

Meeting

Date: Thursday, 17 December 2020
Time: 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Location: Via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

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| 1. | Welcome and Meeting Protocols |
| 2. | Feedback from Meeting on 3 December 2020 (Pages 3 - 6) Consider Minute of Meeting held on 3 December 2020. (Attached.) |
| 3. | Berwickshire Community Fund 2020/21 (Pages 7 - 56) Consider 6 applications for funding: a) Reston & Auchencrow Community Council – Play park improvements (£10,000) b) Cockburnspath Community Enterprise – Community Shop (£15,000) c) Duns PlayFest – Community Festival (£4,000) d) Abundant Borders – Community garden, Todlaw, Duns (£8,000) e) Coldstream Gateway Association – Floral display (£1,800) f) Ayton Heritage – Preservation of ruins of St Dionysius (£2,538) (Assessments (a) to (f) attached along with (g) Berwickshire Locality Action Plan and (h) Berwickshire applications matrix.) <i>Note: The applications are to be considered by the Area Partnership, with agreement on funding preferably reached by consensus i.e. widespread agreement. Should consensus not be possible, the SBC Elected Members will make the final decision, with the Chairman having a casting vote if necessary.</i> |
| 4. | Any Other Business |

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MINUTE of Meeting of the BERWICKSHIRE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held via Microsoft
Team on Thursday, 3 December 2020 at 6.30
p.m.

Present:- Councillors J. Fullarton (Chairman), J. Greenwell, C. Hamilton, D. Moffat and
M. Rowley together with 13 representatives from Partners, Community
Organisations and Community Councils.

Apologies:- Councillor H. Laing; Mr J Anderson (Eyemouth Community Council).

In Attendance:- Service Director Customer & Communities, Communities and Partnerships
Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (G. Jardine), Clerk to the
Council.

1. **WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership held via Microsoft Teams and outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the Live Stream could take part.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020**

The Minute of the meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership held on 6 February 2020 had been circulated and this was noted. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute, on Transport update, a question was asked about whether the meetings had taken place with Hutton/Paxton communities regarding the Berwick/Hutton/Paxton bus service and with Reston Community Council regarding transport links for the re-opening of Reston Station. The Clerk to the Council advised that the Council's Passenger Transport Manager had now left the Council but she would check with his successor on the status of the meetings.

3. **OTHER INFORMATION AND NEWS**

3.1 **Outstanding Community Fund Applications for 2019/20**

The Chairman advised that the Outstanding Community Fund Applications for 2019/20 were dealt with in a report that went to Council on 27 August and this report also contained the evaluations of Localities Bid Fund 1 & 2 and Participatory Budgeting. For Berwickshire, 12 projects had been approved so far, totalling £46,132.53.

3.2 **Berwickshire Community Fund 2021/20**

It was noted that the Community Fund for 2020/21 was now open and guidance and the application form was available on the Council website. At the moment, around £25,000 was available in the Fund, with an item later on the agenda bringing forward some applications. It had to be noted that the Fund was currently over-subscribed.

3.3 **Community Councils**

It was noted that the grants to Community Councils were being paid as normal for 2020/21.

3.4 **Festival Grant Scheme**

It was noted that commitments were being met for public liability and insurance for 2020 and the Scheme was now closed for claims.

3.5 **Federation of Village Halls**

It was noted that grants were being paid out as normal for 2020/21.

3.6 **VE Celebration Fund**

It was noted that while the Fund was now closed, expenses were being met for any commitments made by organisers of planned events.

3.7 **Berwickshire Locality Plan and Action Plan**

It was noted that the Berwickshire Locality Plan and related Action Plan were now published on the Council website. These plans outlined the priorities for the Berwickshire area and could be the focus of a future Area Partnership meeting.

3.8 **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015**

It was noted that there were currently no formal Asset Transfer Requests for the Berwickshire area. There were five ongoing Participation Requests relating to the involvement of Eyemouth Community Council and Eyemouth Community Trust.

4. **FIT FOR 2024: REVIEW OF AREA PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY FUND**

4.1 There had been circulated summaries of the Council reports. Jenni Craig, Service Director Customer & Communities, gave a presentation on the review and outlined the actions and next steps. A series of questions of the future of the Area Partnership and how the Community Fund might work were shared to aid the discussion. The Chairman commented on the small number present at the meeting but asked if they would share their views.

4.2 The following points were made:-

- Workshop in October 2019 by SCDC was very good, with a lot of discussion, so it may be difficult to have an open meeting to get to the bottom of what were some quite complicated issues around the future working of the Area Partnership
- Not sure about the difference between having the Area Partnership as a Council committee or not, as much depended on the purpose of the Partnership
- It would be helpful to have a Sub-Group set up to look in more detail at the questions and tease out the differences between the previous forms of committee in Berwickshire
- There needed to be opportunities given to shape the agendas
- Was the Area Partnership the owner of the Locality Plan?
- Whatever format the future Area Partnership took, it had to be the owner of the Locality Plan. This would be really important going forward with regard to "Place" planning, South of Scotland Enterprise, etc.
- Meetings should be more representative of communities both in terms of membership and attendance, and should not just comprise SBC members and Community Councillors but other community group representation
- The purpose of the current Area Partnership was not clear and seemed to be dominated by the Council telling everyone in the community what was happening
- People of Berwickshire were not enthused by the current Area Partnership and buy in from the public was needed
- There was quite a mix in Berwickshire between larger towns and rural villages
- One size should not fit all across the Borders in terms of the future of Area Partnerships in the 5 localities
- As many people as possible needed to be involved
- Covid response in communities had brought people and communities together
- It would not be possible to have representatives from every community group but key members needed to be identified
- This was a partnership and so should have equal representation from the Council, Community Councils and the Third Sector, with the Council facilitating meetings
- The community had to be involved in the Partnership on an equal basis
- Community planning was important at a local level and someone had to monitor that

- The Area Partnership was too big to have a proper discussion and a Sub-Group should be formed to look at the way forward, with potentially themed Sub-Groups formed in the future to consider specific issues and report back to the main Partnership as there were too many issues to be covered in a single meeting. This would allow the real voices to be heard.
- Frustration of previous meetings has been trying to cover too much in the meeting
- People would be willing to join and attend meetings in future if there was clarity of purpose and they could see outcomes which could make a difference within communities
- Research should be undertaken to establish what worked elsewhere for comparative purposes
- The future of the Community Fund should also be included in the remit of the Sub-Group

AGREED:

- (a) that a Sub-Group would be set up of the Area Partnership, comprising 2 Councillors along with representatives from Community Councils and Community Groups to examine options for the future working of the Area Partnership and the Community Fund;**
- (b) to note that James Anderson (Eyemouth Community Council), Juliana Amaral (BAVS), and Jennie Sutton (Cockburnspath) had volunteered to be members of the Sub-Group;**
- (c) that officers would request expressions of interest from other Groups to be represented on the Sub-Group; and**
- (d) the Sub-Group would report its findings back to the Area Partnership.**

5. BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY FUND 2020/21

5.1 The Chairman reminded the members that the Fund was currently over-subscribed and there were six applications, totalling just over £41,000 for consideration at the meeting. The Chairman further advised that there were a further seven applications pending which were still to be assessed, and they added up to just under £81,000. As there may be other organisations who would also wish to submit applications, the meeting would need to consider how best to deal with the current applications and the others. Representatives from each of the applications were available to answer any questions about their projects. Gillian Jardine, SBC Locality Development Co-ordinator, gave details of the criteria used for the assessment of applications, those assessments having been circulated with the agenda for the meeting, and then presented each assessment. Ms Jardine further advised that there was £25,848.65 available in the Fund. The six applications were:

- a) Reston & Auchencrow Community Council – Play park improvements (£10,000)
- b) Cockburnspath Community Enterprise – Community Shop (£15,000)
- c) Duns PlayFest – Community Festival (£4,000)
- d) Abundant Borders – Community garden, Todlaw, Duns (£8,000)
- e) Coldstream Gateway Association – Floral display (£1,800)
- f) Ayton Heritage – Preservation of ruins of St Dionysius (£2,538)

5.2 The Chairman commented that all the applications seemed to be first class projects and thanked the communities for coming up with them, and also the officers for their work in assessing the projects against the Fund criteria. The applications were to be considered by the Area Partnership, with agreement on funding preferably reached by consensus (i.e. widespread agreement). Where consensus was not possible, then SBC Elected Members would make the final decision, with the Chairman of the Area Partnership having a casting vote if required, should there be an even split amongst the SBC Elected Members. Owing to the Fund being over-subscribed and not all applications being

assessed and therefore before the meeting, there followed considerable discussion on how to deal with matters. The following points were put forward:

- Projects should be considered on their own merits, with no % reduction to the amount to be granted applied across the board
- There were quite significant differences between the 6 projects, making it difficult to make a decision
- Match funding should be used as a criteria for assessment
- Match funding should not be used as a criteria for assessment
- Should impact and value to the community be taken into account
- Should decisions be deferred until all applications had been assessed
- Should the Fund have a closing date set and was a “fast track” application given priority
- Consideration should be given to those projects which were time limited due to the nature of the project, or had time limitations on match funding
- Should the Community Fund be released in tranches throughout the year with closing dates, and an assessment spreadsheet connected to the Fund criteria to allow a view to be formed
- It was difficult to compare such a disparate set of projects
- Scoring criteria and weighting should form part of future assessment
- All projects had merits but there was not enough funding for all of them
- The quality of each bid needed to be assessed
- The sustainability of each project could also be considered

5.3 Those attending the meeting considered various options to consider the applications but could not come to a consensus. The SBC Elected Members discussed whether to defer a decision until further information could be brought forward.

AGREED

- (a) **that a special meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership would be held on Thursday 17 December to consider the 6 assessed applications to the Community Fund; and**
- (b) **Officers would present to that meeting a matrix which would include details of those projects which were time limited, in regard to the nature of the project, and/or whether there were other funding consequences for those projects with match funding.**

6. NEXT MEETING - 4 MARCH 2021

It was noted that after the special meeting of the Area Partnership on 17 December 2020, the next meeting was scheduled for 4 March 2021.

7. ANY OTHER FORMAL BUSINESS

No items were raised.

8. OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF2021-BER-1

Organisation Name: Reston & Auchencrow Community Council

Funding Requested: £10,000

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Community Council | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £167.45 (March 2020) | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Funds received to date for the play park are ring-fenced. | | | |
| 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? |
| Quality of Life | 2018/19 | £2,000 | Noticeboard |
| Community Council Grant | 2019/20 | £630 | |
| Community Council Grant | 2018/19 | £630 | |
| Community Council Grant | 2017/18 | £630 | |
| Have they applied for Common Good Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

| ABOUT THE PROJECT | |
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| Project Brief | Reston & Auchencrow CC would like to make significant improvements to the existing play park in the village of Reston. The improvements will allow better access to the play equipment for children or all ages and abilities. Reston & Auchencrow CC are seeking funding to purchase play park equipment. |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | 2021 Page 7 |

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| Total Expenditure (£) | £72,647 | |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £10,000 | |
| 10% organisation contribution | £1,000 | |
| Any Other Contribution? | | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
| | £10,500 | Reston & Auchencrow CC - agreed |
| | £10,000 | Foundation Scotland - agreed |
| | £8,000 | Donation, through Foundation Scotland - agreed |
| | £25,000 | Viridor - Stage 2 pending Jan 2021 |
| | £10,000 | Lottery - agreed |
| | £10,000 | Robertson Trust – unsuccessful |
| 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 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 | |
| Berwickshire Action Plan priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in and create community facilities and spaces. • Support local community capacity building, in particular local volunteers (utilising their skills and expertise) • Encourage leisure/cultural facilities to be as accessible as possible (convenient, affordable, time of day) • Work with local communities on regenerating and reimagining their local places (town centres, village halls, play areas etc.) | |

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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | <p>In 2019 Reston Parent Council carried out a consultation within the Primary School to find out what the children would like to change/improve in the area of Reston to help improve their well-being. The children feedback that the play park was 'old and boring', looked in poor condition and did not have the equipment they wanted to use. They wanted this to be an area of the village that was improved. Working alongside Reston Parent Council, Reston & Auchencrow CC organised an open evening in the village hall to discuss what improvements people would like to see in the village. This also resulted in concerns being raised about the poor state of the play park and the fact that it is not fully accessible to all. Requests were made for the play park to be improved.</p> <p>Reston & Auchencrow organised a further open evening which play equipment suppliers attended providing residents with the opportunity to engage in discussions about how the play park</p> |
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| | <p>could be improved. Over 60 people voted for their favourite play park design that evening and further votes were secured during a period of 1 week when the play park designs were displayed in the village shop.</p> <p>Reston has a population of</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>Reston community council wish to support Scotland's strategy for play, <i>Scottish Government, (2013)</i> by helping to make Scotland the best place to grow up through valuing the benefits of play and by supporting play areas designed in partnership with children and young people.</p> <p>The hope is that the play park project will encourage community engagement, improve the mental health of children and adults, promote resilience and encourage physical activity, cognitive development and social development. With an updated, fully accessible play park, Reston & Auchencrow expect to see an increase in the number of families and children who access the park frequently. It will provide a community space for local groups and services to use for example the nursery and Reston Primary School and local residents will feel an increase in pride in their area for what has been achieved.</p> <p>A new play park will also encourage people from other areas to visit opening up the opportunity for them to explore the surrounding countryside walk ways and community garden.</p> <p>A car park is adjacent to the play park and has a suitable surface for wheelchairs and mobility vehicles. The park can be reached easily by children within the village either by walking or cycling and pavements have designated crossing areas.</p> |
| <p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p> | <p>The public will chose the equipment to be installed in the park in consultation with play park equipment suppliers.</p> <p>Reston & Auchencrow CC has worked with SBC throughout this process. SBC supports the CC's ambition to improve the play park and a formal agreement is in place. Due to budget constraints, SBC are not able to fund any renovation works at the play park currently or in the foreseeable future.</p> |
| <p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p> | <p>Reston & Auchencrow CC have secured £38,500 in funding and have applications pending with others funders. If funding is secured funding from Viridor and the Community Fund, this would provide them with the monies required to complete the project. Reston & Auchencrow held two events prior to Covid-19 where £227 was raised. They plan to continue with public fundraising events once Covid-19 restrictions are eased.</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 new play park will have a 10 year maintenance package agreed with the play equipment supplier, including replacement parts. The park will be regularly inspected by SBC as it is currently and assisted by Reston & Auchencrow CC members. Anyone using the park will be encouraged to report any issues and defects to local council members.</p> |
| <p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

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| Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted? | Yes |
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SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Number of people involved in helping design and develop the new play park
- Range of equipment provided and the benefits of this equipment
- Improvement in venue accessibility
- Usage of the play park
- What partners were involved and did it lead to new opportunities
- Improved integration in the community

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF2021-BER-4

Organisation Name: Cockburnspath Community Enterprise

Funding Requested: £15,000

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Community Benefit Society | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £9,535.37 (September bank statement) (Penmanshiel monies as mentioned below) | | |
| <p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?</p> <p>Cockburnspath Community Enterprise is a new company and has submitted income and expenditure estimates for the first 12 months of operation.</p> <p>£10,000 is ring-fenced to allow the temporary site of the shop to be put back to original / made good when permanent site obtained.</p> | | | |
| <p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> | | | |
| SBC Funds received | Financial Year | Amount (£) | What used for? |
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| <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 | |
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| Project brief | <p>The Cockburnspath community shop project arose following the death of the Village Store's owner. A number of community engagement meetings highlighted both the desire and need for a shop in the village; the previous shop was within the envelop of a private dwelling and is not available to serve as a shop going forward. A volunteer community focused team was established to take the project forward through a Community Benefit Society.</p> <p>The main aims of the Cockburnspath Community Enterprise Limited is to:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase local access to shopping facilities within walking distance of the rural community • Build and maintain social cohesion, and reduce loneliness and isolation • Enable ongoing community resilience • Facilitate reduction in carbon footprint and make the community more environmentally friendly (less travel for shopping, less plastic, more locally produced goods). <p>Planning permission has been granted to site a modular building in the Village Hall car park for three years. Funding to purchase and erect the building has been secured.</p> <p>Long-term, Cockburnspath Community Enterprise Limited has a vision for the Community Shop to not only provide provisions to the village and neighbouring areas, but also to become a hub. A hub with a post office and café facility. In addition, this Community Enterprise is to offer opportunity for the Community Shop to be a 'shop window' for locally sourced artisan products/food items and crafts and artists. This will assist in increasing the profile of local business partners, draw a wider customer bases, have themed days, exhibitions and provide a start and end point for walkers and tourists of the Southern Upland Way.</p> <p>The shop will serve Cockburnspath and the surrounding communities, a population of approximately 1,100. The Grantshouse community will also benefit as they are also without a village shop.</p> <p>A significant amount of funding is already in place and a grant from Berwickshire Community Fund will contribute to the Manager's salary (year one) and the purchase of key grocery stock.</p> | |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | 01/01/2021 | |
| Total Expenditure (£) | £141,548 | |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £15,000 | |
| 10% organisation contribution | £9,500 | |
| Any Other Contribution? | Community share offer | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
| Aikengall Windfarm | £70,000 | Secured |
| Drone Hill Community Fund | £10,000 | Secured |
| Awards for All | £9,944 | Secured |

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| Aikengall Windfarm (Be Green) | £2,500 | Secured |
| Kinegar Windfarm | £5,000 | Secured |
| Penmanshiel | £9,950 | Secured (as mentioned above - seedfunding) |
| Community Shares Scotland | £1,492 | Secured |
| 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 | |
| Berwickshire Action Plan priorities | <p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in and create community facilities and spaces • Support local community capacity building, in particular local volunteers (utilising their skills and expertise) • Focus on rural isolation and social inclusion and the impacts on mental health on people living across the locality • Work with local communities on regenerating and reimagining their local places (town centres, village halls, play areas etc.) | |

ASSESSMENT

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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | <p>Community engagement meetings to discuss the idea of a community run shop have been attended by over 200 people.</p> <p>The emerging Cockburnspath Community Action Plan identifies the need of a Community Shop as a result of there being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant population of people, including senior citizens, within the village who have no access to cars or the internet. • Increase levels of social isolation due to rurality, Covid-19 and the vulnerable population. • Clear evidence that a village without a shop will see houses potentially losing their value on the housing market. • A more challenging housing market as people may not want to move into the area that does not have a shop. • An increased risk that Cockburnspath Primary School not being viable in the near future without additional families moving into the area or retaining the existing pupil numbers. • A larger ratio of carbon emissions and the impact on climate as residents will have to travel further for provisions. • A local shop on their doorstep, rather than make an unnecessary 16-mile return trip. • Poor public transport infrastructure. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher levels of wellness due to residents being more likely to walk, cycle or park in The Square as the shop is within easy reach for both Cockburnspath and Cove. • Sustainability of existing local artisan businesses that now have a ‘shop window’. • Local employment following furlough, redundancy, decline of the hospitality and tourism sectors following Covid-19. • Increased wellness, confidence and sense of purpose as local residents can retrain and gain a skill set in the retail industry. • Retention of tenants / residents in affordable houses which creates a thriving community with employment and business opportunities. • An everyday social meeting point to those within the village who live on their own. • Increase resilience and community spirit. |
| <p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p> | <p>The community owned and run shop in Cockburnspath will help to reduce loneliness and social isolation by creating a natural hub in the village. There will be a positive impact on CO₂ emissions by removing the need for people to make the 16 mile return trip to Dunbar for groceries.</p> <p>Local artisan businesses will have an outlet for their products.</p> <p>The professional development of the volunteers will equip them with skills in; customer service, Covid regulations, environmental health, manual handling, stock control, financial management and community participation. Thereby, increase their confidence, purpose and contribution to the community. It is planned that the shop will initially be open 8am – 6pm Monday – Saturday (with early closing one day to be decided) and 10am – 2pm on a Sunday. Staffing will be provided by two part time managers (full time equivalent) and several volunteers from the local community. The number of paid staff will be increased when/if budgets allow, potentially looking at an apprenticeship.</p> |
| <p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p> | <p>Over 200 people were engaged with through a number of engagement events to understand the local appetite for a community shop.</p> <p>In September 2020 an information session was held at the village hall car park. 130 people from the local community completed a survey. Of these 90% said they wanted a community shop within walking distance of the village centre, 78% supported the proposal for a village shop and 83% said that they would shop ‘the same’ or ‘more’ at the proposed shop than they did the previous shop.</p> |
| <p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure</p> | <p>Funding for the various aspects of the project has been secured from a number of funders.</p> |

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| <p>other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p> | <p>Cockburnspath Community Enterprise Limited will be launching a Share Offer for all residents, partners and interested parties to purchase shares of £10. Those who purchase the shares will be the membership which will be predominantly from the Parish of Dunglass, TD13 postcode. 78% of respondents to the September survey said that they would buy shares in the shop.</p> <p>As a CBS, the share capital (target of £25,000) is the organisation’s unrestricted contribution from the membership which will be injected into the project to support and maintain it. The share offer was be launched in November, and these funds will come in over time – necessitating the funding request to Community Fund to enable the shop to start operating and generating an income.</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 Management Committee have calculated a turnover at 66% of the previous village shop’s turn over. This is to take into account for the diversity of shopping habits following the closure of the village shop, Covid-19 regulations and Lockdown. It is expected that the shop will become sustainable following the first year of trading.</p> <p>Success will be measured through a number of qualitative and quantitative indicators including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit making on goods • Achieving the share offer target of 25k • Feedback on social media • Increased local traders using the Community Shop as their ‘shop window’ to promote and sell goods • Recruitment and retention of volunteers • Volunteers securing employment (where appropriate) <p>It may be possible extend current permissions and keep the shop in the Village Hall carpark, if this is not possible the building can easily be dismantled and erected on a new site.</p> |
| <p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p> | <p>n/a</p> |
| <p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application does not currently meet the criteria of the Community Fund as evidence of permission to use the land has not been seen. It is expected that this will be provided prior to the Area Partnership meeting on 3 December.

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:

- Profit level/achievement of sustainability after first year of trading
- Number of volunteers number of volunteer hours worked and during the year
- Feedback from customers (local community and tourists), wider community and local artisan businesses
- Estimated timescales for expanding the services available
- Steps being taken to identify longer term site for the shop.

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF2021-BER-3

Organisation Name: Duns Playfest

Funding Requested: £4,000

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Constituted | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £22,713.55 | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £16,700 was received in grant funding for the 2020 PlayFest festival but permission has been given for it to be carried forward to 2021. | | | |
| 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? |
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| Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

| ABOUT THE PROJECT | |
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| Project brief | <p>A grant from Berwickshire Community Fund will enable DunsPlayFest to secure companies and individuals from outwith the Borders to perform as well. It will also be used to ensure that performances made available online are presented to a professional standard.</p> <p>DunsPlayFest (1st-8th May 2021) will be a week-long community festival celebrating new dramatic writing. The idea for the festival grew organically from a realisation that Duns Players (which focuses on classics and new writing) had three new plays that they wanted to stage and a week booked at the Volunteer Hall in which to stage them. Other events, like community workshops, began to be included and the week-long festival was born.</p> |

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| | <p>Staged for the first time in 2019 the 2021 festival aims to repeat that success but to be bigger and better.</p> <p>DunsPlayFest is based around twice-daily performances of brand-new drama but also incorporates workshops, readings and community events focused on school-children, old people and people with special needs.</p> <p>There will be over 30 events in all, including comedy, live music, community events, workshops, and activities to inspire and delight all ages. Audience numbers will only be capped by the size of the main venue, the Volunteer Hall Duns, which the largest hall in Berwickshire with space for social distancing. Plans are being put in place to run the festival on-line if there is a total lockdown situation in place. If social distancing is required shows with small casts will be able to go ahead with well-spaced audiences and make use of outdoor venues throughout the town.</p> | |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | 01/05/2021 | |
| Total Expenditure (£) | £32,986 | |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £4,000 | |
| 10% organisation contribution | £400 + £1,200 from savings | |
| Any Other Contribution? | £25,740 | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
| Awards for All | £7,500 | Agreed |
| Blackhill Community Wind Farm | £4,800 | Agreed |
| Lammermuir Community Fund | £2,500 | Agreed |
| Dr David Summers Charitable Trust | £1,900 | Agreed |
| Preston & Abbey Community Trust | £2,040 | Agreed |
| Simpson McCreath Trust | £1,000 | Agreed |
| Marchmont Makers Foundation | £1,000 | Agreed |
| A Heart for Duns | £5,000 | Agreed in kind contribution |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information | |

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty |
| Berwickshire Action Plan priorities | The project meets the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and make the most of existing tourism opportunities |

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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | <p>The 2019 Festival attracted more than 30 events and around 900 people from in and around the area participated. Local retailers and accommodation providers responded positively to the festival and the increased buzz it brought to the town which the hope that the festival would return bigger and better.</p> <p>Professional companies have heard about the Festival and are keen to be involved.</p> <p>The DunsPlayFest Facebook page has 216 followers.</p> |
| What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme? | <p>The local economy will be boosted by people coming to Duns throughout the week to take participate in the Festival from both sides of the stage curtain.</p> <p>Duns and the surrounding area will benefit because of the interest and excitement it will generate with performers and audiences coming from all over, constant media attention (they were featured regularly in the press during 2019 and featured on ITV's "Borderlife" programme). The sense that Duns is becoming an important destination in the exciting world of Scottish drama highlights that Duns, and wider Berwickshire, are vibrant tourist destination.</p> <p>Both schools in Duns are involved which will give children and young people an insight into live theatre. Their involvement will help their emotional development, their intelligence, their confidence, their professionalism, their team spirit, their spatial awareness, their understanding of the world and of each other</p> <p>There will be a prize for a promising student from Berwickshire High School to encourage them to progress and further develop their theatre skills. The recipient of the prize will be decided in consultation with teachers from Berwickshire High School.</p> <p>Bespoke seating will be available for older people and a sign board will be provided to help those with a visual impairment follow the performances. This equipment will remain in the Volunteer Hall and be available to all groups using the venue</p> |

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| | Alternative pricing structures are being considered in order to make the events available to all those that wish to attend. |
| What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity? | <p>The grant giving arms of local wind farms are run by local residents, many of whom are community councilors. They have shown their support through the award of grants.</p> <p>The group is in touch regularly with teachers at Berwickshire High School and Duns Primary School all of whom have shown their support.</p> <p>Duns Rotary Club and Duns Probus are supportive of the festival.</p> |
| What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity? | Funding for over 78% of the projected costs is already in place. With a grant from the Berwickshire Community Fund, and contribution from the group, the short fall is £1,646. It is anticipated that this will be met by ticket and food sales. |
| How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent? | <p>The views of the public are constantly sought through various social media platforms. Audience members will be invited to complete a questionnaire. Sales of tickets, food & drink and a balanced budget will be clear indicators of success as will the number of people returning to be part of DunsPlayFest 2022.</p> <p>It is expected that DunsPlayFest will always to be looking for the support of community funds to some extent although sponsorship by local retailers is being explored in order to reduce the reliance on grant funding.</p> |
| 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 performance tickets sold.
- Number of people participating in readings, workshops and community events.

- Steps taken to reduce reliance on grant funding.
- Evaluation of feedback from performers, audiences and other participants.

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Have they applied for Common Good Funding

Yes No

ABOUT THE PROJECT

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| Project Brief | <p>Abundant Borders are looking for funding so that they can create an outdoor, sheltered space within a community Garden at Todlaw, Duns.</p> <p>Funding will be used to erect a community classroom in the garden allowing it to be accessible to all.</p> <p>The group aim to purchase a 4m Octagonal Outdoor Building (including on site build), along with paving slabs. Other spend for this project will include landscaping costs.</p> | |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | Start construction in December with the estimated project completion in February/March 2021 | |
| Total Expenditure (£) | £11,700 | |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £8,000 | |
| 10% organisation contribution | £800 | |
| Any Other Contribution? | | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
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| 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for lifelong learning • Invest in and create community facilities and spaces | |

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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | <p>Prior to lockdown Abundant Borders held three consultation events and were part way through community training course. As a result of these discussions, the most important thing identified</p> |
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| | <p>by the community members was the provision and need for an outdoor, sheltered space.</p> <p>The importance of outdoor spaces, community gardens, parks, and allotments, has been magnified throughout Covid and the need for outdoor teaching space has increased.</p> <p>The design of the building being proposed for this project is open-sided, allowing for free air flow, which means that it can be used while indoor meeting restrictions are in place.</p> <p>Currently the community garden is accessed by gravel and grass paths. The garden is open access. From within the housing development, the garden can be accessed through a side gate.</p> <p>During Covid restrictions and to ensure social distancing and hygiene procedures are observed, the group are operating a system where volunteers book in advance to attend supported volunteering sessions. It is intended that, once restrictions are eased, the garden will be fully open so that anyone can gain access at any time.</p> <p>Conditions underfoot will worsen with more use and with winter weather, which makes it difficult for anyone with a walking impairment to negotiate and impossible for anyone in a wheelchair to access the garden.</p> |
| <p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p> | <p>The classroom will be used for training courses, workshops and for community events, such as apple-pressing at harvest time. It would also be available to other community groups who would be able to relocate some of their events previously held indoors, to this outdoor space, groups that have shown an interest in using this space include; A Heart for Duns and ParentSpace.</p> <p>The group have linked in with local primary schools and parents. The group have created a learning programme to help primary aged children learn about food and food growing, called Little Robins. The outdoor classroom will be important in allowing young people to learn in an outdoor space. Getting children to learn about where food comes from and how to eat healthily will be beneficial in educating the pupils on positive health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Having an outdoor, sheltered space, will allow Abundant Borders to continue to run workshops and events to tackle isolation and support the community.</p> <p>The project aim to use some of this funding to create permanent pathways from the garden entrance to the new classroom and to a seating area beyond the new building, which will have views</p> |

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| | <p>across the garden and become a peaceful spot for community members to sit and enjoy being outdoors.</p> |
| <p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p> | <p>Abundant Borders have worked in partnership with other organisations including local schools. A partnership has also been created with Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA) where the community garden is being developed within the housing development at Todlaw, Duns. BHA own the land and an agreement is in place for this area to be developed by Abundant Borders. A similar agreement is in place in Ayton, where a garden project is also situated on BHA land.</p> <p>Equipment and idea sharing currently takes place with other organisations and local groups including; A Heart for Duns and BAVS, this will ensure that the facility can be widely used</p> |
| <p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p> | <p>The group had applied to Dronehill Wind Farm for funding for the building and landscaping earlier this year. The Wind farm felt that the amount applied for (£8,000) was beyond what they were able to fund. They indicated that a smaller bid might be successful and the group may go back to this fund when the building is in place to support plants/landscaping costs.</p> <p>The group have current funding from National Lottery to support the development of the garden, which has allowed them to start work this year and, if funding is continued into 2021/22, will allow the group to buy plants and equipment for the next growing season and support volunteering costs. This fund does not allow purchase of large, capital items, like an outdoor classroom.</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>Abundant Borders has a Project Co-Ordinator on site, two days per week. This post is funded by National Lottery Community Fund through to Spring 2022. National Lottery and Robertson Trust also support the role of Chief Officer with responsibility for project delivery, until 2022. Both staff members will support the community garden beyond the delivery of this project.</p> <p>National Lottery Community Fund also supports plants and landscaping within the garden, which will cover ongoing maintenance of the classroom and pathways.</p> <p>There is also support from Berwickshire Housing Association.</p> |
| <p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p> | <p>yes Page 26</p> |

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| Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted? | yes |
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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 people who benefitted from the project including volunteers, visitors, participants
- Number of activities delivered
- Improvement in venue accessibility
- More opportunities to bring people together and address social isolation

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2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF2021-BER-7

Organisation Name: Coldstream Gateway Association (CGA)

Funding Requested: £1,800

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Charity | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £7061.70 | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? CGA would like to keep some funds in reserve as fundraising opportunities have been limited this year and are likely to be limited for some time yet. In 2019, CGA spent £7,726.48 on their floral display. | | | |
| 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 Fund | 2019/20 | £12,500 | Electric vehicle water bowser for watering floral displays |
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| *an additional application for £1,500 has been submitted by CGA to the 2020/21 Community Fund to fund printing costs of the Community Newsletter | | | |
| Have they applied for Common Good Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

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| Project Brief | CGA are requesting funding to purchase plants, compost and plant feed to create a floral display in Coldstream for Spring/Summer 2021 |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | 2021 |

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| Total Expenditure (£) | £2,000 | |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £1,800 | |
| 10% organisation contribution | £200 | |
| Any Other Contribution? | | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
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| 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 | |
| Berwickshire Action Plan priorities | | |

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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | CGA believes their floral displays enhance the appearance of the town for locals and visitors. CGA regularly receives compliments and positive feedback on the impact the bright floral display has on the various locations of the town. Approximately 20 volunteers assist with planting and 7 volunteers assist with seasonal maintenance of the displays with additional volunteers covering holidays, illness etc. Townspeople provide feedback on the displays to CGA via the Community News. |
| What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme? | For over 20 years the CGA (Coldstream in Bloom) has been responsible for the town's floral displays. CGA plant 140 hanging baskets and 12 three tier plants, three large wooden troughs, numerous tubs and half tubs plus two large River boats and three small ground areas. |
| What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity? | In previous years CGA have been able to fundraise and collect donations and sponsorship to help cover expenditure. Prior to the pandemic, CGA held three or four coffee mornings per year to fund raise for plants. |
| What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity? | £900 was secured from Fallago Environmental Fund in June. The funding will be used to purchase additional plants as well as repairing/replacing damaged wooden planters and hanging baskets. |

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| 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? | Fundraising activities will be resumed once restrictions are eased. |
| 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.

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

Additional Terms and Conditions:

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Feedback from locals and visitors
- Number of volunteers involved
- Photos of floral display
- Sustainability of the project

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2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF2021-BER-10

Organisation Name: Ayton Heritage

Funding Requested: £2,538

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| Organisation Structure | SCIO | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £1,078 | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? AH paid for a bat survey in September costing £703.60 so their current balance is £374.40 | | | |
| 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? |
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| Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

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| Project brief | <p>Ayton Heritage wish to preserve the ruins of the 12th Century St Dionysius in Ayton Kirkyard. It was the Parish Church until 1867 when the current Church was built. The old Church is of historical importance as it was the location for several treaties being signed between Scotland and England during the 14th and 15 Centuries.</p> <p>Ayton Heritage are seeking funding to cover the fees of a conversation architect to provide drawings, the project methodology and estimated costs of preserving the ruin.</p> |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | 2021 |
| Total Expenditure (£) | £2,820 |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £2,538 |

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| 10% organisation contribution | £282 | |
| Any Other Contribution? | | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
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| 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 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 | |
| Action Plan priorities | The project meets the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and make the most of existing tourism opportunities • Encourage leisure/cultural activities to be as accessible as possible | |

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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | <p>Ayton Local History Society organised a public meeting In June 2019 to determine if there was public support for addressing concerns about the state of the church ruin which included ivy covering the building. Over 30 residents attended and the establishment of Ayton Heritage followed. Their task is to take forward this project.</p> <p>Historic Environment Scotland agreed to an application to include this project in their Adopt a Monument Scheme run by Archaeology Scotland. Ayton Heritage volunteers have removed three tons of ivy in order to allow a conservation architect to assess the structure.</p> |
| What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme? | <p>Ayton Heritage are supported by an Officer from Archaeology Scotland. Volunteers have been involved in surveying techniques and building interpretation under the guidance of Archaeology Scotland. This project will provide opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills associated with conservation, building interpretation and historical research.</p> <p>Once preservation work is complete, there will be building interpretation and historical research carried out allowing local residents, visitors, family historians and any other interested party, the ability to learn about the significance of the Church and village.</p> |
| What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity? | <p>The project has developed out of consultation with local residents. Ayton Local History Society paid for Sasine searches to be carried out by the Registers of Scotland to identify ownership but this did not result in any ownership being established.</p> |

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| What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity? | Enquiries have been submitted to the Architecture Heritage Fund, Barcapal Foundation, Robert Barr Charitable Trust and the Hugh Fraser Foundation for future funding. Ayton Heritage have already paid for an ecology assessment to be completed. |
| 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? | When the architect has completed their work, Ayton Heritage will submit grant applications to fund the architect to tender documents for the proposed works plus the full cost of preservation work on the ruin, including the long term care and ongoing maintenance required. If any planning permissions are required, an application will need to be submitted to SBC Planning department. |
| Quotes received for items of expenditure | Yes |
| Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted? | SBC has granted consent as far as it can as owners of the churchyard in terms of section 32 of the 1925 Act, to the repairs which Ayton Heritage seek to carry out to |

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| <p>The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund.</p> <p><i>Additional Terms and Conditions:</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>We would seek the group to particularly report on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The findings of the architect and next steps</i> | |

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| ECONOMY SKILLS & LEARNING | | | | | |
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| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
| Improve the connectivity within and out with Berwickshire, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport (infrastructure and service provision) Digital (mobile and broadband coverage) | Develop alternative transport models appropriate to local circumstances – locally controlled, flexible, meets needs | Public consultation on bus service provision in the Scottish Borders | Autumn 2019 | Bus Users Scotland | Subsidised bus services delivered to main settlements: Berwick – Hutton - Paxton – 32 Kelso – Greenlaw - Berwick – 85/87 Kelso – Coldstream (Weds) – 710 Westruther – Stichill – Kelso - 902 |
| | Deliver superfast broadband to all premises by end of 2021 | The Scottish Government has commenced a new initiative, the R100 programme to deliver. The council is promoting a 4g infill programme alongside partners in the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal. | Contracts to be awarded end of 2019 and delivery expected to commence later in 2020 | Scottish Government | SBC has invested £8.4m in the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Programme. R100 programme procurement has commenced SBC regularly lobbied Governments and the Mobile Network Operators to improve the coverage of mobile phone services and reduce the number of ‘not-spots’ in the Scottish Borders. It has also lobbied for improved 4G services coverage; these have improved over the last 2 years. |
| Support and make the most of existing Tourism opportunities | Coastline, including marine reserve and harbour | Visit Berwickshire will continue to promote the area and are seeking VisitScotland Growth Funding to expand their range of activity. | Ongoing | Visit Berwickshire | The Visit Berwickshire initiative has used Coastal Communities Fund monies to deliver new marketing and promotion of Berwickshire’s visitor attractions and facilities. It is led by Eyemouth Harbour Trust and brings together businesses from across Berwickshire. |

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| | Heritage | Continued development of “Scotland Starts here” App The Jim Clark Rally is returning to Berwickshire The Council and other local partners are in discussion with James Hutton Institute about potential visitor opportunities at Siccar Point on the coast. Duns Tourism Partnership to be develop to maximise tourism opportunities | Ongoing November 2019 & May 2020 | MBTAG | The Council and Live Borders have worked with the Jim Clark Trust to deliver the Jim Clark Museum in Duns, a major new visitor attraction opened in May 2019. |
| Widen the opportunity and availability of modern apprenticeships and vocational training | Borders College physical and digital hub network to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills will improve access for some types of training. | Development of spoke sites to include provision at Eyemouth and Berwickshire. | October 2019 | Borders College – E-learning Manager. | Digital spoke sites now live in Eyemouth and Berwickshire High Schools . The Council is working with Skills Development Scotland and Borders College to ensure a suitable range of Modern Apprenticeship qualifications are available in the Scottish Borders. Work to establish Foundation Apprenticeship courses is also being taken forward by the CPP partners. |
| Improve the access to further and higher education and the | The redevelopment of Eyemouth Primary School will provide opportunities | Community Consultation – Fit for 2024 | 2020/2021 | Scottish Borders Council | Older person’s digital skills session in Eyemouth. |

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| opportunity for lifelong learning | for increased community use & lifelong learning opportunities. Borders College digital hub creation. | | | | Food Hygiene (REHIS) Training offered to volunteers to support Eyemouth Street Food Event Digital spoke sites now live in Eyemouth and Berwickshire High Schools . |
| | Develop IT skills to enable them to access important services and save money online. | Identify areas where digital skills café can be delivered in wider Berwickshire, develop delivery capacity and roll-out. Project Model to be developed and applied to other communities across Berwickshire | Spring 2020 | SBC Community Capacity Building Team | Four partnership sessions delivered to aid understanding of the diverse range of needs in order to support older people in the community to encourage and develop confidence using technology in their daily lives. Partners have come together to form a steering group to enable delivery of community sessions. Community sessions delivered March to May 2019. |
| | Borders College physical and digital hub network to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills will improve access for some types of training. | Development of spoke sites to include provision at Eyemouth and Berwickshire. | October 2019 | E-Learning Manager | Digital spoke sites now live in Eyemouth and Berwickshire High Schools . |
| Protect and retain traditional skills unique to Berwickshire (e.g. sea skills) | Berwickshire/Duns Skills Development Partnership to be established with a range of local 3 rd sector partners taking the lead. | | 2020 | A Heart for Duns | A project to encourage young people to be involved in traditional boat building has been run in Eyemouth in recent years by local experts. This is provided on a voluntary basis. |
| Encourage business start-ups & investment in the area, for | A Heart for Duns are conducting a feasibility | | January 2020 | A Heart for Duns | Public responses on the Main Issues Report have been gathered |

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| example with the availability of suitable (and flexible) business spaces | study on the Volunteer Hall site, with the view to provide further mixed use appropriate to local market requirements. | | | | and are being used to inform the Local Development Plan (LDP2). The Council has provided serviced sites for businesses to develop their own premises on. There are serviced plots available in Eyemouth, Duns and Coldstream. |
| | The Council will work with South of Scotland Enterprise to ensure that sites are serviced and available for private sector development and inward investment in future. | | | | SBC has secured funding from SOSEP which will provide dedicated Community Enterprise support for Eyemouth & East Berwickshire. |
| Encourage further partnership working to support the area in managing the economic and social impact of current and future demographic changes (i.e. increasing older population, young people moving away) | Continue work in Eyemouth to deliver a range of actions identified in the Vision 4 Eyemouth documents. | | 2019-2023 | Scottish Borders Council/Eyemouth & East Berwickshire partnership | The Council has worked with Berwickshire Housing Association and other local partners to help support the Vision 4 Eyemouth initiative and action plan. |
| | Work with Coldstream Community Council and Community Trust to address the challenges set out in their community action plan. | | 2018-2022 | Coldstream Community Trust/Coldstream Community Council | Action plan published. |

| HEALTH CARE & WELLBEING | | | | | |
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| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
| Co-location of specialist services and better service planning, acknowledging the complexities of delivering services, leading to improved outcomes | Develop two integrated team covering all areas across the locality | | September 2017 | Health & Social Care Partnership /AHP | Update Required |
| | Implement joint staff meetings and training for Health, Social Care and Third Sector staff | | | | |
| Improve the availability and accessibility of <i>Health & Social Care</i> services for people living in rural areas and towns across Berwickshire, <i>in particular (vulnerable) Young People and an aging population</i> | Develop a link with the transport hub to establish rural needs and potential solutions. | | September 2017 | TSI/Locality Working Group | Update Required |
| | Work with community led steering group to establish appropriate 'What Matters Hubs' across Berwickshire locality. | | 2017-2018 | SBC Community Led Support. | What Matters Hubs established in Duns, Eyemouth and pop-up provision in Cockburnspath. |
| Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services <i>and specialist services</i> | Scope out the gaps in community rehabilitation services across the partnership and devise and implement a structure to address these. | | September 2017 | Integrated Joint Board – Locality Working Group/Allied Health Professionals Lead | Day Services Review Engagement Event Hosted 27/6/2017 Health in Mind, Re:discover Borders funded to provide 12 week outdoor skills programme to assist those people living with challenging mental health. (LBF2) |
| | Increase access to Allied Health Professionals and support staff to manage | | March 2018 | | Update Required |

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| | people's rehabilitation needs within the community | | | | |
| | Raise Awareness of Live Borders 'Active Ageing' programme within the local community | | March 2017 | Locality Working Group/Live Borders | Update Required |
| Increase the range of <i>affordable and accessible</i> housing options available across the locality | Delivery of Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2018-2023 | Work with Berwickshire Housing Association to support the development of appropriate extra care housing | 2023 | Berwickshire Housing Association/SBC Housing Strategy Team Borders Housing Alliance | SES Housing Needs assessment has been produced and forms the basis for future planning. |
| | Work with Registered Social Landlords to develop alternative accommodation across all areas of the locality | Deliver Housing Strategy | 2017-2022 | Registered Social Landlords/Housing Strategy Team | |
| Improve support for unpaid carers | Consult on and respond to the Scottish Government's Consultation on draft regulations | | | Integrated Joint Board SBC Social Work | In conjunction with Borders Carers Centre a new draft Carers support plan has been tested. What Matters Hubs have relevant information available eg Carers Act & Self Directed Support |
| Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities | Support the independent sector to implement My Home Life - <i>Locality Working Group</i> | | | Integrated Joint Board – Locality Working Group | What Matters Hubs have relevant information available eg Carers Act & Self Directed Support – <i>Community led support Steering Group</i> 'What Matters' hubs established in Duns, Eyemouth and pop-up provision in Cockburnspath |

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| | | | | | <p>What Matters Hubs and Hospital to home teams now have a Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Goody bag or small pieces of equipment that can be used to show clients or be loaned to clients for a period.</p> |
| | <p>Work with providers in the development of available support service.</p> | <p>Further roll-out of Florence Home Mobile Monitoring for hypertension in early 2020.</p> | <p>Throughout 2020</p> | <p>Integrated Joint Board</p> | <p>Florence Home Mobile Health Monitoring for Hypertension is being rolled out across the Borders and is now live Duns, Chirnside and Greenlaw.</p> <p>AskSARA launched mid December. This is an online self-help guide that provides expert advice and information on products and equipment that can potentially help older and disabled adults with everyday living.</p> <p>Border Ability Equipment Service redesign to include locality stores.</p> |
| | <p>Support the implementation of new ways of working through the frailty redesign pathways</p> | | | | |

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| | Support the further development of reablement services within the Third sector | | March 2018 | Red Cross/Locality Working Group | |
| | Develop partnership activities and interventions | Link with Healthy Living Network to further develop activities and locality specific action plans. Work to support further development within Support development of Community Capacity Building initiatives | | Joint Health Improvement Team Eyemouth Practice/Locality Working Group Community Capacity Building Team | |
| Focus on rural isolation and social inclusion and the impacts on mental health on people living across the locality | Young Persons mental health referral protocol training delivered to frontline staff in the locality | | | SBC Community Learning & Development (Young People) | Young People's Emotional Health, Well-being and Resilience steering meeting held – CLD Youth Learning/Eyemouth High School |
| | Annual health & well-being day held at Eyemouth High School | | | Eyemouth High School | New integrated summer activities provided by Connect Berwickshire Youth Project covering Duns, Eyemouth and Coldstream and outlying areas (LBF1) |
| | Initiate signposting of young people to support service and information through SPOC digital portal | | | | Funding provided to Eat, Sleep & Ride CIC to develop their horse therapy service (LBF2) |

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| | Conduct further research with young people regarding emotional health and well being – | | | CLS Youth Learning/Eyemouth High School | |
| Understand the future care requirements for the area and how best to incentivise people to work in the sector | | | | | |

| QUALITY OF LIFE | | | | | |
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| | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
| Continue to support multi-agency partnership working opportunities, promoting referrals/pathways to those local initiatives and sharing good practice. | Additional resources identified to extend Community Action Team (CAT) capacity | Recruitment and deployment of second CAT. | 2019/20 | Police Scotland | Jedburgh Grammar School JAAT (Joint Agency Action Team) – meets 4 times per annum. |
| | Domestic abuse services to be embedded within new Public Protection Service and whole family approach. | Relocation of staff | Early 2020 | SBC Safer Communities Team | The Safer Communities Team currently coordinate the activity of the Council funded Community Action Team (CAT). A member/Officer Oversight Group meet to task based on data and local intelligence/knowledge. Domestic Abuse Multi-agency Risk Assessment meetings held monthly aimed at protecting victims. |
| | Increase early interventions conducted to address Anti-social behaviour. | | | | |
| | Expand and develop Eyemouth Street Food Event working group with wider engagement of partners and volunteers. | | Summer 2020 | Splash/NHS Health Promotion | HLN/CLD focus on food industry and healthy diet as part of LCP Plan, event delivered on priority to encourage further partnership working. Production of Eyemouth Good Food Partnership Newsletter. |
| | Source funding to enable trial of Beat the Street Initiative | | 2019/2020 | NHS Health Promotion | Partial funding secured, project |

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| Invest in and create community facilities and spaces. | Feasibility Study to be conducted on the redevelopment of the Volunteer Hall, Duns | | October 19 to January 2020 | A Heart for Duns | Contractor appointed and feasibility study now commenced. |
| | Intergenerational Community Campus Consultation and Development | | 2020 | | Initial community workshop held in Eyemouth |
| | Support community groups/organisations through delivery of the Community Fund | | Ongoing | Area Partnerships/SBC Communities and Partnerships | Delivery of Locality Bid Fund 1&2 to with following projects supported: Funding support provided to extend use of Duns Primary School outside of school hours for public performances. Also, wider community use of new playground equipment and enhancements. (LBF 1) Provide start up funding for insurance and equipment to support the creation of Duns & District Men’s Shed (LBF1) Funding provided to Friends of Ayton Primary to support the installation of AV equipment to enable wider community and functional use of the facility. (LBF2) |
| Support local community capacity building, in particular local volunteers (utilising their skills and expertise) | Roll-out of Digital Skills training across Berwickshire | Scope out the demand and feasibility. Commence wider delivery plan Evaluate effectiveness | Spring 2020 | Community Capacity Building Team | Pilot Digital Skills Programme delivered in Eyemouth Community Fridge initiated by local volunteers |

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| | | | | | Volunteer Conference Held, Springwood Park, Kelso – Lord Lieutenants. |
| Encourage leisure/cultural facilities to be as accessible as possible (convenient, affordable, time of day) | Live Borders Strategy 2018-2023 | Expand levels of participation, including having universal membership card and developing services where there is significant need. | 2018-2023 | Live Borders | Community activity funded through Locality Bid Fund 1 & 2: Sea the Change beach wheelchairs improving access to beach environs and Installation of power hoist at Duns Pool to enable independent access. |
| Improve communication across communities and between public agencies, including promotion / marketing of specific activities (e.g. men’s shed, walking football) | Area Partnership will enable further opportunities for joint working on key priorities. | Promotion of opportunities available to communities through the Community Empowerment Act – Participation requests, Community Asset Transfers. | | | Red Cross Activities Calendar produced and updated regularly. ALISS (a Local Information System for Scotland) is a web based information portal is live can be used to share information on activities. Learning Community Partnership Monthly Bulletin established providing information and training opportunities for partners. SBC Production of funding profiles for localities to enable identification of funding and new developments. Berwickshire Area Partnership established and |

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| Investment in sustainable transport infrastructure and service provision | SBC Passenger Transport Community Consultation/Planning being undertaken for services 2020/21 | | Ongoing | SBC Passenger Transport | Transport Conference held in June 2019 – conference output then considered by the Area Partnership. Youth Scot discount available to young people on single fares |
| Work with local communities on regenerating and reimagining their local places (town centres, village halls, play areas etc.) | Local Development Plan 2 will provide a local framework for development guided by the overarching South East Scotland Strategic Development Plans (SESplan). | | March 2020 | SBC Regulatory Services | SESplan Strategic Development Plan sets the key policy areas for Economic Growth (employment land, town centres, retail and minerals) • Housing (housing land requirements, flexibility and affordable housing) • Infrastructure (transportation, infrastructure) |
| Understand the housing needs of the area and ensure the right developments are being considered to meet those needs, including affordable housing and housing for all stages and ages of life | The Delivery of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan: | | 2019-2023 | SBC/Registered Social Landlords/Developers | The Local Housing Strategy 2017-22 sets out a vision for the supply, quality and availability of housing in the local area. The LHS is the key planning document, providing a framework of action, investment and partnership-working to |

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| Promote environmentally friendly home energy solutions to local residents | Bio-diversity Strategy Low Carbon Economic Strategy 2023 SBC Affordable Warmth & Home Energy Strategy 2019-2023 Actions | Continued roll-out and promotion of Home Energy Efficiency Programme (HEEP). Development of Community Food Growing Strategy | | Borders Housing Alliance | ECO Schools Programme Community Food Growing Strategy |

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Outcomes of the Community Fund:

- Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities (including arts, music, heritage or sports activities)
- Communities have more access to a better quality environment (including the built environment)
- Communities have more pride in their community
- Communities have more access to better quality advice and information
- More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty

Berwickshire Action Plan Priorities:

See attached.

Priority Rating

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| High | Contributes significantly to Funding outcomes and priorities of the Berwickshire Locality Action Plan. Highly recommended |
| Satisfactory | Contributes to the Funding outcomes and priorities of the Berwickshire Locality Action Plan. Recommended |
| Weak | Minimum contribution to the Funding outcomes and priorities of the Berwickshire Locality Action Plan. Other funding sources more appropriate. Not recommended. |

| Date | Project & Assessment | CF Amount Requested + Purpose | Accounts balance | Project Timescales | Total cost of project | Other funding | Comments | Priority Rating |
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| 11/02/20 | Reston & Auchecrow (See attached assessment) | £10,000 (14% of total project cost) Purchase of play ground equipment | £167.45 | 01/10/20 – 30/04/21 | £72,647 | Agreed: Reston & Auchencrow Community Council - £10,500 Foundation Scotland - £10,000 Donation - £8,000 Lottery - £10,000 Applied for: Viridor - £25,000 (Jan 2021) | £38k already agreed, with a decision on £25k due Jan 2021 | |
| 30/09/20 | Cockburnspath (See attached assessment) | £15,000 (11% of total project costs) Contribution to salary and year 1 running costs | £9,535.37 | December 2020 (Please note that the CF guidance states that it does not fund retrospectively) | £141,548 | Agreed: Community Council Windfarm - £70,000 DroneHill Community Fund - £10,000 Awards for All - £9,944 Aikengall Windfarm – £2,500 Kinegar Windfarm - £5,000 Penmanshiel £9,950 Community Shares Scotland Applied for: Community Shares - £25,000 | £107,394 already agreed | |
| 14/10/20 | Duns PlayFest (See attached assessment) | £4,000 (12% of total project costs) Fund acts and events at the | £22,713.55 | 1 st – 8 th May 2021 - though acts and events will need to be secured prior to May | £32,986 | Agreed: Lottery - £7,500 Black Hill Community Wind Farm - £4,800 Lammermuir Community Fund - £2,500 Dr David Summers Charitable Trust - £1,900 | £25,740 already agreed | |

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| | | playfest | | | | Preston & Abbey Community Trust – £2,040 Simpson McCreath Trust - £1,000 Marchmont Makers Foundation - £1,000 A Heart for Duns - £5,000 (in kind) | | |
| 16/10/20 | Abundant Borders (See attached assessment) | £8,000 (68% of total project costs) Outdoor classroom | £61,503 | Start December | £11,700 | National Lottery £xxx for development of the garden | A significant of their accounts balance is ring fenced for various other commitments | |
| 16/10/20 | Coldstream Gateway Association (See attached assessment) | £1,800 (90% of total project costs for this element) Purchase plants, compost and plant feed | £7,061 | Spring/Summer 2021 (plants are ordered Dec/Jan) | £2,000 | Agreed: £900 Fallago Environmental Fund for additional project costs. | Have been unable to fundraise as they normally would due to pandemic | |
| 26/10/20 | Ayton Heritage (See attached assessment) | £2,538 (90% of project costs) Conservation | £1,078 minus a bat survey costing £703.60 | Ecological survey completed Aug 2020 and is valid for 18 months | £2,820 | | Raised funds locally to pay for the ecological study | |

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