel/leave area. • Provide activities and learning opportunities which respond to the needs of children and young people with an emphasis on early intervention and education. 	

ASSESSMENT

<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>60-70% of students attending the SPAH are usually from the Hawick area. There are currently 45 children/young people attending the SPSH which represents a significant reduction in number based on a 'normal' year. The 2018/19 school roll showed that there were 348 students enrolled in schools across the Borders that spoke Polish at home. Of those 88 were in the Hawick school cluster.</p> <p>The school's reduction in income is not offset by a reduction in running costs (with the classes being delivered online the school running costs have reduced as the current teaching requirement is for teachers only). Without funding to meet the shortfall the SPSH would not be able to operate for the full school year and the school would close. Polish lessons, including support for students studying for Polish GCSE, would cease affecting those currently enrolled in the school.</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>Attending Polish classes by children aged 3-17 helps them to stay in touch with their first language, supports their identity, confidence and future career. Even though, the main aim of the school is education in Polish, it brings migrant families together, opens the Polish ethnic minority and their culture to local community and provides opportunities for volunteering and placements for college students.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The SPSH has been providing language, history and culture to the younger Polish community for over seven years. Community events designed to increase awareness of Polish heritage take place regularly. In the 12 months prior to lockdown SPSH held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2019: Open day – attended by 100+ from the wider community • May 2019: poster competition open to all Polish schools in Scotland • June 2019: End of term academy – with 60-80 participants from the wider community • December 2019: Polish Santa event <p>SPSH has been an active partner in Diversity Week for the last three years. Working in partnership with NHS Health Improvement Team they have participated in multi-agency events as well as hosting events to celebrate international culture.</p> <p>SPSH has participated in Burnfoot Summer Programme providing a Polish day which included Polish cooking and language lessons.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The SPSH has successfully applied for funding from the National Lottery which will fund specialist speech therapy and community events.</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 young people studying for, and passing, their Polish GCSE, • the number of children and young people taking part in virtual classes. <p>Funding will enable the school; to continue to operate for the remainder of the 2020/21 academic year. It is anticipated that pupil number will increase to previous levels once the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic lessens and face to face lessons are able to resume. At this time it is expected that parental income will provide a significant contribution to the school operating costs.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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 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:

- The group should seek to understand why there has been a significant drop in student numbers – to ensure longer term sustainability and viability of the Polish School
- Number of students engaged during the remainder of the school year by age.
- Number of students obtaining a formal qualification due to the support provided by the SPSH.
- Number of children benefiting from subsidised/free places.

2020/2021 Community Fund: Assessment Form

Locality: Teviot & Liddesdale

Ref. No.: CF2021/T&L/3

Organisation Name: Hawick Community Pump Track (HCPT)

Funding Requested: £9,757.35

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	SCIO		
Annual Accounts Balance	£1,046 (October 2019)		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? HCPT has a current bank balance of £17,458.10. Of this, £7,500 is ring fenced for Contractor retention figure due to be paid in February 2021.</p> <p>The group are looking to maintain reserves to cover outgoings this year as fundraising plans and development of a club membership has been hampered due to COVID-19.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What has this been used for?
Outdoor Spaces fund	2020/21	£40,000	Purchase and installation of floodlighting
Small Scheme	2020/21	£970	Lay paving at track entrance
Outdoor Spaces fund	2019/20	£210,000	Construction of pump track
Localities Bid Fund	2017/18	£15,000	Construction of pump track
Total		£265,970	
<p>Have they applied for Common Good Funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>HCPT received £4,200 in 2017 for full planning and drawings for the pump track.</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>Following the successful opening of Hawick Community Pump Track, HCPT are looking to enhance the pump track facility and request funding to purchase the following items:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 17</p>

Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five-year floodlight inspection & maintenance @£600 per year + vat - £3,600 • Electronic Footfall counter - £360 • A Philips Heartstart defibrillator - £975 • Purchase and installation of 8 picnic benches £6,400 asap	
Total Expenditure (£)	£10,841.50	
Community Fund Request (£)	£9,757.35	
10% organisation contribution	£1,084.15	
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 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	
T&L Action Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure leisure and culture services are accessible in rural and urban areas and are responsive to the needs of local users • Provide activities and learning opportunities which respond to the needs of children and young people with an emphasis on early intervention and education 	

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What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Maintenance of the pump track floodlights is an SBC Planning requirement to help ensure the safe, trouble free operation of the floodlight system. An annual on-site inspection and maintenance contract has been arranged with the company who designed and installed the floodlights to commence September 2021. HCPT hope to raise enough funds to allow the floodlights to be used during the evenings this winter without any cost to the young people, however, funding for maintenance is still required.</p> <p>Currently there is no way for HCPT to accurately count the number of users of the track. A footfall counter will enable them to keep an accurate record of track usage.</p> <p>There is very limited seating in the vicinity of the pump track and this was flagged up in a recent consultation carried out by HCPT. Due to the number of family members who are bringing young</p>
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	<p>children to use the track, HCPT would like to install seating around the track so that it is more family and visitor friendly.</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 pump track has attracted a high number of local users as well as visitors. Floodlights enable continued use of the track from the end of October until the end of April from 3.30pm – 10pm, 7 days a week. The floodlights will be in use 45.5 hours/week for 26 weeks. This is 1183 hours of available track time in total. It helps provide opportunity for outdoor physical activity which is supported by the Scottish Borders Physical Activity, Sport and Physical Education Strategy 2011.</p> <p>The electronic footfall counter will enable HCPT to monitor the number of times the track is used daily which will help them to provide an account of total use, average weekly use, peak usage etc. This helps the group understand when the most popular times are and base future activities around this.</p> <p>As described above, the provision of seating will provide family members and other users of the park with somewhere to spectate from. It will be particularly beneficial to those with more limited mobility. It will also encourage people to picnic and stay longer at the facility.</p> <p>The defibrillator enables medical professionals and first-time users alike to treat a cardiac arrest casualty. The purchase would include a carry case, 4 year battery, 1 set of electrode pad, a rescue kit and 8 year warranty. The nearest defib to the track is currently located at the Volunteer/Hawick High School. The defib would be accessible 24/7 to anyone in the vicinity who requires it.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The pump track was successfully opened earlier this year and has continued to be very popular despite the changing weather. It has also attracted the support of local businesses.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>HCPT's original Community Fund application was for a higher value but following a successful application to Awards for All for a contribution towards the cost of helmets and bike lights, a contribution towards the floodlight electricity and a contribution towards the purchase and installation of three picnic tables, their Community Fund request has been reduced. Awards for All are also funding 3 picnic benches so if HCPT are successful with this application, there will be 11 picnic benches in total.</p> <p>Local businesses have provided financial support to cover the cost of floodlight electricity. The group estimate it will cost around £1.7-2k to run the lights during the winter plus £150 for the licensing software to run the lights and an estimated £150 to replace any electricity cards which are damaged or lost. The group are aiming to generate enough donations and sponsorship to cover the cost of floodlight coverage this winter to provide an outdoor facility that people can continue to use, in alignment with Scottish Government guidance, during Covid-19.</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>As referenced above, the footfall counter will be able to monitor use of the track which includes evening use to verify the value floodlights provide the project.</p> <p>It is the intention of HCPT to create a club and charge an annual membership which, along with fundraising, will cover running</p>

	<p>costs including Public Liability Insurance (£1.5-2k) and electricity costs for the floodlights. The group also have a long term plan to employ coaches (£2k pp) and hold a stock of communal bikes. Due to COVID these plans are all on hold. Fundraising would also be required to cover the cost of replacing batteries and pads for the defib.</p> <p>HCPT will use the Joseph Rowntree model of Evaluating the Impact of Community Projects to enable them to report back to funders.</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes. HCPT has a 30 year lease with SBC for the site and full planning permission for installation of the picnic tables.

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The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

- HCPT will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the defibrillator.
- HCPT must satisfy SBC Planning and Regulatory conditions for the installation of picnic benches as detailed in their approved planning application.

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Number of people who have used the track during daytime and evening (when floodlights have been in use)
- How analysis of track usage has influenced future planning
- Has the project been able to generate any income / increase sustainability
- What partners were involved and did it lead to new opportunities
- Increase in physical activity
- Improved integration in the community

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Teviot and Liddesdale

Ref. No.: CF2021-T&L 06

Organisation Name: Strawberry Lemonade Events

Funding Requested: £9500

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Constituted group		
Annual Accounts Balance	£2,147		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
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 recently applied to the Common Good Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>Strawberry Lemonade are looking for funding to pay for a Project Manager and Project Co-ordinator with the aim to run a training programme called Event Management Fundamentals (EMF).</p> <p>The group are also seeking funding to support with additional training course spend including venue hire, training course supplies, printing and uniforms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>

	The first course will run for 6 weeks for 2 hours a week followed by a drop in session thereafter.	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	January 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	£10450	
Community Fund Request (£)	£9500	
10% organisation contribution	£950	
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 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	
Teviot and Liddesdale Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and training which is accessible and affordable and which meets the needs of all individuals including local employers • Promote alternative routes into employment, including the Centre of Excellence in Textiles 	

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What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Strawberry Lemonade use a closed, private Facebook group with a membership of 15 individuals from Hawick where people share their struggles and needs. The group subsequently organised clothing bundles to be delivered to two families in Hawick who had contacted the group.</p> <p>Strawberry Lemonade feel that their course is able to support those individuals who don't like asking for help. Working in events is seen as a fun sector to be involved in .</p> <p>According to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 'The Unemployed Claimant Rate for Hawick and Denholm has</p>

	consistently been similar to the rate for Scotland and above the rate for the Scottish Borders.'
<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 would be looking to engage with vulnerable groups and individuals via thier training course called Event Management Fundamentals which aims to cover a range of modules from digital marketing to budgeting.</p> <p>EMF is made up of 4 key modules, a planning day and a field trip.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event logistics • Customer Service • Budgeting • Digital marketing <p>Strawberry Lemonade have previously delivered these sessions in Glasgow and Liverpool. The applicant has since move to Hawick and is enthusiastic to offer this programme in her home town.</p> <p>The group will aim to work with 40 individuals over the funding period and help deliver at least one community event which will involve an additional 30 people to support this event.</p> <p>The individuals involved in the project will also have access to all other Strawberry Lemonade Event opportunities.</p> <p>If unable to access a venue the group will be able to deliver their sessions online. They have recognized that many people in Hawick and surrounding areas struggle with internet access so the group have recently purchased Amazon tablets that would allow participants to access this learning online.</p> <p>The group intend to offer participants a stable structure as they recognise stability is important. The group will look to run 6 week sessions followed by drop in sessions on the same day. This will allow for groups to overlap and encourage peer support and encouragement.</p> <p>The group feel that they are able to offer participants a different learning experience. The group have previous experience of working with large clients and hosting big events and so would be able to offer placements internally.</p> <p>The group's ethos is to share these opportunities with people who might never get the chance to do something in the events world elsewhere.</p> <p>The group are also responsible for running The Edinburgh Yoga Festival next year. There may be an opportunity for those</p>

	<p>involved in the employment programme to be a part of this delivery</p> <p>The group would be available to anyone over the age of 18 but with no upper limit. Many similar projects work with the 18-25 age group. Strawberry Lemonade don't intend to have an upper age limit.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The group has a closed peer support Facebook page which has 15 participants currently.</p> <p>The group are linked in with national organisations such as; Street Soccer Scotland, Scottish Association of Mental Health (SAMH), Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) , Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), Invisible Cities</p> <p>The group are also members of both the Borders Chamber of Commerce and Social Enterprise Chamber of Commerce which has allowed them to grow their networks.</p> <p>The group have said that they have been in contact with SBC Employment service, as well as Burnfoot Community Futures and Economic Development.</p> <p>It is not clear as to what formal links have been made with these services and organisations.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>No other funding has been sought</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>Once individuals have completed the course participants are either linked in with partners, (Asda have been identified as a partner but no formal arrangement is currently in place) or are supported into accessing Job Centre Plus</p> <p>The group will be able to offer CV writing session workshops. They will also be able to provide support with setting up online profiles such as LinkedIn.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Supplied</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>n/a</p>

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

Requirements still to be met in order to fulfil the criteria of the Community Fund:

- It is unclear as to how participants are identified and how progression for individuals is achieved
- It is unclear as to what wider local community support or interest there is in this project
- The group would benefit from formal partnership agreements with key partners

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:

- Number of people who benefitted from the project including participants and volunteers
- Number of activities and sessions delivered
- Learning outcomes achieved
- What partners were involved and did it lead to new opportunities

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Teviot and Liddesdale Funding 2020/21- November 2020

Allocation in 2020-21	Fund	Awarded
Community Fund	£24,333.00	£0.00

Teviot and Liddesdale summary 2019/20	Awarded
Community Fund	£37,666.87
VE Day fund	£479.74
Festival Grants	£12,050.00
Community Councils	£8,508.34
Federation of Village Halls	£4,729.00

Date rec	Applications	Amount	Project	Status
15/09/2020	Saturday Polish School	£7,425.00	Teaching & resource costs	Assessed
28/09/2020	Hawick Rugby Memories	£1,480.00	Rugby recordings	Being assessed
02/10/2020	Hawick Community Pump track	£9,757.35	Equipment	Assessed
05/10/2020	Burnfoot Community Futures	£1,500.00	Christmas items	Being assessed
06/10/2020	The Borders Green Team	£1,082.05	Fencing equipment	Being assessed
08/10/2020	Strawberry Lemonade Events	£9,500.00	Salaries/equip	Assessed
	Total	£30,744.40		
	Budget remaining	-£6,411.40		

Teviot and Liddesdale Community Grant awarded by quarter					
	Quarter1	Quarter2	Quarter3	Quarter4	Totals
Sum of 2014/15	£0	£12,372	£10,570	£13,315	£36,257
Sum of 2015/16	£5,000	£3,482	£0	£14,452	£22,934
Sum of 2016/17	£7,232	£5,000	£8,662	£0	£20,894
Sum of 2017/18	£2,286	£0	£0	£14,795	£17,081
Sum of 2018/19	£0	£6,632	£4,988	£11,625	£23,245
Sum of 2019/20	£5,000	£0	£14,873	£2,680	£22,553
Sum of 2020/21	£1,328	£5,166	£0	£0	£6,494

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Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership: further funding information - November 2020

Community Council Commitments	Value
Burnfoot	£990
Denholm and District	£630
Hawick	£1,780
Hobkirk	£630
Newcastleton and District	£630
Southdean	£540
Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage	£540
Upper Teviot and Borthwick	£630
Total for grants	£6,370.00
Hall Hire (projected)	£1,170.71
Insurance	£663.76
Data Protection costs	£320.00
Total	£8,524.47

Roxburgh Federation of Village Halls, T&L based, Grant, £4,729.00 for the support of halls in:
Appletreehall District Public Hall
Bedrule Village Hall
Cogsmill Hall
Denholm Public Hall
Forman Memorial Hall (Roberton)
Hermitage Hall
Newcastleton Village hall
Southdean Hall
Teviothead Village Hall
Bonchester Bridge Hall
Wilton Dean Village Hall

Teviot and Liddesdale other sources of grant			
Grant type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
SBC Small Schemes	£48,200.00	£4,038.00	£44,162.00
Common Good, Hawick	£51,250.00	£16,233.00	£35,017.00
SBC Enhancement Grant	£1,171.94	£0.00	£1,171.94
SBC Welfare Grant	£1,223.48	£0.00	£1,223.48

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