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Meeting

Date: Thursday, 12 November 2020
Time: 6.00 p.m.
Location: Via MS Teams

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from meeting on 27 February 2020 (Pages 3 - 8) Copy of Minute attached.
3.	Eildon Community Fund 2020/21 (Pages 9 - 36) Four applications for approval:- (a) Walks in Stow (b) Café Re-charge (c) Youth Borders (d) Works+ (4 assessments attached plus Eildon Funding information)
4.	Other information and news for noting (Pages 37 - 38) (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 Eildon 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

	<p>expenses are being met</p> <p>(g) Eildon Locality Plan & Action Plans - these plans are now published and outline the priorities of the Eildon area and could be the focus of a future Area Partnership meeting: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1310/locality_plans</p> <p>(h) Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or formal Asset Transfer requests being considered within Eildon. One Asset Transfer (the sale of former Ettrick Primary School building) request has been agreed since the Area Partnership last met.</p>
5.	<p>Fit for 2024: Review of Area Partnerships & Community Fund and actions for Eildon Area Partnership (Pages 39 - 40)</p> <p>(Summary of the reports attached)</p>
6.	<p>Date of Next Eildon Area Partnership - 28 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>

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**Eildon
Area Partnership**



MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Earlston Primary School on Thursday, 27 February 2020 at 5.30 pm

Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), S. Aitchison, A. Anderson, D. Parker, H. Scott and E. Thornton-Nicol
35 Partner representatives, Community Councillors, officers and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillors K. Drum and E. Jardine

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership and thanked Community Councillors, Partners and representatives of local organisations for their attendance.

2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 14 NOVEMBER 2019

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 14 November 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion on 'Health, Care and Well-Being: Social Isolation and Loneliness' was attached as an appendix to the Minute.

3. TRANSPORT UPDATE

With reference to his presentation to Eildon Area Partnership in September 2019, Passenger Transport Manager Timothy Stephenson gave an update. Mr Stephenson referred to the four local bus services within the Eildon area, identified at that meeting as being under review: Service Number 61 Galashiels-Earlston (Sat, Sun am); 61/67 Galashiels – Earlston and St Boswells (Sat Evening); 66 Earlston – Stichill and Kelso; and 964 the Border Weaver. Following consultation and listening to views of passengers the 61 (Sat, Sun am) has not been altered; with regard to services 61/67 (evening and weekend versions) their review had been extended to October 2020 and it was hoped to promote these and increase patronage during the interim; 66 would be cancelled from 6 April although Mr Stephenson stressed that the school journeys remained as they did across the Borders. With regard to the 964 Border Weaver, Councillors had voted to retain the service. However it was not being used enough and would have to be used in the future or it would be lost. The Council was listening and open to suggestions about changes or ways by which use of the Border Weaver service could be encouraged. A representative from Bowden Village Committee present at the meeting offered to take this issue back to the village to discuss how the Border Weaver could be made more convenient and popular. In response to a question about community transport which appeared to be overstretched, Mr Stephenson advised that there had been about 32,000 journeys by volunteers the previous year. As part of promotion of social cars and how these could be accessed he added that fridge magnets containing information on community transport were being distributed. The Chairman thanked Mr Stephenson for his update.

4. JIM CLARK RALLY 2020 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 4.1 There had been circulated copies of a joint report by the Executive Director and Service Director Assets & Infrastructure, providing the Area Partnership and local community with an opportunity to consider and comment on the proposals submitted by event organisers of the Jim Clark Rally to hold a rally on closed roads in the Scottish Borders on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May 2020. Infrastructure Manager, Brian Young, was in attendance to highlight the main points of the report and to give a visual presentation of the proposed routes for the rally. Also in attendance and representing the rally organisers were Chairman Professor Dan Wright, MBE, and PR Manager Frances Renton. Mr Young explained that revised legislation was introduced in 2019 to allow motor sports events to take place on closed public roads. These 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, must consider a number of factors that were laid out in the regulations. This report outlined those factors and provided an opportunity to, in particular, examine the proposals submitted by the rally organisers in respect of the routes and timings for the rally on 30 and 31 May 2020. 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) system that was in place at the Council. In order to satisfy the requirements to allow the views of the local community to be taken into account and that adequate arrangements had been made to involve local residents, the Council had launched a public consultation available online via <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/>. The online consultation would run for 6 weeks. In addition to this, Council officers, along with representatives of the Jim Clark Rally, were attending meetings of the relevant Area Partnerships to discuss the event plan, including the proposed routes and timings. As for previous events the organisers of the Jim Clark Rally would be contacting separately those residents who were directly impacted by the routes. This would include individual visits to all properties in addition to letter drops. Organisers had also indicated that they would consult with / inform the Community Councils affected by the rally through meeting with them face to face. The intention of the Jim Clark Rally organisers was 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. Within the Eildon area, Scott’s View, was one of the four routes being followed on the Saturday, with the loop being completed on two occasions during the day. The Jim Clark Rally was recognised as a major sporting event that 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. Previous studies had estimated that the event contributed over £2.5 Million to the local economy.
- 4.2 In the discussion that followed the economic benefit of the Jim Clark Rally was noted. In response to questions about the environmental impact of holding the rally, Professor Wright emphasised that the rally complied with all policies and regulations as set out by the governing body, Motorsport UK. All information could be found on the Motorsport UK website where it was stated there was commitment to creating a sustainable and responsible model, primarily achieved through regulation. Consequently, in addition to compliance with the Road Traffic Act, technological features of the competitive cars were subject to a higher level of control than that required for other vehicles on the road. With regard to the options to use electric cars, Motorsport UK regulations did allow for the development of vehicles powered by alternative fuels but it was not possible to run rally cars at the moment without carbon fuel. Professor Wright added that he himself was involved in the development of high energy density batteries but in reality the technology was a long way away from the aspirations for widespread conversion to electric vehicles. In terms of the carbon footprint of vehicles used by visitors and spectators it was pointed out that this could not be controlled by rally organisers and was in fact a consideration for any major sporting event. It was noted that the Scottish Government and Scottish Borders Council were extremely supportive of the rally in recognition of the economic contribution to the area.

DECISION

NOTED:-

- (a) 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; and**
- (b) that comments on the proposal to run the event could be submitted through the public consultation available on the Scottish Borders Council website.**

5. EILDON LOCALITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Locality Development Co-ordinator, Kenny Harrow, drew attention to the Eildon 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 Eildon area and the action plan gave an update on planned activities and progress for each priority area. Mr Harrow 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.

6. EILDON LOCALITY PLAN: ENVIRONMENT AND PLACE

6.1 Greener Melrose

The Chairman welcomed Mr Donald McPhillimy to the meeting to give a presentation about the organisation Greener Melrose. Mr McPhillimy explained that the membership of Greener Melrose came from villages around Melrose as well as from the town itself. Melrose was part of the Transition Town movement which started in Ireland and was a network of communities working to increase self-sufficiency, reduce dependency on fossil fuels and to reduce the potential effects of climate instability. Initiatives included a community orchard and practical site at Drygrange, approximately 10 allotments and community woodland where open days were held. The food group produced different kinds of food and supported local producers. Mr McPhillimy was pleased to see, at the meeting, young representatives from Earlston High School's eco group, which met every Thursday lunchtime and was supported by Greener Melrose. Other activities taking place related to:

- Waste & Recycling – Greener Melrose was part of Plastic Free Borders and a leaflet promoting avoidance of single use plastic was distributed at the meeting. Members also took part in local clean-ups and Melrose-in-bloom activities;
- Repair café group – items in need of repair could be brought along to be fixed rather than putting them in landfill – working towards a circular economy;
- Outreach to influence other people and encourage new groups – including winter talks, café conversations, film nights, green fair;
- Borders Book Festival – engagement to encourage speakers with green theme – phase out use of disposable plastics;
- Transport – embryonic group looking at low carbon transport initiatives; and
- Lobbying –Eildon Area Partnership, Scottish Borders Council, MSPs & MPs.

Mr McPhillimy welcomed the recent launch of the Council's new Sustainable Development Committee and looked forward to future initiatives.

6.2 Café ReCharge CIC

Amy, a representative from Café ReCharge, drew attention to this new proposal in Galashiels. A crowdfunding campaign had met its initial target in raising money towards opening a Pay What You Can Café in Galashiels using unsold supermarket produce. Surplus supermarket produce would be turned into good quality, healthy food to provide inexpensive family-friendly meals. The café would be based in the Focus Centre and operate 3 times per week from mid-March. Full details would be on the Café recharge Facebook page.

6.3 **Weigh Greener**

A welcome was given to Charlotte Aitchison to give a presentation on the new initiative Weigh Greener, a Zero Waste Refill shop for Lauder. The presentation highlighted that supermarkets did not give much choice but to buy unnecessary packaging and so much of what was sold was wrapped in unrecyclable single use plastics. A Zero Waste Refill shop was an alternative way of purchasing certain goods and Ms Aitchison explained how this worked. Customers would take their own containers, or bags to fill up – the container would be weighed, filled with the amount required, re-weighed, labelled and payment made. When market research was carried out about the idea in the local community the response was overwhelmingly positive. A crowdfunding campaign was launched in November 2019 for the Weigh Greener initiative which was set up as a Community Interest Company, meaning that the profits would be re-invested into the local community supporting environmental projects. The campaign was marketed by hosting lots of different workshops and by promotion at community events. An application was also made to Royal Bank of Scotland 'Back her Business fund' for match funding with criteria linked to the crowdfunding campaign. The response was overwhelming and with match funding of £5,000, a total of £12,400 was raised in 28 days. Weigh Greener was expected to be the Scottish Borders first dedicated Zero Waste Refill shop, offering volunteering and future employment opportunities as well as raising awareness of environmental issues. Once premises were secured it was hoped that the shop would open within the next few months. In response to questions Ms Aitchison confirmed that they would be linking with local suppliers for good quality local produce to stock the shop but that this would not include fresh products at present. Any unsold products would be given to schemes such as the Café Recharge. In terms of assistance provided Ms Aitchison explained that Business Gateway had been very helpful and had put her in touch with other useful contacts. It was noted that in future there may be financial help available for Community Interest Companies from the Community Fund.

6.4 Councillor Aitchison, Chairman of the recently launched Sustainable Development Group, expressed his thanks for the above presentations and welcomed the initiatives to which they referred. He was impressed by the ideas and schemes already in place and looked forward to working with communities in taking forward the challenges presented.

7. **EILDON COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE**

7.1 Community Fund information sheets had been circulated and were available at the meeting. The sheets showed grant applications awarded, those under assessment and those under consideration by the Area Partnership, in addition to funding commitments to Community Councils, Village Halls and Local Festivals. The total outstanding amount available in February in the Eildon Interim Community Fund was £155,252. There were four grant applications to be considered at the meeting as referred to below. Assessment forms and recommendations for these had been circulated and the Chairman allowed time for these to be discussed prior to decisions being made.

7.2 **Nurture the Borders**

Community Interest Company, Nurture the Borders, was requesting £9,800 to support continuing delivery of 'The Village' in Selkirk. This was a dedicated space in Dunsdale Road, Selkirk, to support Mums and families during the perinatal period (pregnancy, birth and post natal). The Village provided a safe space with access to support, education and therapies as well as a range of activities. The application met the criteria of the Community Fund. It was recommended that if successful Nurture the Borders be requested to evaluate the impact of their project either on conclusion of the project or a year after receipt of their grant funding whichever came first.

DECISION

AGREED to grant £9,800 to Nurture the Borders subject to the terms and conditions set out on the Community Fund Assessment Form.

7.3 **Energise Galashiels**

Energise Galashiels Trust was applying for a grant of £7,020 to purchase a trishaw from the 'Cycling Without Age' (CWA) programme for use in Galashiels. CWA was a social enterprise based in Copenhagen founded in 2012. The organisation's purpose was to offer recreational mobility to seniors in the form of volunteer-piloted trishaw rides. The purchase cost included the first year's insurance and training from CWA. A pre-determined cycle route had been scoped out in Galashiels, on a route which was cycle accessible and would take in various nature points. Six people had committed to volunteering for the project with a further seven expressing an interest. The application met the criteria of the Community Fund.

DECISION

AGREED to grant £7,020 to Energise Galashiels Trust for the purchase of a trishaw, subject to the terms and conditions set out on the Community Fund Assessment Form.

7.4 **Macfie Hall**

Macfie Hall Committee Ltd had requested a contribution of £10,000 towards the Macfie Hall refurbishment project which aimed to improve the lives of residents in Heriot by improving the Hall to provide flexible, fit for purpose community facilities that met modern standards and expectations. The Community Fund award would be used to improve the external terracing for outdoor events. The application met the criteria of the Community Fund.

DECISION

AGREED to grant £10,000 to the Macfie Hall Committee Ltd towards the Macfie Hall refurbishment project subject to the terms and conditions set out on the Community Fund Assessment Form.

7.5 **Maroon'd**

Gala Rugby was requesting funding of £10,000 towards the cost of equipment and associated resources to run Maroon'd@Gala. This was a multi-generational free sporting and community event to be held at Netherdale, Galashiels on 18 April, 2020. Working together with all the primary, junior, semi-junior, girls, and senior rugby clubs, Gala Fairydean FC and the Galavanters running club, this would be a free to access all day sporting and entertainment event. The total expenditure was expected to be £24,682.

DECISION

AGREED to grant £10,000 to Gala Rugby towards the cost of running the Maroon'd@Gala event subject to the terms and conditions set out on the Community Fund Assessment Form.

7.6 **75th Anniversary VE Celebration Fund**

The Chairman drew attention to the report which had been circulated about the creation of the VE Celebration Fund. This fund had been set up to enable non profit-making communities/voluntary groups, schools and churches to apply for funding to undertake special celebratory projects to mark VE day on 8 May 2020. It was proposed that each Area Partnership would contribute from their Community Fund on a per-head of population basis to enable the fund of £60,000 to be created. Awards up to a maximum of £2,500 would be processed on a fast track basis. In response to a question it was confirmed that any surplus money would go back into the Community Fund.

8. **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT UPDATE**

Circulated with the agenda were summary updates of participation requests and asset transfer requests received in the Eildon area under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act. There had been five participation requests, two were ongoing and three refused. There had been seven asset transfer requests received with three being agreed.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Suggestions for future agenda items could be sent to the Locality Development co-ordinator at kenny.harrowscotborders.gov.uk .

10. **OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions for elected Members.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be on Thursday 30 April 2020. The venue would be confirmed in due course.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF2021/EIL/3

Organisation Name: Walks around Stow

Funding Requested: £5,000

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Sub-group of Stow Community Council		
Annual Accounts Balance	£210.42 in non-restricted funds		
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?
Community Grant Scheme	2018/19	£5,000	To produce a Walks around Stow booklet
Have they applied for Common Good Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>Walks around Stow are seeking funding to purchase 11 self-closing gates on identified walking pathways around Stow. This is an extension of the Walks around Stow initiative which was started to identify and promote 10 walking pathways around Stow.</p> <p>The gates and installation cost £500 each.</p>

Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY		Spring 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)		£5,500	
Community Fund Request (£)		£5,000	
10% organisation contribution		£500	
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 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		
Eildon Action Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop attractions within the countryside to encourage visitors to the area 		

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Stow has relatively few designated core paths or signed accessible walking routes. The local community has for some years been keen to develop a series of signed circular walking routes around the village of Stow which could be easily accessed from the railway station, and offer access opportunities for locals and visitors. A feasibility study coupled with community and landowner consultation has identified initial paths suitable for development and promotion. Gates and fencing are required to allow on-going vehicular access by relevant landowners, but also to discourage or control illegal vehicular access where required. The group must also address farmers' concerns about gates being left open. To satisfy these needs, the feasibility study recommends replacing the majority of field gates using Centrewire York heavy duty 2-in-1 gates with an integral self-closing 1.5m section (diagram below). Where there is no existing gate, or stiles are being replaced, 1.5m 2-way self-closing gates have been specified. Existing gates in relatively poor condition will also be replaced.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the	<p>Centrewire metal gates are recommended on the basis of their high quality, durability and because their self-closing gates have proven to be reliably self-closing, and therefore equally suitable for march boundaries. The integral H-frame of these gates</p>

project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	minimises future maintenance requirement. The gates are more robust and longer lasting than wooden gates and stiles. By installing these gates, it supports the safe and considerate use of the identified paths.
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	<p>Walks around Stow are actively working with local farmers and landowners to plan 10 walking routes which will cross over five farms in total. Two routes have been mapped and leaflets published. Another three walks will be published by early 2021. Farmers are identifying where gates should be placed. The group do not know how many gates will be required in total but the placement of the first five gates has been confirmed and placement of the additional six gates will be confirmed as the next three walks are confirmed. The following five walks will be routed over the next two years. Some farmers are double fencing sections of the walks which will help separate the walker from any stock in the field and one farmer has agreed to mow the path within the double fence they are installing so that it remains passable. There has been offers from farmers to help meet the costs of some gates and some have also agreed to put in bridges as well.</p> <p>Walks around Stow are working with Stow Community Trust to produce walking leaflets to coincide with the opening of Stow Station House in Spring 2021. This refurbished facility will encourage visitors to the village and explore the local area. Walks around Stow are in discussion with groups in Galashiels, Heriot and Gorebridge to create a corridor of walks along the Border Railway. There is ongoing discussion with Galashiels to consider hosting a walking festival in Stow in a few years.</p> <p>In addition to the four core members of the group, their work is supported by a local archivist, the local camera club, a botanist, bird watchers and other villagers who are helping provide content for their leaflets.</p>
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	Walks around Stow plan to submit funding applications to EDF Longpark Windfarm and Foundation Scotland for the purchase of additional gates.
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?	Walks around Stow will continue to work with landowners and farmers to monitor use of the pathways and identify any issues with the conduct of those using the pathways and gates.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Costings received for the Centrewire gates. A farmer is obtaining costs for alternative gates.
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

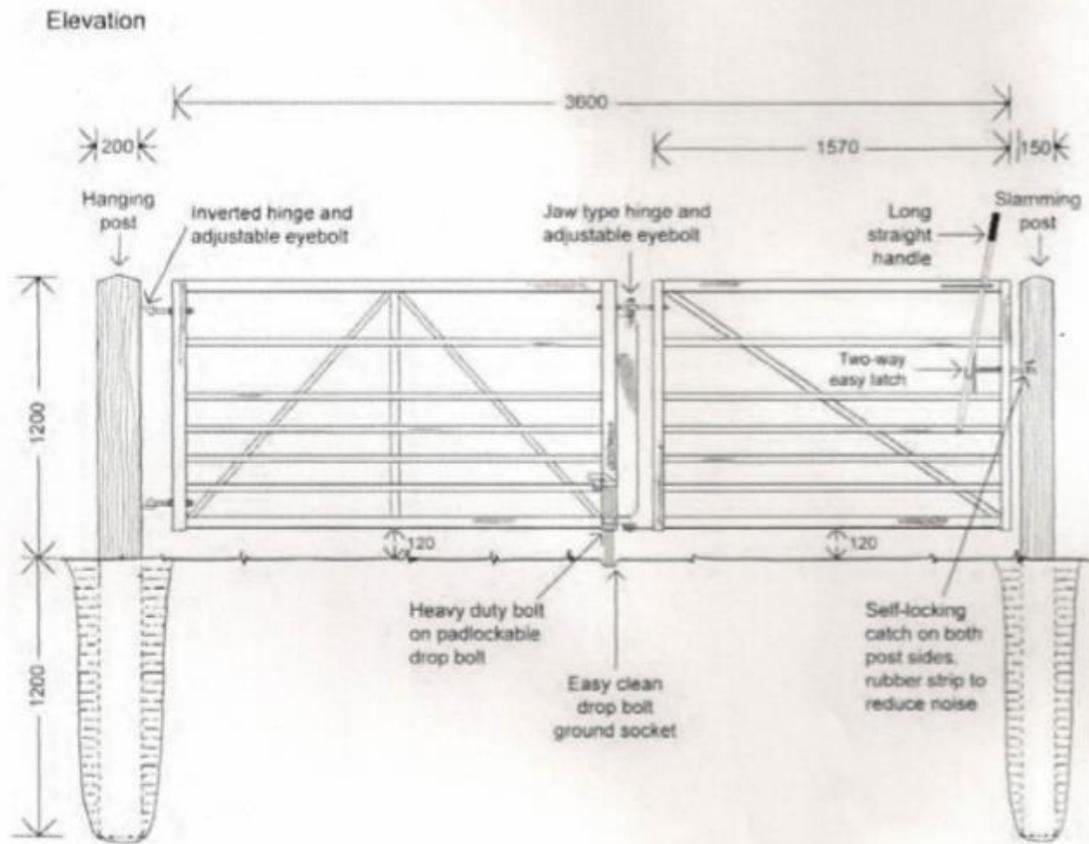
The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Estimated number of people who make use of the paths network
- Feedback from walkers, local residents, farmers, landowners etc
- Improvement in accessibility

**Specification for 2-in-1 gate incorporating 1.5m self-closing section, e.g. Centrewire
York 2-in-1 gate (reproduced from Outdoor Access Design Guide)**



2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF2021-Eil-04

Organisation Name: Café Recharge

Funding Requested: £14,404

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Community Interest Company (CIC)		
Annual Accounts Balance	Under one year of operation: income & expenditure for first seven months of operation provided, closing balance £13,353.47. Income & expenditure projections for next 12 months and recent bank statement provided.		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £10,000 Crowdfunder to pay for start-up costs and equipment £1,000 for website design			
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>The main aims and objectives of Cafe Recharge are to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Food Waste • Reduce Food Poverty • Promote community engagement, integration and partnership working • Become a self-sustaining Community Interest Company

Café Recharge aims to reduce the gap between food poverty and food waste by using unsold food from supermarkets to serve in a Pay What You Can Cafe in Galashiels. The café will run primarily on food donated through schemes such as Neighbourly and Fare Share who redistribute food from supermarkets that would otherwise be thrown away.

The café project was due to start operating in March 2020 based at the Focus Centre in Galashiels. Although they were unable to open to the public due to the constraints of lockdown they were able to use the facilities there to provide over 1,000 home cooked meals and food parcels for those in need at that time.

During this time strong links were developed with other community groups. Café Recharge will continue to work with TD1 Youth Hub to support the provision of meals to young people and is providing food to Rowlands Youth Club breakfast club for pupils at Selkirk High School.

Cafe ReCharge is a surplus food cafe and meals will be offered on a 'Pay What You Can' (PWYC) basis. Although a guide price will be offered initially it is with the understanding that those who can afford more will pay a little extra so that those who are less financially secure can pay a little less. It ensures that the whole community can reap the health and social benefits of eating together in a welcoming, friendly space. By allowing individuals to pay different amounts it will offer people with different incomes somewhere to socialise together reducing inequalities and strengthening communities.

Due to the uncertainty around the reopening of the Focus Centre the group have negotiated a competitive lease on alternative, currently empty, premises in central Galashiels. These premises have a fully fitted catering kitchen, fully accessible toilets, all appliances, a good footfall and the space for the enterprise to grow while still allowing social distancing.

The group would also like to provide a community fridge and shelf to make surplus food available to others for a small donation further reducing the amount of food sent to landfill. To date the group has helped to divert 2,892kg of surplus food from landfill saving 9,256 of CO2 emissions.

Volunteering opportunities will be available in all aspects of the project for people across the community no matter what their age or background. Once more established the group would like to use the Kickstarter scheme or Community Jobs Scotland to be able to offer a young person a paid position within the cafe providing a much needed employment opportunity.

A Project Manager will be employed to oversee the running of the café including staff/volunteer management, menu planning and compliance with relevant regulations. They will engage with the local community to ensure that Café recharge is benefitting those it aims to and develop partnerships with other groups and organisations.

	A grant from the Eildon Community Fund will cover the costs of a Project Manager for 12 months and seven months' rent (other costs are being met by startup funding).	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	01/11/2020	
Total Expenditure (£)	£16,004	
Community Fund Request (£)	£14,404	
10% organisation contribution	£1,600	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
First Port Start It Fund	8,700	Awarded
Corra Wellbeing Fund	2,000	Awarded
Neighbourly Covid Fund	400	Awarded
Focus Centre Committee	500	Awarded
The Bridge	500	Awarded
Scotrail	250	Awarded
Crowdfunding	12,098.52	Raised
First Port Build It Fund (for additional staff and running costs) To pay for additional staff member, additional hours and running costs as project requirements increase.	25,000	Application
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	
Eildon Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase learning opportunities across a wide range of subjects • Enhance career advice and career opportunities by promoting modern apprenticeships and vocational training • Create safe areas for young people and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable • Strengthen partnership working • Development of town and village centres 	

ASSESSMENT

<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>During and after lockdown the need for access to at low or no cost has been clearly demonstrated by the number of people accessing food banks. During lockdown Café Recharge produced over 1,000 meals and food parcels. As unemployment rises the number of individuals and families experiencing financial hardship will increase. In the Scottish Borders there were 80% more people on Universal Credit in August compared to March 2020. This increases to 104% when the number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance is included.*</p> <p>An approach has been made by Heriot Watt Student Union regarding the provision of a basic cookery class for students. Heriot Watt University 3rd year Interior Design students are using the cafe as their current design project. It is hoped that this will help with the integration of students into the community via the cafe and provide a space they will have some element of ownership over in a bid to reduce the isolation felt by many students in Galashiels.</p> <p>Discussions have been taking place regarding working in partnership with Weigh Greener to provide a small refill station within the cafe reducing plastic and unnecessary packaging.</p> <p>Following a presentation and cookery class, at Stow Primary School, Café Recharge has been approached by other schools to carry out similar sessions.</p> <p>Before lockdown Café Recharged catered for several functions and was booked by organisations including the Scottish Parliament and National Book Trust.</p> <p>A grant from the Eildon Community Fund will cover the costs of a Project Manager for 12 months and seven months' rent (other costs are being met by startup funding).</p> <p>*Source: Covid-19 Labour Market Insights, Skills Development Scotland, September 2020</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>Café Recharge will provide an outlet for surplus food via a community fridge/shelf available to all at low or no cost depending on ability to pay (this will be left to personal choice). The community fridge will be within the Café premises and accessible to all.</p> <p>Those not fortunate enough to have an expendable income to afford full priced cafe meet-ups are at a much greater risk of social isolation and poor mental health. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 shows in Galashiels the proportion of the population that is income deprived ranges from 6% to 34% and the proportion that is employment deprived ranges from 3% to 24%.</p> <p>The ethos of Café Recharge to provide good food on a Pay What You Can basis will mean that a meal out or takeaway is available to all, reducing both food poverty and food waste. In addition to</p>

	<p>increasing people’s access to healthy affordable food the project will have a positive impact on physical and mental health and the environment.</p> <p>Volunteering opportunities will be created in all aspects of the project from helping with supermarket collections and food preparation to serving customers and barista training. Benefits arising from volunteering will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning new skills • enhancing a CV • making new friends • contributing to a fairer society <p>It is anticipated that social isolation will be reduced through opportunities for community integration and pride in the environment will naturally arise from members of the community spending time together whether at events within the cafe, workshops, cookery and skills sharing classes or simply just by visiting a friendly and welcoming space.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Café Recharge successfully raised over £10,000 from the local community through crowd funding to set up the cafe and install appliances. This was supported by 194 individuals and businesses. They raised a further £1,000 to fund the Covid-19 frozen meals scheme which was supported by 54 individuals. Crowd funding money was matched by the Royal Bank of Scotland to the sum of £5,000.</p> <p>Café Recharge’s Facebook page has over 1,318 followers and their Instagram account is followed by 237 people.</p> <p>An online survey with local people, received over 150 responses in the first few hours, overwhelmingly positive towards the idea.</p> <p>Feedback regarding the group’s activity to date has been positive from both other community groups and service users alike.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>A successful crowdfunding campaign and funding applications have been made to a number of grant programmes for the wider project.</p> <p>Café Recharge intend to submit a further application to First Port Build It Fund to pay for additional staff member, additional hours and running costs as project requirements increase.</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>The project will be evaluated by,</p> <p>Quantitative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of food waste reduced. • Amount CO2 reduced by not sending food to landfill where it rots and produces methane. • The number of customers using the café’s services. <p>Qualitative:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from customers using various methods including suggestions box, reviews on social media, and a message board. • Baseline questionnaires used at the start of a block of activity, such as cookery classes, and repeated at the end will measure progress and thoughts of participants. <p>Based on a forecast of serving 30 covers a day, 5 days a week, café recharge hopes to be self-sufficient by September 2021. The online survey indicated that people were willing to pay between £5 and £7 for a lunchtime meal; these figures have been used in the financial forecast for the next 12 months. Any profits made will be reinvested into the café itself or the community it intends to benefit.</p> <p>Ongoing income will be generated from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and drink sold in the café. • Outside catering. • Meeting space for groups and workshops will be available to rent. • Provision of cookery classes to external organisations. • On-off or themed evening meals. • Afternoon teas.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	n/a
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	n/a

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:

Quantitative indicators:

- Number of meals provided at no/low cost.
- Number of customers during quarters 1 – 4.
- Number of volunteering opportunities created and number of volunteer hours worked per quarter.
- Number of children, young people and adults participating in cookery classes.
- Sustainability of project.

Qualitative indicators:

- Customer/client feedback



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2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF2021 – EIL - 6

Organisation Name: Youth Borders

Funding Requested: £9,198

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Charity		
Annual Accounts Balance	£176932		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Youth Borders has £11k in reserves, this is in line with their reserves policy to have money in reserves for the winding up and final staffing costs of their core staff team in the event of closure of the charity.			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Are they applying for Common Good Funding at the moment <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
CLD Service Level Agreement	Annual		Annual amount contributing to 30% of their core staffing costs (Chief Officer and Business Support Officer)

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>Youth Borders are looking for funding to support the continuation of a Membership Development officer.</p> <p>The current post has funding in place until 31st March 2021. Gannochy Trust funding will cease after this period. This</p>

<p>Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY</p>	<p>Community Fund application will continue the post throughout 2021 and end January 2022.</p> <p>The post will mainly focus on supporting organisations post Covid. This will involve supporting with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk-assessment • Policy support • Identifying training needs for alternative delivery models • Matching groups and available venues/spaces, • Inform members of changes and updates from Government/YouthLink Scotland. <p>March 2021</p>	
<p>Total Expenditure (£)</p>	<p>£10518</p>	
<p>Community Fund Request (£)</p>	<p>£9198</p>	
<p>10% Match-funding</p>	<p>£1320</p>	
<p>Any Other Contribution?</p>		
<p>Other Funding Sources</p>	<p>Amount (£)</p>	<p>At what stage?</p>
	<p>2500</p>	<p>Gannochy Trust (Jan-March) Agreed (end of 3 year funding)-</p>
	<p>16390</p>	<p>People's Postcode Trust - Applied For 1 year funding (outcome due Nov)</p>
<p>Community Fund Outcomes</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty</p>	
<p>Eildon Action Plan priorities</p>	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen partnership working • Increase learning opportunities across a wide range of subjects 	

ASSESSMENT	
<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Youth Borders have 28 full members, this includes, Rowlands, Beyond Earlston and TD1 Youth Hub, in the Eildon area. These members would be the primary beneficiaries of this funding.</p> <p>Youth Borders members actively seek support from YouthBorders and these requests for support have increased since Covid-19 due to the nature of change that youth organisations are experiencing</p> <p>Youth Borders currently have a growth in their membership for this year. There is a consensus that this is a result of Covid with groups feeling the need to be more connected and valuing the importance of peer support and networking opportunities.</p> <p>Youth Borders have found that the complexity of members' needs is also increasing due to new barriers or constraints as a result of the ever changing Covid-19 picture. As these are new experiences even the most established volunteers or leaders are requiring assistance.</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>This post will continue to act as the dedicated point of contact for membership support. This will allow for members to continue to access informed and trusted advice and information.</p> <p>The benefits that having this post brings to members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to trusted information and support • Additional capacity for volunteers as they navigate new experiences or challenges • Confidential support to leaders and trustees • Signposting and introduction of members to others with similar experiences / challenges • Informs Youth Borders' ability to design training programmes to respond to trends or needs which present through membership support • Members will have support to prepare quality funding applications to deliver their ideas and to secure investment in the Scottish Borders. <p>This post will be responsive to the needs of the member. Support is often provided in the evening and at times which best suit volunteers.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Feedback from the existing work being carried out within this post has been positive and has encouraged Youth Borders to seek funding to maintain the post after March.</p> <p>Feedback from members have shown the need and importance of this position:</p>

	<p>“It will allow us to be members of Youth Borders for another year this will ensures we are kept up to date on best practice, take part in training and networking opportunities, provide us with a peer learning network, informs us of new and upcoming developments and changes to legislation, offer HI5 and Dynamic Youth Awards training, Professional support and development</p> <p>Another member organisation stated,</p> <p>“Finances for a 3rd sector organisation are always tight and the support from the Enhanced Membership Support, allows us to spend that money on making sure that our service is available when young people need it most, as we loosen the Covid 19 restrictions”.</p> <p>Youth borders are currently involved in the Galashiels Learning Community Partnership and are also linked in to Area Partnership meetings.</p>
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	This project will contribute the costs associated with a proportion (10 hours) of a part time position at Youth Borders. This post is currently funded by a number of donations from small trusts and individual donors, the post also benefits from funding from the Gannochy Trust until March 2021. Youth Borders received £5,000 from The Fore, which was a one off award in May.
What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	<p>Youth Borders anticipate that there will be a need for this position to continue.</p> <p>Youth Borders, in consultation with their membership group will determine the specific requirements of this post going forward. This will allow Youth Borders to apply to funders that will specifically allow them to meet their outcomes and priorities.</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	n/a
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	n/a

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
<p>The application meets the criteria of the community fund.</p> <p><i>Additional Terms and Conditions:</i></p> <p><i>Group will fund any shortfall in funding if unsuccessful in application to Peoples Postcode Trust</i></p> <p><i>We would seek the group to particularly report</i></p>	

- Number of member groups who benefitted from the project
- Number of activities/session delivered by Membership coordinator

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2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF2021-Eil-09

Organisation Name: Works +

Funding Requested: £5,000

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	SCIO		
Annual Accounts Balance	£72,108		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
The balance of funding held by the organisation is ring fenced for the payment of salaries to ensure that the Works+ services can be continued into the future.			
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?
Localities Bid Fund 2	2019/20	£5,994	Employability Project
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 Eildon Community Fund will to contribute to 2021 staff salaries.</p> <p>Works+ is a local 'person-centred' employability organisation, employing three full time members of staff, based in the Scottish Borders. Works+ staff, volunteers and directors are local and understand the issues facing isolated, unemployed and disadvantaged young people from the local area. Works+ is involved in the Kirkcaldy start preparations, which will allow young people to obtain 6 months of paid work experience and then</p>

	<p>supporting them for 6 months following this work experience, to ensure that they keep moving forward in their working lives.</p> <p>Works+ seeks to work collaboratively with other organisations to ensure a positive contribution to business development and the support of young people. Currently Works+ staff are unable to work from the Focus Centre but are working out of the Galashiels Job Centre where the connections between Job Centre staff and Works+ are growing. These are for the benefit of the young people signing on and also to help young people to prepare for the opportunities of Kickstart and the Scottish Governments No One Left Behind and Youth Guarantee.</p> <p>The Works+ Project Delivery Manager is a director of the Scottish Borders Chamber of Commerce and the SoSE shadow board on FairWork.</p> <p>Works+ helps the young people by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confidence building (which comes as a result of less isolation, better mental health and having a purpose in life) • barrier removal (including having better financial skills, referral to other support organisations and having a more positive outlook on life) • employability skills (CV building, effective job search, engaging cover letters, application skills, interview techniques and job sustainability, personal appearance and interviews in a Covid world (utilising their new Digital Interview POD)) <p>Covid now means that it is not just their existing service of support into Employment, College/Further Education and effective use of the school environment which are a priority. Focus needs to be on supporting the mental health/wellbeing of the young person and providing them with purpose and hope, be that through existing programme work or through providing networks and mentoring.</p> <p>To ensure the service can be continued whilst meeting the current regulations, Works+ has invested in a large gazebo, undertaken risk assessments, purchased PPE and follows the guidelines set for the resumption of youth work guidance from the Scottish Government, to ensure that the outside opportunities for the young people to grow in confidence outdoors, are safe and do not pose risks to the young people, staff and venues.</p>
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	05/01/21
Total Expenditure (£)	97,794
Community Fund Request (£)	5,000
10% organisation contribution	500
Any Other Contribution?	Previously awarded grant funding is also ring-fenced to fund salaries.
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£) and what stage?

Big Lottery Young Start	22,000	Awarded
Robertson Trust	14,500	Awarded
Agnes Hunter Trust	14,500	Awarded
Hymans Robertson	10,000	Awarded
Community Fund Outcomes	<input 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 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	
Eildon Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase learning opportunities across a wide range of subjects • Enhance career advice and career opportunities by promoting modern apprenticeships and vocational training • Invest in local, sustainable employment opportunities 	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Over 170 young people have been helped to achieve a positive destination during the first 2 ½ years. Over the next 12 months Works+ will positively change the lives of 60 isolated, disadvantaged and unemployed young people from across the Scottish Borders, aged between 16 and 24, who are currently being held back from moving on in life by a series of barriers. Funding from Eildon Community Fund will contribute towards staff costs enabling them to support young people, 60% of whom are from the Eildon area.</p> <p>The Labour Force survey published by Skills Development Scotland shows that the unemployment rate for 16-24 year olds in Scotland is steadily increasing, and was 12.5% in August this year. It is not possible show this for the Borders due to the small sample size.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>Over 90% of participants find a positive destination of employment, a return to education, long term training or volunteering within 10 weeks.</p> <p>Helping young people achieve a positive destination is not only good news for the young people but also within their wider community with less anti-social behaviour and more income for that community.</p> <p>Young people who have engaged with Works+ will also be more confident, have improved their mental health and reduced their isolation, allowing them to look forward positively in their lives.</p> <p>Works+ historically have aimed and succeeded in helping a minimum of 80% of the young people who access the service.</p>

	<p>Support is then provided for 12 months after attending Works+ to help them sustain their positive destination and iron out bumps in the road.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Works+ has 1,544 Facebook followers.</p> <p>Service users have said:</p> <p>“After 6 months of support from Works+ I took the massive step of applying for an Open University course. I am now about halfway through the course and I’m really enjoying it – there’s no way I could even have considered something like this before.”</p> <p>“The guys at Works+ made me feel like I could turn things around more positively. I think that’s because they took a more relaxed approach with me. By relaxed I mean that they didn't push me in a way that made me feel even more stressed or under pressure.”</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Works+ has a good record of securing grant funding over the past 2½ years. Grant awards have ranged from £500 to £120,000 with some funders providing support on a recurring basis. Funding to the value of £61,000 has been secured to date for this project.</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>Works+ has a bespoke recording system which tracks initial information and barriers in the way of positive outcomes for the young person and then records success and development. They are also seeking to gauge the impact on families of those attending Works+ and to share relevant information with other charities to improve learning from the environment.</p> <p>Works+ will measure and record the number of participants who achieve a positive destination of; employment, a return to education, long term training or volunteering to develop employability skills, after engaging with Works+ and to ensure that this positive destination is sustained, Works+ offers a 12 month aftercare support to ensure that their positive destinations are sustained.</p> <p>The key measure of success will be the number of unemployed young people who after engaging with Works+ achieve a positive destination.</p> <p>Works+ staff members are undertaking training by Evaluation Support Scotland, to develop best practice in evaluation.</p> <p>To ensure that Works+ continues to be able to support the young people accessing the Works+ project, Works+ has established a funding strategy that has 4 strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding from grant makers including the Big Lottery Young Start fund and the Robertson Trust • Funding from corporate partners including Hymans Robertson and the local Santander branches. • Community fundraising including ongoing giving and quiz nights • Commercial contracts and work with local schools

Quotes received for items of expenditure	n/a
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	n/a

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:

- Number of young people supported.
- Number of young people achieving positive destinations.
- Feedback from young people about the difference that engaging with Work+ has made to them.

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Eildon Funding 2020/21- November 2020

Allocation 2020/21	£	Awarded to date
Community Fund	£44,139.00	£0.00

Eildon summary - 2019/20	Awarded
Community Fund	£109,056.33
VE Day Fund	£0.00
Festival Grants	£13,425.00
Community Councils	£12,286.92
Federation of Village Halls	£14,470.00

Date rec	Applications	Amount	Project	Status
05/09/2020	Tweedbank Thistle Junior Football Club	£1,350.00	Equipment	Assessing
19/09/2020	A Greener Melrose	£928.00	Strimmer	Assessing
24/09/2020	Stow CC	£5,000.00	Walks/gates	Assessed
01/10/2020	Cafe Recharge	£14,067.00	Staff	Assessed
09/10/2020	Oxton & C CC	£1,200.00	Noticeboard	Pending
12/10/2020	Youth Borders	£9,198.00	Staff	Assessed
23/10/2020	Works +	£5,000.00	Staff costs	Assessed
26/10/2020	Newtown Community Council	£1,357.24	Dog Poo project	Pending
	Total	£38,100.24		
	Budget remaining	£6,038.76		

Eildon 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	£36,257.0
Sum of 2015/16	£5,000.00	£3,482.00	£0.00	£14,452.00	£22,934.0
Sum of 2016/17	£7,232.00	£5,000.00	£8,662.00	£0.00	£20,894.0
Sum of 2017/18	£2,286.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,795.00	£17,081.0
Sum of 2018/19	£0.00	£6,632.00	£4,988.00	£11,625.00	£23,245.0
Sum of 2019/20	£2,813.00	£15,230.00	£32,861.00	£0.00	£18,043.0
Sum of 2020/21	£28,132.56	£10,775.00	£0.00	£0.00	£38,907.5

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Eildon Area Partnership: further funding information - November 2020

Eildon Community Council commitment	
Bowden	£540.00
Earlston	£990.00
Ettrick and Yarrow	£630.00
Galashiels	£1,780.00
Heriot	£540.00
Lauderdale	£630.00
Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk and Midlem	£630.00
Melrose and District	£990.00
Newtown and Eildon	£630.00
Oxton and Channelkirk	£540.00
Selkirk and District	£1,365.00
Parish of Stow	£630.00
Tweedbank	£630.00
Total of grants	£10,525.00
Hall Hire(estimate for 20/21)	£893.00
Insurance	£1,095.41
Date Protection costs	£520.00
Total Commitment	£13,033.41

Eildon- other sources of grant funding			
Grant type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Common Good, Galashiels	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Common Good, Lauder	£7,050.00	£0.00	£7,050.00
Common Good, Selkirk	£24,560.00	£7,040.00	£17,520.00
William Hill Trust	not known		
SBC Enhancement Grant	£1,794.30	£0.00	£146.00
SBC Welfare Grant	£5,588.31	£0.00	£0.00
*SBC Small Schemes	£48,200.00	£21,465.00	£26,735.00

* Local actions organised by SBC Neighbourhood Services

Central Federation of Village Halls Grant - £14,470
To support of halls in :
Ashkirk
Blainslie
Boston Memorial (Ettrick)
Bowden
**Caddonfoot
Currie Memorial (Lilliesleaf)
Fifth Ward Comm Association
Kirkhope (Ettrickbridge)
Fountainhall
Gattonside
Lindean
Macfie Hall (Heriot)
*Maxton 21
Mellerstain
Midlem
Newstead
Oxton War Memorial
Redpath
Smith Memorial (Darnick)
*St Boswells,
St Mary's, (Cappercleuch)
Yarrow Feus
Yarrowford
* Part of Central Borders not Roxburgh
** Part of Central Borders not Tweeddale

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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-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 - Tweeddale 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:

Eildon 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 Eildon 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 Eildon Locality Plan & Action Plan
- What support do you think you would need to progress the development of Area Partnerships

Eildon 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 Eildon 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