

# Public Document Pack

**Eildon**  
Area Partnership

**Our Scottish Borders**  
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## Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 25 March 2021  
**Time:** 6.00 p.m.  
**Location:** Via MS Teams

## AGENDA

1.	<b>Welcome</b>
2.	<b>Feedback and evaluation from meeting of 28 January 2020</b> (Pages 3 - 8)
<b>Section 1: Service &amp; Partner updates</b>	
3.	<b>Place Making Approach</b>  Presentation from John Curry, Service Director Assets & Infrastructure and James Lamb, Portfolio Manager.  <a href="https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49976/Item%20No.%2011%20-%20Place%20Making%20Report.pdf">https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49976/Item%20No.%2011%20-%20Place%20Making%20Report.pdf</a>
4.	<b>Fit for 2024: Review of Area Partnerships &amp; Community Fund</b>  Update on the proposals for Eildon Community Fund.
5.	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b>  Update by Steve Oliver, Station Commander covering the Eildon Area.
<b>Section 2: Local Priorities</b>	
Eildon Locality Plan & Action Plan – <a href="https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/7600/eildon_locality_action_plan">https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/7600/eildon_locality_action_plan</a>	
6.	<b>Locality Plan Priority: Improve the accessibility and reliability of transport services, improve connectivity and reduce rural isolation.</b>  Update from Dan Cathcart, SBC Localities Transport Officer
7.	<b>Locality Plan Priority: Reduce our impact on the local (and global) environment by raising awareness of what local communities can do in terms of their homes, their businesses, their schools, their travel etc.</b>  Presentation from Youth Ambassadors for Sustainability
8.	<b>Locality Plan Priority: Strengthen partnership working between local services</b>

	Eildon Community Assistance Hub: Update from Oonagh McGarry, Eildon Community Assistance Hub lead.
	<b>Section 3: Community Funding</b>
9.	<p><b>Eildon Community Fund 2020/21</b> (Pages 9 - 40)</p> <p>Summary attached and applications for consideration from:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selkirk Community Council</li> <li>• Interest Link</li> <li>• TD1 Youth Hub</li> <li>• Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland</li> <li>• Newtown and Eildon Community Council</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Community Fund Evaluations - update on progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update from Youth Borders</li> <li>• Update from Energise Gala</li> </ul>
	<b>Section 4: Any Other Business</b>
11.	<b>Any other formal business</b>
12.	<b>Open forum</b>
13.	<p><b>Next Area Partnership</b></p> <p>The next Area Partnership meeting is Thursday 24 June 2021 at 6.00 pm. Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? If so please contact your local Councillor or the Communities &amp; Partnership Team.</p>

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**Eildon  
Area Partnership**



MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP held remotely by Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 28 January 2021 at 6.00 pm

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- Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), S. Aitchison, A. Anderson, E. Jardine, and H. Scott. E. Thornton-Nicol  
With 24 representatives of partner organisations, Community Councils, and members of the public.
- Apologies:- Councillor D. Parker
- In Attendance:- Service Director Customer & Communities, Communities and Partnerships Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Democratic Services Officer (F. Walling).

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held remotely via Microsoft teams, which included elected Members, guests attending within the meeting and those watching via the Live Stream. He outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER 2020**

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 12 November 2020 had been circulated and was noted.

3. **COVID-19 UPDATE**

- 3.1 Jenni Craig, Service Director Customer & Communities gave a slide presentation to provide an update on the Covid-19 current position. Mrs Craig referred to the current trend which was showing the number of cases accelerating significantly due in part to the circulation of the new, even more transmissible variant of the virus. The continued rate of increase and the impact on health services was deeply worrying. It was essential therefore that everyone followed the current guidance and followed the 'Stay at Home' message. Due to high case numbers in the Hawick area, a Mobile Testing Unit had been deployed in the town. In addition a walk-in testing facility had been opened at the Langlee Complex in Galashiels. The Council was involved in discussions with Scottish Government and other partners about the potential for asymptomatic community testing facilities in the Scottish Borders. Mrs Craig went on to talk about Service implications of the latest lockdown. In general there were no direct impacts on Council services over and above what was already in place during the short Level 4 period which came into effect on Boxing Day. However, the Council needed to ensure that it continue to deliver essential frontline services and to support communities. This would likely result in the need to deploy staff to support certain services, which would result in others having to scale back on their operations. In terms of the Education Service, from 11 January online and remote learning was being provided for all pupils, with in-school arrangements for invited young people and the children of key workers.

- 3.2 Mrs Craig explained about the Community Assistance Hubs, which remained operational to co-ordinate support within localities. The number of referrals was rising and, due to the continued increase in Covid cases, staff were making more calls to those isolating to

ensure they were aware of the support available. Anyone in need should call 0300 100 1800 to access support. Financial assistance may also be available to those in need. The Council's Financial Inclusion Team was able to help with a wide range of advice and support. This support could also be accessed via 0300 100 1800 and via [www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus). Information relating to fuel poverty assistance could be found via [www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth) Mrs Craig went on to explain that a range of business support was available for firms experiencing difficulty. Information was available online at [www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business). Businesses were also encouraged to use the national Find Business Support website to check all available funding support, including that being administered by other parties. [www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot](http://www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot) The Council continued to work with South of Scotland Enterprise to ensure the most appropriate business support was made available to businesses most in need. In response to a question about funding for businesses, Mrs Craig confirmed that funding for businesses was continuing to flow from Scottish Government and being turned around quickly by the Council. There were ongoing high level discussions about further future funds and where these should be targeted. Once decisions were made it was expected this funding would flow through quickly to the Council and be made available to eligible local businesses.

#### 4. **UPDATE FROM PARTNERS**

##### 4.1 **Eildon Community Assistance Hub**

In attendance to give a presentation on the Eildon Community Assistance Hub was Oonagh McGarry – Team Leader from the Council's Community Learning & Development Service. Ms McGarry explained that the aim of the Hub was to ensure that individuals had the support they needed during the pandemic. The Hub co-ordinated requests for support, direct from the public and by referral; triaged through Health & Social Care teams to ensure vulnerable individuals were identified and supported; and worked with voluntary groups and public sector services to signpost to or supply services. Amongst 450 enquiries, 226 of which were from people classed as "shielding", the Hub helped to provide food; medicines; help with social isolation; and other information and advice including on financial issues. The Hub worked with 17 Resilient Community volunteer groups and 8 Foodbank/Fareshare outlets. There had been over 200 calls to people who requested community help when shielding and the Hub had contributed to over 1,500 calls to people across the Borders who were self-isolating. There were also follow-up calls to vulnerable people. Ms McGarry went on to highlight what had worked well in the Community Assistance Hubs. She drew particular attention to the volunteer groups which had provided amazing support in local communities; whilst Health & Social Care services continued to provide ongoing support and appreciated closer links with a wide range of community supports. Up to 16 partners and volunteer groups were involved in weekly Hub meetings and this had resulted in a real "can do" collaborative and problem solving approach. The Community Assistance Hubs would continue to operate as long as they were needed and could be contacted on 0300 100 1800 [Covid-19community@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:Covid-19community@scotborders.gov.uk). In conclusion, Ms McGarry confirmed that the Council and partners were looking to further develop the locality model of working in the future. In the discussion that followed the presentation, the value of the Community Assistance Hubs was recognised, noting that there was a huge amount of work going on in the background, of which the public were not always aware. In response to a question about the work of the Hub during the current lockdown, compared with the first, Ms McGarry advised that there were the same number of resilience teams involved and the Hub had benefited in the way it operated from the experience gained during the first lockdown.

##### 4.2 **Café Recharge**

With reference to paragraph 3.2 of the Eildon Area Partnership minute of 12 November 2021, Amy Wight was in attendance to give an update on the Community Interest Company Café Recharge. Ms Wight explained that the café had been due to open again 3 days before the recent lockdown so plans had to be changed once more. The café had

opened for doorstep collections of frozen soups, made from a surplus of food from supermarkets, bread, fruit and vegetables when available and sanitary products. This had been very successful with around 30 portions of soup being collected every day on an anonymous basis with people paying what they wanted. The café also had food bank tokens to give out where appropriate. Ms Wight added that they were hoping to expand what was being offered to include ready meals and free packed lunches for children, to help ease the financial burden for families facing difficulties. The Café was aiming to open fully again in March. Members welcomed the work of Café Recharge and thanked Ms Wight for the update.

#### 4.3 **Changeworks Affordable Warmth and Home Energy Scotland**

Morag Cockburn, from Home Energy Scotland and Kat Custard, advisor with Changeworks, were in attendance to give an overview of support available through Home Energy Scotland and the Warm and Well Borders Project. It was explained that Home Energy Scotland was a free and impartial service funded by the Scottish Government to help people stay warm in their homes for less. Advisors could check eligibility and make referrals to various grants and schemes, including Warmer Homes Scotland, a scheme that helped households keep warm by fitting new energy efficiency improvements like home insulation, central heating, draught-proofing and home renewables systems. The Changeworks Affordable Warmth Services Team had a number of projects designed to support households across the Scottish Borders area, to provide support with: fuel debt support; advocacy work with energy suppliers; expert energy advice; fuel billing support; condensation and damp issues; metering issues and errors; switching support and tariff checking; Warm Home Discount applications; Ombudsman complaint cases; grants for emergency top ups and Covid-19 local fund applications; and food bank applications. Also, in partnership with Citizens Advice Bureaus, Changeworks would work to provide help to identify benefits to which entitled; help to apply for benefits; and support if refused a benefit. When asked if there was a national definition for fuel poverty, Ms Custard explained that this was if household fuel costs were more than 10% of net income, taking into account child care costs and housing. Extreme fuel poverty was recognised if fuel costs were over 20% of net income. It was confirmed that Home Energy Scotland Advisors were all set up working from home and ready to help householders to make the best use of energy and save money on their bills, at a time when many had seen their energy costs rise due to the coronavirus pandemic. People in need of support could be referred via [warmth@changeworks.org.uk](mailto:warmth@changeworks.org.uk) [www.changeworks.org.uk/referral](http://www.changeworks.org.uk/referral) or by calling on Freephone 0800 870 8800

#### 4.4 **Galashiels Foodbank**

John Tucker gave an update on the activities of the Galashiels Foodbank. The foodbank had been very busy, with over 450 approaches for help since mid-March last year. Approximately 80 bags per week were given out of dry and fresh food, each to the value of about £30 and as an example of a typical day Mr Tucker said that on the previous Wednesday food had been given to 60 adults and 40 children. Some were referred from agencies and some were self-referring. Mr Tucker expected that the foodbank, which was run by about 40 volunteers, would become even busier over the coming months. It was currently situated at St Peters church as a temporary measure. Any assistance in finding new premises would be welcome. The Chairman thanked Mr Tucker for his update and for his work at the foodbank.

#### 4.5 **SBHA**

Debby Gillett, from SBHA, gave an update of arrangements during the current Covid-19 restrictions. She explained that, although all SBHA offices remained closed, contact could still be made during normal office hours. The team was also calling tenants to check if all was well. In line with Government guidelines only emergency repairs were being carried out. If visits were required for essential work, a full range of PPE and hygiene measures would be used. New build and external work programmes continued but were subject to change and the grounds maintenance service was operating as normal but in accordance with Covid-19 guidance. If any tenants were experiencing a drop in income and needed

help with accessing benefits or rent or budgeting advice, the Financial Inclusion Team was available to help. SBHA would continue to advertise and allocate homes as long as restrictions allowed. Ms Gillett provided the following contact information for support and enquiries: 01750 724444 [enquiries@sbha.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sbha.org.uk) [www.sbha.org.uk](http://www.sbha.org.uk)

4.6 **The Bridge**

The Chairman referred those present to the update from the Bridge which was included with the agenda papers.

5. **FIT FOR 2024: REVIEW OF AREA PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY FUND :**

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Eildon Area Partnership meeting of 12 November 2020, discussion continued on the Review of Area Partnerships & Community Fund. Locality Development Co-ordinator, Kenny Harrow, explained that the Eildon Area Partnership now needed to build on the findings of the SCDC report that was circulated at the last meeting and consider how it could strengthen community engagement and participation going forward. He gave a reminder that Area Partnerships and communities could make recommendations to the Council by the end of January 2021 about how they would like their Area Partnership and Community Fund to operate in the future. The summary of comments received so far, for Eildon, was included from page 23 of the Agenda pack. These comments had been compiled from those submitted by email since the last Eildon Area Partnership meeting and those put forward at the Chairman's consultation meetings held in December, to which all Community Councils and contact organisations were invited. The Chairman referred to the original list of questions which had been raised to prompt responses and comments and asked for further views. In terms of whether the Area Partnership should continue as a Council Committee in the future or be a community meeting there was a feeling that this should have the concept of a community meeting but would need administrative support, at least in the short term. The idea of a rotating chair received support. It was also suggested that the Community Council network should be involved although it was appreciated that the Network currently covered the whole Scottish Borders Area. With regard to the remit and purpose of future Eildon Area Partnership meetings there was support for the idea of themed meetings. Mr Steve Oliver, Station Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, was happy to attend meetings to provide updates or alternate this with Police or other services. With regard to the future of the Community Fund, there was strong support for the formation of a funding panel to assess applications, although under current legislation the decision making would remain with elected Members. It was felt that the way applications for funding were currently presented at meetings did not facilitate proper consideration and an informed decision. Any community participation in the process appeared to be tokenistic. In terms of the funding allocation to Community Councils, Village Halls and local Festivals the view was that this should not be changed. The Chairman thanked those present for their additional contributions. Mr Harrow advised he would re-circulate the questions to Eildon Area Partnership contacts and include examples of how the other localities were looking at this. This would provide a final opportunity to feed in views before the end of January.

6. **EILDON COMMUNITY FUND 2020/21**

Assessments of two applications to the Eildon Community Fund had been circulated, plus a summary of grant funding within Eildon in 2020/21 and the source of that funding. The summary showed grant applications awarded, those under assessment and those to be considered by the Area Partnership. There had been one Fast Track application which had been approved, from Oxton & Channelkirk Community Council for £1,200 to pay for a Noticeboard. Also included were regular funding commitments to Community Councils, Village Halls and Local Festivals. Before consideration of the two following applications, Mr Kenny Harrow gave a summary of each and confirmed that each met the Community Fund criteria.

**MEMBER**

Councillor Anderson declared an interest in the following application, in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and did not take part in the consideration.

6.1 **Stow Community Development**

The application from Stow Community Trust was for a sum of £11,000 to help fund a Community Development Worker for a 12 month period. The creation of the post would facilitate engagement with residents of Stow and Fountainhall to support their involvement in the creation of a Community Action Plan. The Community Action Plan would describe what the community wanted to achieve, what activities were required and what resources were needed. The post holder would support, write and begin to implement delivery of the Action Plan in collaboration with community members. It was also hoped that during the 12 month period the post holder would be able to make a start on some key priorities and 'quick wins' within the plan. The request for £11,000 was unanimously approved.

6.2 **Lauderdale Cycling Club**

The application from Lauderdale Cycling Club was for a sum of £2,636.02 for a storage shed, limbo pole, pop-up shelter, fence posts and bike maintenance coaching for its club Community and High School Cycling Development project. This aimed to progress the club's Development Plan of enabling more people, including children and families, to enjoy cycling in the local area and to keep the club's equipment together in one place. The club was also looking for funding to increase the number of members who had their Level 1 & Level 2 coaching qualifications across Mountain Bike Leader, Rider Leader and general coaching. Before consideration of this application it was noted that there was a typing error in respect of the Annual Accounts Balance shown in the published application – this should have read £3,114.86. There was unanimous support for the application and the request for £2,636.02 was approved.

7. **CURRENT CONSULTATIONS**

The Chairman referred to the consultations, as listed on the agenda, which were included on the Council's website and for which responses were requested.

8. **OTHER INFORMATION AND NEWS FOR NOTING:**

A list of information and links was included on the agenda. Mr Harrow emphasised in particular that there was still money available in the Eildon Community Fund and that applications should be submitted by mid February in order to be included for consideration at the next Eildon Area Partnership meeting. Also included in the list of information were links to Covid-19 support sites.

9. **DATE OF NEXT EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP - 25 MARCH 2021**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 25 March 2021. Suggestions for agenda items could be sent to the Locality Development Co-ordinator at [kenny.harrow@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:kenny.harrow@scotborders.gov.uk) by 11 March 2021

10. **ANY OTHER FORMAL BUSINESS**

No items were raised.

11. **OPEN FORUM**

11.1 Heriot Community Council representative, Mr John Williams, wished to raise three matters as follows:

X95 bus – with reference to the discussion at the last Area Partnership meeting, about the significant reduction in this service, there had been some progress in taking this forward with bus service operators and politicians, following a combined effort with Stow & Fountainhall Community Council and support from elected Members. Contact with other communities in Midlothian such as Newtongrange, Gorebridge and Eskbank and also Pathhead, had revealed a groundswell of opinion and concern about the need to sustain a regular bus service into Edinburgh on the A7 and A68.

Winter maintenance for Heriot underpass – this was a longstanding issue previously raised with the Council by way of a petition. Mr Williams explained that when this was constructed as part of the Borders Railway works there was no appetite for anyone to look after its maintenance, it not having been finished to Transport Scotland standards and the Council consequently not prepared to take responsibility for maintenance. It had been suggested winter maintenance be provided by a resilience group which was impractical. When there was heavy snow, 10 days ago, it was practically unusable and was eventually partially cleared by the Council. There had been some recent progress with the Council's senior management but Mr Williams asked for help to persuade the Council to provide maintenance for the underpass on a proper basis. Councillor Aitchison expressed his sympathy with the position Heriot found itself in. He stressed that the disruption caused by the underpass was entirely due to the construction of a railway which had not been of any benefit to the village.

Section 36 Windfarm applications (large schemes with applications direct to Scottish Government) – Mr Williams drew attention to 3 of these schemes which were at an early stage of application in this area, with turbines of heights of 180m and above. There were concerns about the difficulty in ensuring communities were properly informed as only online consultations were permitted at the present time.

- 11.2 Steve Oliver introduced himself as the new Station Commander for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service at Galashiels. He could be contacted by email at [steve.oliver2@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:steve.oliver2@firescotland.gov.uk)

**CHAIRMAN**

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

*The meeting concluded at 7.55 pm*

# Eildon Funding 2020/2021

25 March 2021

Eildon Community Fund 2020/2021	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/09/2020 (£143k split per head of population)	£ 44,138.00
Plus split of £251k (per head of population)	£ 77,098.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 121,236.00</b>

Less:	
Insurance for festivals (already awarded)	£ 5,632.81
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications <b>awarded</b> since 01/09/2020	£ 53,573.27
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications <b>that are assessed and await decision</b>	£ 31,010.59
Sub-total	£ 90,216.67
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 31,019.33</b>

Balance going forward if the above assessed applications were fully funded	£ 31,019.33
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications <b>still to be assessed</b>	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 31,019.33</b>

Summary of Applications					
No.	Date	Organisation Name	Amount (£)	Project	Status
1	06/09/20	Tweedbank Thistle JFC	£1,350.00	Equipment	Awarded
2	18/09/20	A Greener Melrose	£928.00	Strimmer	Awarded
3	24/09/20	Stow Community Council	£5,000.00	Walks/Gates	Awarded
4	29/09/20	Café Recharge CIC	£14,404.00	Staff	Awarded
5	09/10/20	Oxton & C Community Council	£1,200.00	Noticeboard	Awarded
6	12/10/20	Youth Borders	£9,198.00	Staff	Awarded
7	26/10/20	Newtown Community Council	£1,357.24	Dog Poo Project	Awarded
8	28/10/20	Works+	£5,000.00	Staff	Awarded
9	19/11/20	Lauderdale Cycling Club	£2,636.03	Guided Rides/Bike Maintenance	Awarded
10	01/12/20	Selkirk Community Council	£2,250.00	Trishaw	Assessed
11	04/01/21	Stow Community Trust	£11,000.00	Salary for Community Development Worker	Awarded
12	29/01/21	Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland	£7,425.00	Resilient group & wellbeing support	Assessed
13	10/02/21	Interest Link	£5,000.00	Staff costs	Assessed
14	10/02/21	A Greener Melrose	£1,500.00	E-bikes insurance	Awarded
15	21/02/21	TD1 Youth Hub	£11,803.00	Weekly physical activities	Assessed
16	24/02/21	Selkirk CC - Blooming Selkirk	£1,463.62	Compost & plants	Assessed
17	02/03/21	Newtown & Eildon Community Council	£3,068.97	Gazebos	Assessed
<b>Total</b>			<b>£84,583.86</b>		

To be assessed:					

Other sources of Grant Funding - Eildon			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
SBC Small Schemes	£48,200.00	£38,824.00	£9,376.00
Common Good (Selkirk, Galashiels, Lauder & WHT)	£47,560.00	£30,740.00	£16,820.00
SBC Enhancement Grant	£1,794.30	£827.47	£966.83
SBC Welfare Grant	£5,588.31	£226.97	£5,361.34

Agenda Item 9

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## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Eildon*

*Ref. No.: CF2021-EIL-12*

*Organisation Name: Selkirk Community Council*

*Funding Requested: £2,250*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Community Council		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£3,849.41		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much?</p> <p>Recent bank statement; £12,631.11</p> <p>£8,540 is ring fenced for the purchase of our first Trishaw. This funding has been allocated from the Selkirk Common Good Fund.</p> <p>£1063 for Selkirk Response Team £1585.45 for fountain restoration project (figures accurate at 23.11.20)</p> <p>Victoria Halls Fountain restoration project was suspended owing to Covid-19, and will resume as soon as it is permitted. (Monitoring and evaluation will follow on completion)</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Community Fund	2019	£1644.30	Refurbishment of Victoria Halls Fountain
<p>Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	Selkirk Community council wish to purchase an additional Trishaw. Page 11

		<p>The group have previously received funding for a Trishaw from Selkirk Common Good Fund.</p> <p>They wish to secure funding by accessing 3 funding pots, SBC community fund, National Lottery and Baillie Gifford and Brown Community fund.</p> <p>The group wish to apply to the Community Fund to cover a shortfall in funding of £1500 and the group also wish to purchase;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £500 for Protective Clothing</li> <li>• £500 for Hygiene as this will be essential for when they can start using the Trishaw again</li> </ul>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY		Late Spring/early summer	
Total Expenditure (£)		9,450	
Community Fund Request (£)		2,250	
10% organisation contribution		225	
Any Other Contribution?			
Other Funding Sources		Amount (£)	At what stage?
Lottery funding		3,000	Applied
Baillie Gifford Community Fund		4,000	Applied
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		
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:		

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Selkirk Community Council have been successful in receiving funding from Common Good to purchase a Trishaw. For the town.</p> <p>The group wish to purchase an additional Trishaw. Part of the reasoning is that a Trishaw should never be out on its own and where there is a single Trishaw, it would need be accompanied by a co-pilot on a bike. This is part of the</p>

	<p>conditions set by Cycling without Age. The group feel that if they need a second person there, they it would be useful for them to be piloting a second Trishaw with another passenger.</p> <p>As the ethos of Cycling Without Age is to enhance Community involvement and interactions, the group feel that it would be advantageous to have 2 trishaws at the same time as the passengers would feel like they have company.</p> <p>The purchase of a Trishaw will allow elderly and "Mobility Limited" individuals to get out and about in their Community. This in turn looking to reduce social isolation A guiding principle of CWA world-wide is to reduce Social Isolation.</p> <p>Selkirk Community Council have run successful 'training runs' of a trishaw and the reactions and support has been positive. A number of individuals have already experienced the benefits of a "trip round Haining Loch".</p> <p>Selkirk Community Council have fostered good contacts with the Care Homes and Sheltered Housing residences in Selkirk and will be in a good position to offer the service to residents once Covid allows.</p> <p>In discussion with a representative of the Care Homes in Selkirk, the group have received the following response:-  <i>In the greater Selkirk area there are three aged care facilities with a combined total of 105 rooms. Many of our residents suffer from age-related ailments including dementia, cognitive impairment and a variety of physical illnesses. Making the trishaw mobility bike available for our residents will allow more frequent and safe access to the Haining, allowing them to experience the benefits of a fantastic outdoor environment in a controlled manner and with appropriate supervision.</i>  <i>As many of our residents grew up or lived in the Selkirk area prior to entering into our care, it also allows them a valuable opportunity to socially interact with family and friends in a familiar location.</i></p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the</p>	<p>The project is primarily aimed at older people, who are unable to get out on their own, some of whom are living with dementia. The project will allow those who are</p>

<p>project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>otherwise confined to their home an opportunity to maintain a connection to their town by accessing different parts of the town. Cycling Without Age has demonstrated that trishaw projects have a positive effect on emotional well-being and improved mental health. The volunteer pilots will range from school age up to those in retirement helping to increase intergenerational links and creating a shared interest in the community.</p> <p>The Trishaw can be physically accessed from various aids including walking frames and hoists. Pilots will be trained so that they are able to support all abilities to use the Trishaw. Aids to help passengers get on and off the Trishaw are not supplied but training in using them will be provided.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Support from care home and residential homes in Selkirk</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The group are aware that they will need to establish an ongoing fund raising strategy to maintain sufficient funds to cover annual insurance and maintenance costs for the Trishaws which they are applying for.</p> <p>The group intend to run a targeted Crowdfunding campaign.</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>One of the requirements of CWA is keeping a record of journeys undertaken. As a result of this the group will be able to supply accurate participation information.</p> <p>The group are also keen to gather evidence that will demonstrate benefits to individual's mental and emotional wellbeing. They will work closely with care homes and engage with all participants to gather this anecdotal information.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	

<p><b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b></p>	
<p>The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 14</p>	

*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.

*If successful,*

- A risk assessment must be completed by Selkirk Community Council for all planned cycle routes with regular review of the impact of using the trishaw on these routes.
- No charge can be made by Selkirk Community Council for use of the trishaw
- Selkirk Community council will be requested to evaluate the impact of their project either on conclusion of their project or a year after receipt of their grant funding, whichever comes first.

*We recommend Selkirk CC consider using the following measures to help them evaluate;*

- How many volunteers are trained as pilots
- How many people have used the trishaws
- How many Trishaw journeys have been made
- Feedback from project users and volunteers
- Use of the SBC logo in promotional materials

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## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Eildon*

*Ref. No.: CF2021-EIL-15*

*Organisation Name: Interest Link Borders*

*Funding Requested: £5,000.00*

ABOUT THE GROUP	
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Constituted
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£200,252.00
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £113,342 represented grants restricted to specific projects</li> <li>• £86,910 unrestricted reserves</li> <li>• Group target reserves of three months operating costs. Currently £10,000 above this amount.</li> </ul> <p>Interest Link expect to have an unrestricted fund surplus in 2020-21, because projected expenditure is £275,000 (£20,000 less than that for 2019-20).</p>	

Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Eildon Localities Fund	2019	£6,129.00	Group activity costs
Scottish Borders Council – Service Contract	2019/20	£21,996.00	Salary & Office Costs (annual grant)
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Interest Link are looking for funding to continue the development of an existing volunteer befriending project which supports up to 45 socially isolated children, young people and adults with learning disabilities living in Eildon/Central Borders annually. 50 family carers will also benefit from respite.</p> <p>Support is now online and through other distance methods. Because statutory activity and respite services are not operating the need has grown and support for members is now much more frequent than usual. This is expected to continue until 100% of services are back face-to-face.</p> <p>Staff hours have increased due to more Zoom sessions, these will continue until the transition back to face to face delivery.</p> <p>The Group are projecting a shortfall in salary funding in Central Borders for 2021-22 and are applying for a one-off grant of £5,000 for project staff costs. They may require to fund around £6,200 from unrestricted reserves, as shown in the funding application.</p>
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	01/04/2021
Total Expenditure (£)	£61,791
Community Fund Request (£)	£5,000
10% organisation contribution	

Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
National Lottery Community Fund	£23,000	£12k secured, £11k decision March 2021
Children in Need	£8,900.00	Secured
Gannochy Trust / Robertson Trust	£14,400.00	Secured
Better Breaks / Bank of Scotland Foundation	£4,291.00	Decision March 2021
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <p>Increase learning opportunities and skills development across a wide range of subjects and vocations and ages</p>	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Interest Link members have lifelong conditions that affect their development and means they need help to understand information, learn skills and live independently. Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, autism, epilepsy and sensory impairments are often involved.</p> <p>Most children are taught in additional needs units and lack opportunities for friendships, art, drama or sport, crucial to wellbeing and personal development. In adulthood as few as 0.75% live with a partner or spouse and 4.5% are in employment (2019 Learning Disability Statistics). Day Centre social opportunities have reduced as a result of Covid and being out in the community on their own can feel intimidating. Family carers often have a lifelong role which is difficult to sustain, causes financial hardship and isolates them from their communities.</p>

	<p>Currently social isolation, lack of opportunity and pressure on families has increased as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. Coupled with most activities and respite, schools, college, supported employment schemes, day centres not currently being open there is a greater need and demand on this service.</p> <p>Interest Link currently have 60 members registered within Central Borders and the group aim to support 50 of these individuals.</p> <p>The project will aim to be a development of existing work that has taken place which will result in a blend of distance and face-to-face befriending.</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>An increase in the number of staff hours that Interest Link can offer will allow them to continue to offer increased support to 10 members who are involved in 1 to 1 provision and the 35 members that are involved in the befriending groups. Part of the role of the staff will be to support volunteers and to provide training. Interest Link has 45 volunteers, 10 of whom are under 25.</p> <p>As a result of increased demand and need Interest Link have provided support on a more frequent basis, usually each week as opposed to fortnightly. The group also maintain contact with ongoing social media interaction and activities between meetings. This will help to provide more support to carers.</p> <p>Many members need support to use Zoom and their carers are also in need of activities as a result Interest Link have made the sessions into family events. They have also been able to source tutors nationally to broaden activities, for example The Reptile Experience from Essex. Activity materials and cooking ingredients are delivered to members' and volunteers' homes and the organisation have provided iPads and internet connections to those who without the equipment or connections.</p> <p>Members who cannot access Zoom still have activity materials delivered and are linked in with volunteers who provide a mixture of telephone, social media and letter writing contact.</p>

<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Interest link are connected with organisations across the Scottish borders. They have just surpassed 30 years as an organisation (1990 – 2020).</p> <p>They cover Central Borders, Roxburgh, Tweeddale and Berwickshire.</p> <p>Interest Link works closely with local schools &amp; Borders College to reach potential members and recruit volunteers.</p> <p>They also work with the SBC/NHS Learning Disabilities Team, third sector providers such as Brothers of Charity, Ark Housing &amp; Streets Ahead to reach members and liaise on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Other organisations involved include Borders Additional Needs Group, Youth Borders, Volunteer Centre Borders, the Co-op, Tweedbank allotments, Borders Care Voice, Learning Disabilities Providers Group and the Youth and Families Specialist Network.</p> <p>Representatives from some of the above form a Central Borders committee that assist and advise staff.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The group have secured repeat funding for 2021-22, from previous funders and new applications are also pending. St. James Place Foundation are not making grants and some others (e.g. Baily Thomas Charitable Fund) are taking longer to process applications. It's likely that some funders will have less income/more applications and make smaller grants (e.g. Better Breaks, National Lottery Community Fund).</p> <p>Interest Link will continue to source funds from as wide a range of sources as possible, both within Scottish Borders and externally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local fundraising events and donations</li> <li>• Local trusts &amp; Funds (e.g. Hayward Sanderson, Selkirk Common Good Fund)</li> <li>• Scottish Borders Council service contract (funds 7% of core budget)</li> <li>• National Trusts such as Gannochy, Garfield Weston &amp; Robertson Trust</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations (e.g. Bank of Scotland Foundation)</li> <li>• National Lottery Community Fund</li> <li>• Children in Need</li> <li>• Scottish Government programmes (e.g. Better Breaks)</li> </ul> <p>The organisation aim is to secure regular moderate size grants from a large number of funders rather than rely too heavily on large grants from a few sources. This approach has sustained them for 20 years.</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>Members will develop their friendships with volunteers &amp; each other and be able to pursue their interests, participate in community activities, make choices, and develop independence. This will reduce their social isolation and greatly improve happiness/wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem.</p> <p><b>The measure of success for the Members will be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More friends</li> <li>• Improved happiness/mental wellbeing,</li> <li>• Greater confidence</li> <li>• Increased self-esteem</li> <li>• Better social &amp; communication skills</li> </ul> <p><b>The measure of success for Carer will be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved wellbeing,</li> <li>• More opportunities to enjoy a life outside of their caring role</li> <li>• Greater sustainability of that role</li> </ul> <p>The Organisation will measure these outcomes using existing tools, developed with ESS and including:</p> <p>Annual questionnaires for members, carers and volunteers about whether the organisation has made an impact on them and the person they care for/support.</p> <p>More examples can be seen at <a href="https://www.interestlink.org.uk/evaluation.htm">https://www.interestlink.org.uk/evaluation.htm</a></p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>n/a</p>

Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	n/a
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### **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 activities provided to members*

*Number of members supported to access provision*

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## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF2021- EIL - 17

Organisation Name: Eildon West Youth Hub (TD1 Youth hub)

Funding Requested: £11,803

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Registered charity		
Annual Accounts Balance	£386,929		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much? Recent bank statement £19,3319.56</p> <p>The organisation strives to maintain 3-4 months' worth of running costs in reserves. This is particularly important due to owning their own building which requires maintenance.</p> <p>£220,000 of the £386,929 is the value of the building which TD1 own and isn't cash in bank.</p> <p>The charity also holds reserves in the unlikely event of a requirement to wind up.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Community Fund	2019	5,280	Digital learning suite
<p>Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>TD1 Youth hub wish to run a weekly physical activity and well-being programme. This new programme will be called the TD1 Pathfinder programme.</p> <p>The project will aim to promote and support positive mental health and inclusion within the community through access to facilities and by encouraging young people to develop new skills that push personal boundaries.</p>

	<p>The aim to support up to 26 vulnerable, excluded and socially isolated young. The group will meet twice weekly to participate in activities and sports, supported by a qualified youth worker with experience in physical activity planning.</p> <p>The TD1 pathfinder programme will run two sessions a week a week (or one full day session) which would have a food/health focus on one of the sessions. The other session would be around physical activity. With a focus on cycling although other sports will be included such as; football, walking and golfing.</p> <p>The funding will look to cover;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing costs for 52 weeks</li> <li>• 3 x bikes</li> <li>• Facility bookings – hall hire.</li> </ul>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	April 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	18,670	
Community Fund Request (£)	11,803	
10% organisation contribution	1,867	
Any Other Contribution?	5,000	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Tiny Changes Fund	5,000	Secured
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create safe areas for young people within local communities and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable</li> </ul>	

## ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?

The need for this project has come from feedback from young people who have been involved with TD1 throughout lockdown.

Throughout Covid TD1 engaged with over 175 young people from this there has been 20 young people who have indicated that they would be interested in being involved in this specific project.

Access to the programme would be via a mixture of targeted referrals aswell as allowing for universal access to the group.

Since April 2020 the young people that have engaged with TD1 have felt isolated, excluded and removed from activities and new challenges. The young people have felt excluded from their communities.

This project will provide weekly activities for this group of young people. The delivery of the project will be carried out in partnership with young people and co-produced as much as possible.

TD1 aim to employ a programme worker that will be contracted to work 12.5 hours per week. This will allow young people continuity and allow for relationship building to take place.

What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?

The young people will receive access to high quality, energized activity with the aim of improving their mental health and well-being.

The young people will have access to and be involved in physical and outdoors activities which will be free to access. This will also include monthly taster sport/activities sessions, planned by the young people that will require no previous knowledge or skills. TD1 through these taster sessions will look to connect young people into what's existing in their community and also challenge their view and participation within it.

The programme will also include food activities which will support the young people's knowledge around healthy eating. Page 27

	<p>School holidays would also be utilised to run full day activities, for example a cycle ride and picnic, or a walk and picnic. This time will be utilized to talk, especially for young men, in a space that doesn't feel as formal.</p> <p>The TD1 Pathfinder programme will specifically look to achieve the following outcomes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduction in feelings of isolation and exclusion</li> <li>- Increase in physical and mental activities</li> <li>- Feelings of inclusion within own community increased</li> <li>- Increased confidence in trying and participating in new activities.</li> <li>- Accredited participation by planning and participating in monthly activities, through Dynamic Youth Awards.</li> </ul>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Key partners involved in identifying, supporting and developing positive pathways will include schools, social work, Live Borders, local sports and activity groups throughout the Eildon West Locality.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>There is key match funding in place from Tiny Changes Fund which will enable the project to go ahead.</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>TD1 Youth Hub have a bespoke developed monitoring and evaluation process digitally, this supports the gathering and analyses of key data with regards attendance, participation, attainments and achievements within youth work and informal education programmes.</p> <p>If it is felt that the project should be considered for mainstreaming into the TD1 service, this will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration, if approved, it will be built into their funding strategy.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>yes</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:*

*Number of activity sessions that have been delivered*

*Number of young people involved in the programme*

*Number of young people achieving accreditation*

*Number of young people accessing local sport club or opportunities in their community*

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## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF2021-EIL-14

Organisation Name: Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland (WPCS)

Funding Requested: £4266.00

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Constituted Group		
Annual Accounts Balance	£120,765.00		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
<p>WPCS unrestricted funds are its reserves which, in keeping with good charity practice, are maintained at a level set by the trustees. The desired level is six months of expenditure (on present levels of expenditure, this equates to around £175k). The figure of £118,765 is well below that level, and therefore there are no spare unrestricted funds available at least until reserves have grown to the desired level.</p>			
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?
	2018/19	£2,500.00	Establishment of Workplace Chaplaincy with SBC
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p><b>Wellbeing Community Resilience Project</b></p> <p>The group are looking to recruit five people to support the sessional project leader to deliver the WCR project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set and delivery of the project and necessary support and training of the team.</li> <li>• Training for partners and communities (well-being resilience workshops).</li> <li>• Seasonal work hours.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redundancy Support training over the next 12 - 15 months.</li> </ul> <p>The five new team members will work 81 hours over the 12 months.</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	June 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	£4740.00	
Community Fund Request (£)	£4266.00	
10% organisation contribution	£474.00	
Any Other Contribution?	N/A	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
n/a		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p><i>'67% of employers cited their employee's mental health and wellbeing as the main organisational challenge they currently face,' (CIPD, Summer 2020).</i></p> <p>WPCS currently have six active volunteer chaplains across the Scottish Borders, four operate in the Eildon area. Workplace support currently includes Scottish Borders Council, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Royal Mail and the farming community. The workforces served by Chaplains amount to a combined workforce of around 4,550, from this more than 100 workers are being supported.</p> <p>A number of local businesses have made staff redundant (Ovo and Lochcarron, and Sykes, Galashiels). The Group will look to provide support to those affected by redundancy and look to be involved in the PACE project.</p>

	<p>Over the last 12 months the need for wellbeing support has increased. The chaplaincy have provided support for bereavement both in the work place and to individual workers.</p>
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<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>Multi-Agency Wellbeing Support – WPCS will look to work with parents such as; SBC Adult Mental Health and other wellbeing partners. Chaplains will provide wellbeing support to specific working groups where trauma, bereavement, resilience and suicide awareness are required.</p> <p>Redundancy Support Training – over the next 12 to 15 months the group will work in association with Skills Development Scotland (Galashiels and Hawick offices) and PACE to offer wellbeing support to those being made redundant.</p> <p>The group will look to offer Training modules including; Redundancy - what now? Building Resilience; Trauma Support; Depression and Bereavement.</p> <p>The aim is to have at least 12 wellbeing/resilience training sessions for workers/workplaces throughout the 12 months of the Project (June 2021 to June 2022). These will take place over six days (two per day), and held every two months - or more flexibly according to the individual needs/timings of organisation's or groups. Advertisement of these sessions will be via Company/Business Intranet Webpages, Social media platforms and local Radio.</p> <p>The group also aim to offer Workplace Training. These businesses will benefit from training which will include; health and wellbeing weeks and events, workplace CPD training and community resilience. The wellbeing training sessions will run throughout the year.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The Project Team will work with Voluntary/Resilient Communities and Community Council groups in initiatives that benefit the wider community including wellbeing support. The current Project Manager is in discussion with the Volunteer Centre Borders. The group would like to support community projects offering wellbeing support in Café ReCharge (Galashiels), Rowlands (Selkirk) and foodbanks. The development of these and other community initiatives will be assessed and implemented locally.</p> <p>The application is primarily focused on the Eildon Locality, where the majority of their Borders community and chaplaincy work is based. However, support will also be provided in Teviot &amp; Liddesdale.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure</p>	<p>'Plan A' - the Group will seek to increase community partnerships and apply to other funding sources. As well as community funds through SBC channels, other resources</p>

other sources of funding for the project/activity?	will be sought from grants, trusts, businesses, voluntary and faith communities and wind farms. 'Plan B' will be to sustain a few key aspects of the project, shared with partners, if fewer additional resources became available.
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<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 group aim to measure the impact of this project by using quantitative and qualitative data</p> <p>The group aim to see an increase in overall mutual support and collaboration through community resilience, group training and support for workplaces and communities.</p> <p>The group will undertake evaluation paperwork after each training session that is run.</p> <p>The group also aim to create case studies of some of the activities that they have been involved in.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>One quotation</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:*

*Number of training sessions delivered*

*Number of individuals that the Project team have engaged with*

*Feedback from participants on the training courses*

*Number of community groups the Project Team have engaged with*

## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Eildon*

*Ref. No.: CF2021-EIL-19*

*Organisation Name: Newtown & Eildon Community Council*

*Funding Requested: £3,068.97*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Community Council		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£4,179.12		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Community Fund grant (Dog Friendly Newtown) - £1,507.00 Community Council funds - £1,125.00 Christmas lights funds - £1,097.12 Path maintenance grant - £450.00			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
<b>SBC Funds received</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>What used for?</b>
Community Fund	2020/21	£1,507	Dog friendly Newtown
Community Fund	2018/19	£588	Laptop
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
<b>Project brief</b>	<p>NECC would like funding to cover the cost of 6 gazebos. The gazebos will mainly be used to host various stalls at the Newtown St Boswells craft fair, which is held after a parade to celebrate the switching on of the village lights and Christmas tree.</p> <p>The gazebos would also be used for community fundraising events all year around.</p> <p>At the moment, no events are currently taking place because of COVID-19 restrictions but the gazebos are still required for some community help projects that NECC would like to implement.</p>

	The gazebos would be stored in the resilience shed along with the large Christmas lights.	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	ASAP	
Total Expenditure (£)	£3,409.96	
Community Fund Request (£)	£3,068.97	
10% organisation contribution	£340.99	
Any Other Contribution?	N/A	
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	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>it has been requested by members of the community that it would be useful to have a selection of outdoor stalls during and after the Christmas lights turn on event.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights team had various events planned for 2020/2021 but COVID-19 restrictions meant that they were cancelled. These events were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car boot sales – gazebos would be used for the community council hub for stewards, entrance fees and stalls</li> <li>Newtown in Bloom flower sales (twice a year)</li> <li>Newtown Primary School PTA – two outdoor fairs</li> <li>Dog friendly Newtown events</li> </ul> <p>The group also have a large number of second hand clothing that they would like to distribute amongst the community. The gazebos would also allow a large stock of free clothing to be displayed outdoors and collected by members of the community who may find themselves in need.</p>

	The group have also been in discussion with the local sports team who would also be keen to use the gazebos for their events.
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>The Christmas parade is a popular event in Newtown St Boswells and will more than likely prove to be more popular than usual in Christmas 2021 should COVID-19 restrictions be significantly relaxed in 9 months. Being able to purchase 6 gazebos would allow NECC to create opportunities for sellers to showcase the range of quality products they have available for purchase and for the public to engage with members of their local community.</p> <p>The gazebos would be made available to other community groups within the village and surrounding area</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	Newtown & Eildon community members are very forthcoming in volunteering for fundraisers and events held in the village. NECC have a bank of 10 named individuals who are always ready to assist in whatever is necessary and always get more volunteers than required. These community members are ready to support the additional work necessary when building and dismantling gazebos.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	<p>No other funding has been secured.</p> <p>The group usually undertake regular fundraising throughout this year, they have been restricted in this as a result of Covid-19.</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>NECC would be able to provide photographs from the events, comments from social media feedback, and survey the uses for events, foodbank and email these back.</p> <p>The gazebos will be reused regularly the years following this initial project. Some of the projects planned in the future are fundraising events which should assist with any maintenance going forward as well as any funds raised from community groups wishing to hire them.</p> <p>The group would be willing to rent out the Gazebos to other groups or ask for a donation. This will help support any required maintenance of the Gazebos, if required.</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

## SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund.

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe 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 number of occasions on which the gazebos were used throughout the year
- The number of stallholders who used the gazebos at the Christmas event
- Anecdotal feedback from community members
- Photographs of events that made use of the gazebos