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Area Partnership

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MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 24 November 2021

Time: 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Location: Via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA	
1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols 2 mins
2.	Feedback from meeting of 22 September 2021 and evaluation of the meeting (Pages 5 - 14) 5 mins
3.	Section 1: Service Partner Updates and Consultations (a) Place Making update 40 mins (b) Community Empowerment 15 mins • Overview • Participation requests • Asset transfer • Food Growing Strategy (c) Warm and Well – Ruth Dickinson, Changeworks 15 mins
4.	Section 2: Local Priorities (Pages 15 - 16) Community Assistance Hub Update (Update attached)
5.	Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding (Pages 17 - 36) (a) Community Fund Evaluation – Morebattle Community Shop 15 mins (b) Community Fund – update and consider funding recommendations From the Cheviot Assessment Panel (report attached) 10 mins (c) Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications (assessments attached) 10 mins Consider three applications for funding: i). Borders Group Riding for the Disabled ii). Kelso Orchard Tennis iii). Jed Hearts Here Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr



	<p>BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND OPEN 01 JUNE 2021 - 31 MAY 2022</p> 
6.	<p>Section 4: Other</p> <p>(a) Next Area Partnership 26 January 2022, Agenda issued 12 January 2022</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team</p> <p>(b) Any other formal business</p> <p>(c) Future meeting dates : 26 January 2022 23 March 2022 29 June 2022</p> <p>(d) Meeting evaluation - Please complete either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Menti evaluation during the meeting, or• the form which will be available from 6:30pm on Wednesday 24 November until 11:45pm on Monday 29 November: https://forms.office.com/r/DFZq3DNEq6
7.	<p>Section 5: Additional Information for Noting</p> <p>Included in documents circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheviot Community Assistance Hub update• Funding tables <p>Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current consultations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Early Engagement Survey closes 30/11/21 <p>Area Partnership information pack: Community engagement, planning and ownership Area Partnership information pack Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)</p>

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**Cheviot
Area Partnership**



MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT
AREA PARTNERSHIP held remotely by
Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 22
September 2021 at 6.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors S. Hamilton (Chairman), J. Brown, S. Mountford, E. Robson, T. Weatherston, together with 11 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.

Apologies: Councillor S. Scott.

In attendance: - Locality Development Co-ordinator, James Lamb - Portfolio Manager, Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 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.

2.0 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 30 JUNE 2021

2.1 The minute of the meeting of the Cheviot Area Partnership held on 30 June 2021 had been circulated and was noted.

SECTION 1: SERVICE & PARTNER UPDATES

3.0 PLACE UPDATE

3.1 With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of 30 June 2021, SBC Service Director Customer & Communities, Mrs Jenni Craig, and SBC Portfolio Manager, Mr James Lamb, were in attendance to present an update on Place Making. Mr Lamb summarised the progress of the previous Place Making workshop held with Diarmaid Lawlor of Scottish Futures Trust where key issues and success factors had been identified. The output from all workshops held with Area Partnerships were included in a report considered by Scottish Borders Council in August 2021. The main purpose of Place Making was to develop joint working by Scottish Borders Council, partner organisations, and communities, to build on existing work and to learn from experiences related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Place Making would be a multi-year project that would see communities developing local plans suited to each community. As part of the presentation, feedback was requested on the project's principles, framework, resources and plan. The meeting was asked for agreement on the project principles, criteria for identifying communities to be prioritised, affirming Place making governance, and to agree next steps. It was noted that Scottish Borders Council had agreed on the draft principles to develop place-making and that seven had been suggested by stakeholders, with a further six added that Scottish Borders Council felt was important to include. It was hoped that the Area Partnership would form a Locality Programme Board to have oversight of the Locality Plan and prioritise communities' activities in Place making. Mrs Craig emphasised that an inclusive and collective approach should be pursued to ensure equality between rural and urban communities; locality plans were owned by the Area Partnerships which were to be built on community plans, and that the project should be taken forward with mutual trust. The aspiration was that every community would be supported to develop its own plan but this would take time and could not all be done at once. The project had a short-term plan to take forward to early 2022 so

that actions could be agreed and communities could observe changes and feed back to the Area Partnership.

- 3.2 Mr Burton enquired about investment in electric vehicles and the need for millions to be invested and Mrs Craig confirmed that funding streams were being considered, although funding was a challenge for everyone. In response to a question about the involvement of Community Councils, Mrs Craig confirmed that Community Councils were key players and communities needed to get involved, everyone had a valid opinion. Charles Strang enquired about the Community Plan and Mrs Craig confirmed that the Community Planning partnership was for the whole of the Scottish Borders and would influence the Community Plan. Councillor Weatherston enquired what other Local Authorities were doing in response to this as it was vital to make it work, although it was not clear how it would work.

DECISION

NOTED that feedback on the Place making proposals should be sent to Mr Lamb, SBC Portfolio Manager, by 31 October 2021.

4.0 SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

- 4.1 Mr MacNeil of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service delivered a verbal update of activities being undertaken by the Service. With regard to operational responses:

- Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) had adapted and amended operations to reflect COVID-19 measures;
- FRS facilities were not accepting non-essential visitors;
- There had been a moratorium on safety visits and community engagement, but that was now starting to relax;
- There had been a priority on outdoor safety reflective on recent incidents in Scotland regarding water safety. Mr MacNeil informed the committee that water safety information had been posted on social media and popular swimming sites and water safety awareness had been delivered on location in Kelso;
- Home fire safety had been affected by the pandemic and was to be restarted once COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.
- Fire stations across the Scottish Borders were being used as asymptomatic COVID-19 testing centres which had previously been carried out by the military, with PCR testing being carried out by the NHS.
- New smoke detection standards for domestic housing would come into effect from February 2022. Domestic properties would require one smoke alarm in the room most frequently used during the day, a smoke alarm in a place with most air circulation, one smoke alarm in each level, a smoke alarm and heat alarm in the kitchen and for alarms to have interlinked connectivity. Mr MacNeil advised that if a homeowner was considered high risk, the Service would fit smoke alarms with wi-fi connectivity free of charge.
- Confirmed that COP26 preparations were affecting the FRS across Scotland.

- 4.2 Councillor Robson thanked Mr MacNeil for the water safety work undertaken at the Cobby, Kelso and commended the Fire Service for the work undertaken in respect of unwanted fire alarm signals. In response to questions about the consequences of not adhering to the new smoke detection standards and whether insurance companies would cover this, Mr MacNeil advised that it would be up to the individual insurance company. In response to questions about the cost, information was that it could cost in the region of £200, Mr MacNeil advised

that unregulated companies had targeted vulnerable people with leaflets causing concerns regarding costs and scams.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

5.0 POSITIVE COMMUNICATION

Clare Wildsmith was present to talk about positive communication in general, when on line, wearing face coverings etc. Face coverings and protective screens muffle speech and obstruct facial cues and therefore effectively everyone had hearing and vision loss at present. The following tips were discussed:-

- Face the person when speaking
- Speak clearly and more slowly – give each other time to absorb and process the information
- Consider the back lighting when online so that you can be seen clearly
- Gestures can help
- Re-phrase if someone is not understanding
- Lower your face covering, if safe to do so (consider having a clear visor to hand)
- Write things down clearly
- Try a speech –to-text app on your mobile to transcribe

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6.0 AREA PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Chair advised that the consultation closed on 1 August and officers were in the process of forming a paper to go to Scottish Borders Council later in the year with recommendations for the development of the Area Partnerships based on the outcomes of the consultation.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

7.0 SECTION 2: LOCAL PRIORTIES

Cheviot Assistance Hub Update

Clare Malster, Locality Development Co-ordinator reported that there had been an increase in the number of new referrals to Cheviot Community Assistance Hub since the last meeting. These were largely for people that had been contacted by Test & Protect and were having to self-isolate and included requests for support accessing food and financial support. All Hubs remained operational and could be contacted through 0301 100 1800 or Covid-19Community@scotborders.gov.uk by anyone requiring support for themselves or someone they know. Cheviot Community Partners (Community organisations, Third Sector, SBC and NHS Borders) continued to meet on a weekly basis to share service updates and recently received a presentation from Michael Curran (Service Manager, SBC) about Service Commissioning with the Third Sector. Input had also been given by Derek Bell, SBC's Redundancy Support Co-ordinator about support available through PACE (Partnership Action for Continuous Employment). Partners were meeting clients face to face again but, depending on the organisation, this was still restricted by numbers and need. The What Matters Hub was due to reopen in Kelso later in the Month and would initially be available to clients on the waiting list and thereafter to the wider public. Jedburgh was expected to reopen in January 2022. The Hub Meeting continued to be attended by a range of

organisations with the shared experience and knowledge being a very valuable resource to identify solutions to problems and issues that were brought to the meeting.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY FUND

8.0 Kalewater Community Company

With reference to paragraph 5.3 of the Minute of 25 November 2020, Mr Eric McNulty updated the Area Partnership on the progress of the Morebattle Recreation Ground project. Through a series of pictures, Mr McNulty highlighted the 3.4 acre field situated behind the Morebattle Institute and next to the Templehall Hotel which had been purchased in 2019 with funding secured from the Community Grant Fund. An archaeological trial trench evaluation was undertaken by Clyde Archaeology on behalf of the Kalewater Community Company in relation to the development of a recreation ground that would include a community garden, children's play area with trim track, picnic area, a community orchard, and a larger area for recreation/informal ball games. The evaluation formed part of a wider programme of archaeological work put in place to discharge condition 2 of planning permission (ref: 18/00558/FUL). It took place between 24th and 28th May 2021 and was designed to provide opportunities for local volunteer participation and broader activities for the local primary school. A total of five trenches, totalling of 172 sq. m, were excavated across the site which targeted linear anomalies ~~and~~ during an earlier phase of geophysics. A series of very shallow linear ditches and a rough stone lined drain, both of unknown date, were uncovered in the northern part of the development area, none of which appeared to correspond to the geophysics anomalies. The dig was completed on 28th May 2021 with no significant finds and an outcome report would be produced and submitted to the SBC Archaeology Officer to await a decision about continuing to develop the recreation ground.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

9.0 COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL – UPDATE

With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of 30 June 2021, the Locality Development Co-ordinator, Ms Malster advised that following a recruitment process the following appointments had been made to the Cheviot Community Assessment Panel :-.

Town Community Councils: Graeme Hayward / Depute – John Taylor (Jedburgh CC)
Dean Weatherston/ Depute – Gavin Horsburgh (Kelso CC)

Rural Community Councils: Mr Peter Jeary (Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet CC)
Brian Burton (Sprouston CC)
Depute – Andrew Carter (Floors, Makerstoun, Nenthorn and Smailholm)

Community Reps: Eleanor Lockey
Nicola McIlwraith

Elected Members: Councillor S Scott
Councillor T Weatherston

Ms Malster further advised that as the recruitment was yet to be completed, the Committee should consider temporarily reducing the Quorum from 5 to 4. Sarah Mackie expressed an interest in joining the Assessment Panel and would discuss with Ms Malster.

DECISION

(a) NOTED the appointments to date;

- (b) AGREED that the quorum be temporarily reduced from 5 to 4 until the recruitment process was complete.**

10.0 CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUNDING 2020/21

There had been circulated copies of the Cheviot Funding for 2021/2022 which detailed the funding available together with information on the allocation of the Community Grant Fund in 2020/21. The opening balance at 1 April 2021 was £46,551.00 plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant Budget totalling £8,337.50, which resulted in an overall budget of £54,888.50. The Fund was currently closed.

- 10.1 Other sources of Grant Funding for Cheviot totalled £79,926.00, less Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded totalling £585.00 and the applications assessed and awaiting a decision which totalled £25,184.20 resulting in a balance of £54,156.80. There remained £16,072.00 in applications which were awaiting assessment, potentially taking the balance to £38,084.80.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

11. SBC BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of 30 June 2021, there had been circulated copies of applications in respect of:-

11.1 Roxburghshire & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau

The CAB wished to build in to their service multiple routes for community members to access advice and support. These routes included email and telephone support, web chats and virtual drop in using the Near Me system and would be additional to the traditional method of face to face engagement. The service development had grown from the flexibility CAB had been able to provide during the past year and the ability to provide the Cheviot area with 5 days of support rather than 1.5 days pre Covid. In order to create the new offer, CAB required to increase their number of volunteer advisors. Many volunteers were ready to have a break having provided constant support during the past year and coupled with the requirement to provide IT training to existing volunteers who were not IT literate, there was a need for a volunteer recruitment drive. The CAB wanted to employ a CAB Champion to be responsible for promoting the opportunity to volunteer with CAB and increase the number of CAB volunteers. The Champion would be responsible for highlighting the opportunity through promotional materials, attending events and engagements, assisting new recruits to complete the application process and completing the initial stages of an induction and Adviser Training Programme. The Champion would cover the full geographical reach of CAB therefore they were requesting a share of the costs from the Berwickshire, Cheviot and Teviot & Liddesdale BBBB funds. The amount requested was in the sum of £2,197.80. The application had been assessed as high, as it met a number of criteria.

DECISION

AGREED to award the sum of £12,210.00, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance; and**
- (ii) the rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage,**

11.2 CHEVIOT YOUTH

Cheviot Youth were seeking a grant in the sum of £13,433.40 to establish an Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Support Service (EWMHSS) at its new base in the Old School at St John's Church in Jedburgh. The building, owned by the Episcopal Church required decorating and furnishing in order to make it suitable for the delivery of services. The grant would cover the costs of setting up the new base in Jedburgh, including IT equipment, decorating, furniture and specialist kit to deliver the service. Cheviot Youth were able to secure funding in the sum of 19,993 from the Cheviot Community Fund towards the costs of enhancing the Stepping Stones mental health and well-being service being delivered from their Kelso base. Although that work was ongoing, and evaluation still to be undertaken, the learning to date had helped to shape the project that would be delivered from the new Jedburgh base. As a result of Covid an increased number of young people were presenting problems from depression to anxiety and self-harm to suicidal thoughts. Although these problems existed prior to March 2020 they have been exacerbated by Covid with the mental health epidemic becoming a huge challenge. Over the past year 70 people had benefitted from the service delivered from the Kelso base and it was estimated that approximately 40 from the Jedburgh area would access the service in any given year. The service provided by qualified Practitioners uses counselling skills and draws on cognitive behavioural therapy and methodology to provide those accessing the service with psychoeducation tools and strategies. There were links in place with the NHS Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) to ensure a holistic approach. The new premises in Jedburgh would also be the base for the Training, Employability & Advice Service and would be addressing the need for people in Jedburgh to provide a bespoke service from the initial challenging work on confidence, self-esteem and belief, then onwards to working through a range of modules from our employability programme, further training, to volunteering, to employment taster sessions and then onwards when ready to supported employment, college and full employment. The base would be open five days a week for Cheviot Youth and seven days a week for community use. Discussions were ongoing with Citizens advice Bureau, Skills Development Scotland and the Jedburgh Medical Practice about using the Space. The application was scored as high as it strongly demonstrated how the project would assist recovery from the pandemic.

DECISION

AGREED to award the sum of £14,926.00, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance when delivering the service; and**
- (ii) Moveable equipment e.g, Lego therapy kit and IT equipment to be passed to another community group-organisation should this project cease to operate.**

11.3 MOREBATTLE COMMUNITY SHOP

Morebattle Community Shop were seeking a grant in the sum of £2,964.00 to recruit a part-time volunteer co-ordinator for a fixed term of six months. The co-ordinator would be responsible for increasing volunteer numbers from 21 to approximately 35, training (including writing a new volunteers manual), rotas and social activities. In particular they would be tasked with increasing the number of young people within the community who volunteer and thus gain work experience in the shop. The role would also give volunteers representation and a listening ear for their expectations and aspirations when supporting the shop, the co-ordinator would be able to champion their views at management and board

level. The Community Shop provided a lifeline to purchase groceries within the village, and during the pandemic there had been a sustained increase in customers which was now only slightly lower than at the height of lockdown. The number of volunteers also increased from 14 to 21 as a result of those furloughed and others wishing to help out. The shop has proved a vital social hub for residents to meet up and keep abreast of local activities and initiatives and by having a volunteer co-ordinator in post communication with local residents would be easier. The volunteers managing the shop would benefit as the co-ordinator would be able to manage day to day enquiries and activities. Discussions with younger people in the village have highlighted that they are finding it difficult to gain part-time employment or work experience. An opportunity to gain experience in their village will stand them in better stead when applying for jobs in the area. New members of the community had found it difficult to integrate while the pandemic closed down the usual social clubs in the village, and the shop had given them the opportunity to meet other residents. The application was assessed as medium/high as it provided acceptable examples as to how the work of the volunteer co-ordinator would assist with improving health and wellbeing social and reduce social isolation.

DECISION

AGREED to award the sum of £2,964.00, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance; and**
- (ii) the rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage.**

11.4 QME CARE, KELSO

The past 18 months had seen more people living in the community become socially isolated from their communities and/or loved ones due to shielding and/or living rural locations. QME care propose to develop a new Community Connection and Companionship Project to support people living with Dementia and Older Age who have experience increased social isolation over the period of the pandemic. With Community networks being fragmented due to the pandemic, the new project would aim to reduce the trauma, isolation for our older adults to ensure that they are not a forgotten generation and can still flourish in a fair and compassionate environment regardless of their age or condition. A grant in the sum of £7,650 would enable QME Care to employ a Volunteer Co-ordinator to will recruit and match 15 volunteers aged 16+ with people aged over 55, living with dementia in the Cheviot community, based on their interests, hobbies and connections to aid a better bond and successful pairing match with our older people in the community. They would support them weekly to re-engage with their community and build back networks lost or diminished during the pandemic, with the support from the Co-ordinator and Holistic therapists to support the trauma recover process. After the first six months' pilot period legacy funding and specific fund raising would be used to continue the project. The application was assessed as high as it met a number of fund criteria.

DECISION

AGREED to award the sum of £7,650.00, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance; and**
- (ii) the rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage.**

12. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings of the Cheviot Area Partnership would be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, 26 January 2022

Wednesday, 23 March 2022

Wednesday, 29 June 2022

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 24 November 2021 at 6.30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

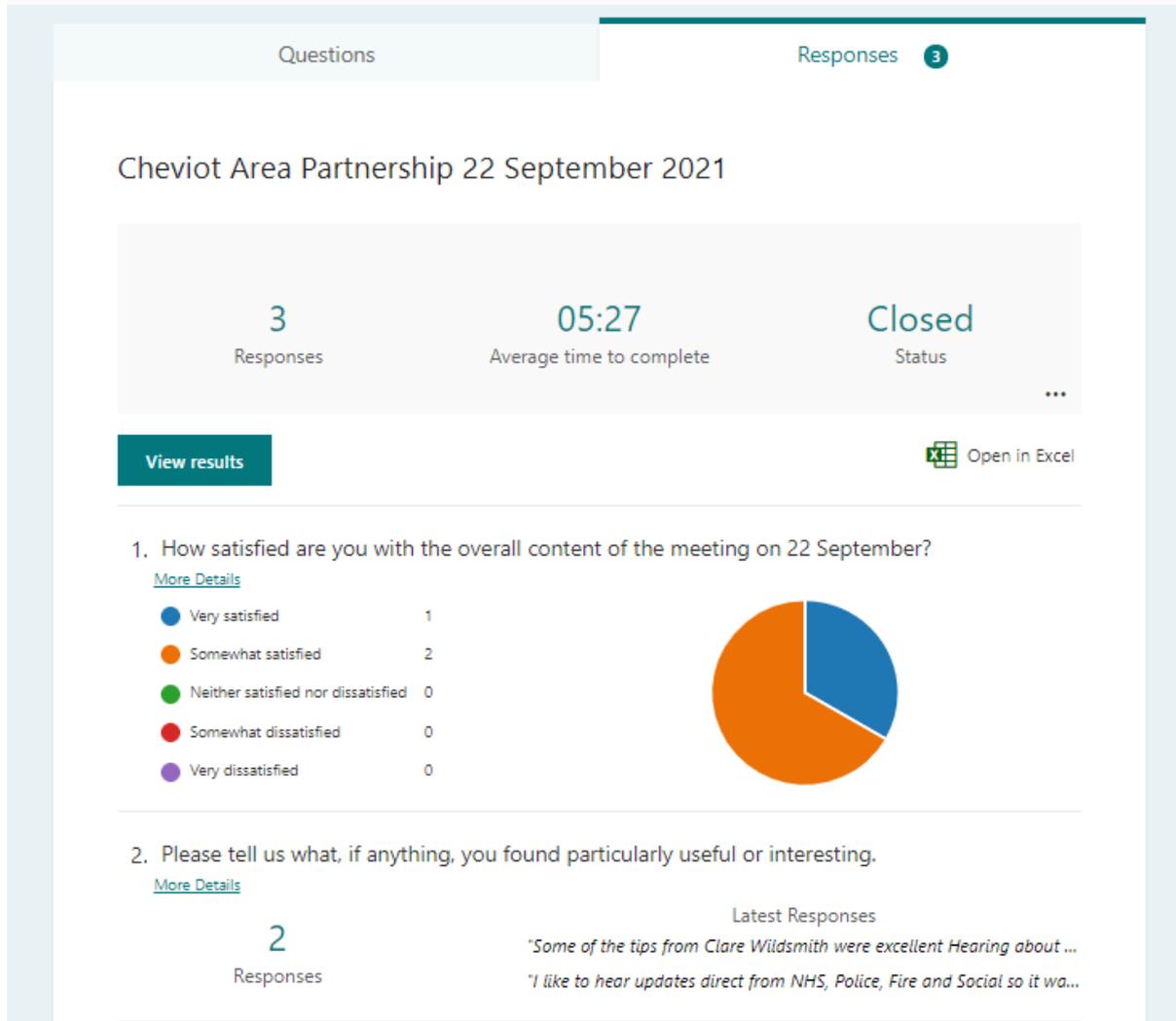
13. MEETING EVALUATION

Ms Malster reminded those present about the meeting evaluation form which could be accessed via the link <https://forms.office.com/r/HHH1dEcmz3> and was available until 11.45 a.m. on 26 September 2021. She added that feedback about the Area Partnership meetings was really helpful and always appreciated.

CHAIRMAN

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

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.



2. Please tell us what, if anything, you found particularly useful or interesting.

2 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I like to hear updates direct from NHS, Police, Fire and Social so it was good to have the Fire and Rescue service deliver an update tonight. Also good to hear about a project update. I found the firs presentation by the lady from Peebles very useful.
2	anonymous	Some of the tips from Clare Wildsmith were excellent Hearing about the wonderful work the charitable/community organisations are doing across the Borders.

3. Please tell us what, if anything, wasn't of particular use or interest to you.



1 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Some questions seemed out of place with the topics on the Agenda.

4. Please tell us about anything that you would like to be included on a future agenda.



1 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	As this was my first meeting overall I was happy with the content. I may think differently at another time.

5. Do you find this method of feeding back about a meeting useful?

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Yes	3
No	0
Please explain your answer to ...	0
Other	0



6. How would you rate today's meeting (1 star = poor, 5 stars = Excellent)

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Responses



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6. How would you rate today's meeting (1 star = poor, 5 stars = Excellent)



3 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	4
2	anonymous	4
3	anonymous	4

CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP 24 NOVEMBER 2021

Cheviot Community Assistance Hub Update November 2021

Clare Malster, Locality Development Co-ordinator

- The number of new referrals to Cheviot Community Assistance Hub since the last meeting has remained steady. As previously reported these are largely for people that have been contacted by Test & Protect and are having to self-isolate. Requests include support accessing food, financial support and prescription pick up/delivery.

All Hubs are still operational and can be contacted through 0301 100 1800 or Covid-19Community@scotborders.gov.uk by anyone requiring support for themselves or someone they know.

- Cheviot Community Partners (Community organisations, Third Sector, SBC and NHS Borders) have changed to a fortnightly meeting to share service updates and identify ways in which people living in the Cheviot area can be supported. Since the last report the group has received presentations from:
 - Jenny Lees (Joint Health Improvement Team) on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.
 - Steven Isbrand and Sharon Stoddart on the Parental Employability and Intensive Family Support Services
- The meeting has started a discussion around poverty with a view to identifying gaps in the Cheviot area and what can be done to address them. The availability of information about the various support services has been raised as a problem; Cheviot will be linking with the other localities to explore the promotion of such services.
- The Kelso What Matters Hub has reopened. Initially this was based in Kelso Men's Shed has now moved to the Cross Keys Hotel and is open 2-4pm every Thursday. Further information is available at [What Matters Hubs - Kelso What Matters Hub | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#).
- Future discussions topics include Eat Well Age Well and the Warm & Well projects both of which link to the wider poverty discussion.
- The meetings take place fortnightly via MS Teams on Thursdays at 9:30am. If anyone would like to attend please contact Clare Malster at cmalster@scotborders.gov.uk. The next meeting is 25/11/2021.

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Cheviot Funding 2021/2022

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Community Fund 2021/2022	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population)	£ 46,551.00
Plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget	£ 8,337.50
Total available	£ 54,888.50
Less:	
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021	£ -
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 8,258.00
Sub-total	£ 8,258.00
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 46,630.50
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 46,630.50

Build Back a Better Borders	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.)	£ 79,926.00
Total available	£ 79,926.00
Less:	
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021	£ 26,814.20
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 17,216.00
Sub-total	£ 44,030.20
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 35,895.80
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ 15,000.00
Potential Overall Position	£ 20,895.80

Agenda Item 5

Summary of all applications

No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	15/06/21	BBBB Fund	Roxburgh & Berwickshire CAB	£ 2,197.80	Staff costs	Awarded
2	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Staff costs - Volunteer Coordinator	Awarded
3	23/07/21	BBBB Fund	Cheviot Youth	£ 13,433.40	Refurb of new base	Awarded
4	29/07/21	BBBB Fund	Morebattle Community Shop	£ 2,668.00	Volunteer Co-ordinator	Awarded
5	30/07/21	BBBB Fund	Queen's House	£ 6,885.00	Volunteer Co-ordinator costs & laptops	Awarded
6	15/08/21	BBBB Fund	Ancrum Community Council	£ 1,045.00	Development of Go Gardening project	Awarded
7	24/08/21	BBBB Fund	Jed Thistle Rugby Club	£ 15,000.00	Contribution to costs of new purpose built extension	Assessing
8	21/09/21	BBBB Fund	Border Group RDA	£ 10,350.00	Costs associated with two new programmes	Assessed
9	13/10/21	BBBB Fund	Kelso Orchard Tennis Club	£ 3,959.00	Cost associated with introducing new sessions	Assessed
10	26/10/21	BBBB Fund	Jedburgh Hearts Here	£ 2,907.00	Cabinets for defibrillators and training equipment	Assessed
11	11/10/21	Community Fund	St Boswells Parish Community Council	£ 1,928.00	Planters, plants and compost for bus terminal	Assessed
12	13/10/21	Community Fund	Kelso Orchard Tennis Club	£ 2,500.00	Clubhouse renovation project	Assessed
13	18/10/21	Community Fund	QME Care	£ 1,800.00	Digital inclusion & activities project	Assessed
14	18/10/21	Community Fund	Kalewater Community Company	£ 2,030.00	Legal fees for land acquisition	Assessed
Total				£ 67,288.20		

Other sources of grant funding - Cheviot

Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 8,337.50	£ 4,009.50	£ 4,328.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,470.00	£ 5,415.00	£ 5,055.00
Village Halls (including Secretariat fee paid to the Bridge)	£ 9,140.00	£ 9,140.00	-
SBC Small Schemes	£ 34,700.00	£ 18,735.00	£ 15,965.00
Common Good - Jedburgh	£ 7,900.00	£ 6,600.00	£ 1,240.00
Common Good - Kelso	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,000.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 100.52	-	£ 100.52
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 2,890.65	£ 77.00	£ 2,813.65
Totals	£ 68,201.17	£ 41,967.00	£ 26,174.17

An additional £15,000 awarded from reserves

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CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL

This report sets out the recommendations of the Panel for consideration by the Cheviot Area Partnership. The report provides a brief description of each application considered and highlights key factors that influenced the decision reached by the Panel.

St Boswells Parish Community Council

An application was received for planters around the bus terminus in the village. The Panel were supportive of the project and the key points influencing the Panel's decision were:

- Community driven
- Community empowerment and ownership e.g., volunteering, and fundraising activities to support ongoing projects and investments
- Positive impact on tourism and wider village initiatives e.g., Spring Clean, Community Woodland.

The Panel recommend awarding £1,928

Kelso Orchard Tennis Club

An application was received for a contribution toward as the renovation works to the clubhouse. The Panel were supportive of the project and the key points influencing the Panel's decision were:

- Well established charity
- Provision of enhanced facilities and improved conditions e.g., winter indoor sessions
- Provide flexibility of space for several uses e.g., lessons, events, fundraisers.

The Panel recommend awarding £2,500

QME Care

An application was received for a digital inclusion and activities project for care home residents and the wider community. The Panel were supportive of the project and the key points influencing the Panel's decision were:

- Focus on wellbeing
- Enhance quality of life
- Create employment opportunity
- Improve digital skills for residents and wider community which can reduce social isolation

The Panel recommend awarding £1,800

Kalewater Community Company

An application was received for legal fees for land acquisition linked to the development of a recreation park. The Panel were supportive of the project and the key points influencing the Panel's decision were:

- Wider project has received previous grant awards through Community Fund
- Community benefits and investment

The Panel recommend awarding £2,030

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1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Borders Group of Riding for the Disabled					
Organisation structure	SCIO					
Application reference	BBBB-CHE-10					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	01/12/2021			Project end date	Six months from start date	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£25,397 <i>supported by March 2021 bank statement</i>
Current bank balance	£17,934.70 01/09/2021
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£9,459
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£5,860 is ring fenced for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One existing coach's fees - £2,360 • Additional pony purchase £3,500 <p>As with many organisations the charity's finances have been impacted by Covid as there has been so few events being held that Border Group RDA normally would have benefited from. Due to restrictions the group has not been able hold any fundraising events.</p> <p>The organisation had had two years' running costs at the start of the pandemic that has enabled them to continue the upkeep of their facility and horses safely.</p> <p>Borders RDA is currently actively fund raising for general funds through an online Go Fund Me page.</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Borders Group of Riding for the Disabled (Borders RDA) is one of four Riding for the Disabled Groups in the Borders (others are Berwickshire Group, Ettrickbridge & Dryden and Tweeddale Rideability). All operate independently under the Riding for the Disabled Association – Edinburgh & Borders Region to provide activities for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Before the pandemic approximately 50 children, young people and adults with a variety of disabilities attended each week.</p> <p>Based near Jedburgh the facility has two large fields and two paddocks along with a purpose built indoor arena which includes a tack room and viewing area where riders, families/carers and volunteers can watch the activities and socialise. The majority of service users are from the Cheviot area.</p> <p>In preparing to reopen the centre Borders RDA identified two new projects aimed at rebuilding self-confidence and confidence around others and animals. By running two projects at the same time they had the added benefit of encouraging intergenerational activity and communication.</p> <p>Equine Facilitated Learning (EFL) involves learning ground work exercises, to build a relationship with the horse and improve the confidence and self-esteem of participants. These therapeutic sessions offer a cycle of instruction, response and feedback which enables the participant to communicate with the horse in a way that the horse understands, through body language, energy and movement.</p> <p>Tea With a Pony is a relatively new programme supported by the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). It is a meaningful activity to help those living with dementia and other long term conditions.</p> <p>Both the EFL and Tea with a Pony programmes will be available free of charge with the opportunity for clients, who can afford to do so, to make a donation.</p> <p>A grant from the Build Back a better Borders Fund would cover the costs of Equine Assisted Learning Facilitator and Volunteer training as well as the wages and expenses of a RDA coach, to deliver both programmes, and for six months.</p>		

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Due to shielding, and restrictions during the pandemic, many people with disabilities, their families and carers have been unable to leave their homes. This not only had a negative impact through not being able to participate in activity that is stimulating, both mentally and physically, but has also led to a lessening of self-confidence and an increase in stress and anxiety due to the unprecedented events of the last 18 months.</p> <p>New programmes for Borders RDA, both EFL and Tea with a Pony have been operating successfully in other Riding for the Disabled Association schools so it is with confidence that they are being introduced.</p> <p>Tea with a Pony has been found to provide a supportive, safe and inclusive activity for all involved.</p> <p>The new programmes are also expected to contribute to good health and well-being of the coaches and instructors through the successful client outcomes they help to achieve.</p>		

Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>With 50 years' experience Border RDA understands the programmes that will fit well with its service users. It is anticipated that these new programmes will help many more children and adults in the community benefit greatly with their health and general well-being be less anxious and get back to some normality and also, by interacting with others, be able to get on successfully with their lives.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£11,500
10% organisation contribution	£1,150
Request to BBBB	£10,350

Item of expenditure	Cost
Coach – wages	£7,200
Coach – travel expenses	£300
Equine Assisted Learning Facilitator Training	£3,800
Volunteer Training	£1,200

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
None	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The preparation of the 2020/21 accounts has been delayed due to Covid so the application does not currently meet the criteria of the BBBB fund. The 2020/21 year end balance has been evidenced by provision of the March 2021 bank statement.
Comments	<p>The application scores high because the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses four themes of the BBBB Fund. • Supports groups identified within the protected characteristics. • Will increase access to sport • increase or improve community capacity, resilience and engagement • enhance and support both formal and informal volunteering • encourage intergenerational projects and events
Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • The rate of pay given to the Coach must meet the National Living Wage.
Evaluation	<p>If successful, the applicant should include the following in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from staff, volunteers and service users • Number of services users participating in the new programmes over the six months • Number of new service users • Client outcomes achieved (predicted and unexpected).

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1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Kelso Orchard Tennis Club					
Organisation structure	Constituted Charity					
Application reference	BBBB-CHE-11					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Project start date	February 2022			Project end date	May 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£35,216
Current bank balance	£36,697
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	<p>£8,137</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £3,000 that will be put aside for the replacement of the courts (see below) • £1,000 for grounds maintenance • £600 insurance • Utility bills
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£27,020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £13,020 towards the renovations of the courts in 10-15 yrs (£4,000 is added to this annually) • £5,000 Club contribution towards the new project including the clubhouse renovations • £9,000 youth/disability project costs for one year <p>Club funds have been impacted due to Covid. Sessions have not been able to take place, fund raising activities have been curtailed and Partnership subscription have dropped.</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

Group sport was been severely impacted during the pandemic affecting not only opportunities for people to engage in sporting activity but also to benefit from the social interaction that it provides. Planned renovation work would enable the Club to provide new activities that can be carried out indoors over to ensure that they are not weather dependent.

Prior to the pandemic junior club nights were very popular but numbers have yet to return to pre-pandemic numbers. Membership numbers are also still to recover with subscriptions to social doubles has fallen by 1,000 in 2021 during 2020 and 2021.

The Club would like to introduce new activities and rekindle interest in the sport. These will involve free taster sessions for key groups including disability sessions, tots, beginners, senior citizens, cardio tennis. Following on from the free taster sessions, they would run a 6 week block of sessions for free for the key groups, working with community groups and sports groups in the area to reach a wider audience.

The Club has worked with Kelso High School previously providing training to the sports leaders and providing taster sessions. In addition, in 2019 they provided taster sessions for girls in the two primary schools in Kelso as part of another project. They have identified an interest for taster sessions for tots, juniors, disability and have identified an interest in beginner tennis sessions and social tournaments after speaking to some parents at the club.

A grant from the Build Back a Better Borders Fund would provide the coaching and equipment required for the Club to run new, free wide ranging activities that provide opportunities for the whole community to get involved in tennis.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The free taster sessions will include sessions for tots, juniors, beginners, 60+, cardio tennis and disability sessions. During the taster sessions people would be encouraged to sign up to a new six week block of coaching/sessions. These would be free of charge and would include beginners sessions along with those set out above with the aim of targeting those groups that have been most impacted by the pandemic including those most likely to have been required to shield.

For the taster sessions up to 16 players can be supported per coach so 32 players can be accommodated (up to 48 players with an assistant(s)). For the junior taster sessions the group plans to run two 3 hour tasters but divide these into age group so 1 hour for 5-8 year olds, 1 hour for 9-12 year olds and 1 hour for 12yrs+. This means that up to 288 children could be accommodated. The 6 week block of sessions will all run for one hour

per week apart from the tots tennis which will run for 30 minutes where there will be 2 x 30 minute sessions.

Lockdown has had a huge impact on normal personal, social and emotional development of children, with limited or no access to play centres or sports, meaning a reduction in the amount of daily exercise children enjoy.

People with disabilities have been affected with limited or no access to sports, resulting in a reduction in the amount of daily exercise and interaction with other people. Sessions for older people will provide opportunities for them to engage socially with family and friends whilst participating in structured exercise sessions.

During the pandemic, families have missed out on socialising with other parents and children of the same age. The sessions would allow them to reconnect and make new friends. Following the session, parents would have the opportunity to socialise over a cuppa and a chat.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High **Medium** **Low**

Comment:

It is well documented that exercise helps to improve mental health and general wellbeing. NHS Inform states that the benefits of regular physical activity include:

- up to a 30% lower risk of depression
- up to a 30% lower risk of dementia
- up to a 35% lower risk of coronary heart disease and stroke.

Research also suggests that regular physical activity can improve general mood, self-confidence and sleep quality as well as increase energy and reduce stress levels.

The activities available would also provide the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

Younger children have been affected by the pandemic and need access to activities which promote social interaction and physical exercise. Early year's childcare and education is essential for children's social, personal and emotional development. It is important to increase their physical activities outdoors to build up their strength and fitness. The sessions for tots will help them to develop these skills through play-based activities in a fun and safe environment.

The planned new activities will provide the opportunity for people to try a new sport, get back into tennis after a long time away from the game, meet new people, interact with people their own age and make new friends, all the while doing so in a safe environment.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£15,429
10% organisation contribution	£1,542
Request to BBBB	£3,959

Item of expenditure (BBBB application)	Cost
Sessional costs (coaches and assistants)	£2,040
Equipment and balls	£1,000
Marketing and advertising	£500
Refreshments/ Covid protection costs	£200
Contribution towards renovation	£219

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
Clubsport Roxburgh	£4,000	In progress
Cheviot Community Fund	£2,500	In progress
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
July 2021	Youth Borders - Tots Tennis Taster	£300
November 2020	Equipment and Covid protection	£500
2020	Covid Grant	£10,000
November 2020	Cash for Kids Sports Challenge - outdoor area	£2,316.50
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund The application is assessed as high as the club are looking to extend the opportunity for different community groups to try tennis for the first time or return to tennis following the pandemic. The proposals are inclusive and remove barriers to participation.
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance The rate of pay given to the coaches and assistants must meet the National Living Wage. Moveable equipment should be passed to another community group/organisation should this project cease to operate. Equipment must be available for wider community use
Evaluation	If successful, the applicant will be asked to provide information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of sessions delivered and participants who attended • Evaluation from participants, coaches and assistants • Membership numbers

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1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Jed Hearts Here					
Organisation structure	Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation					
Application reference	BBBB-CHE-12					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	As soon as funding is awarded			Project end date	Feb 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£250
Current bank balance	£531.45
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£0
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>The organisation formed as a SCIO in February 2020 with the aim of saving lives by promoting the installation of Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) in Jedburgh and training the relevant people in their maintenance, as well as training the general public, including local schools and groups, in the use of defibrillators and basic life support techniques.</p> <p>The organisation was unable to fundraise during Covid and some of the businesses who had committed to the project are now no longer able to contribute financial support due to the impact of Covid.</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Since its inception Jedburgh Hearts Here (JHH) has been able to provide 13 defibrillators around Jedburgh. Four defibrillators were funded by Jedburgh Common Good Fund in October 2021, three by a local businessman, two by the ex Callants & Heralds Association, one by Jedburgh Community Council, one by the Lodge of St John and two by outside organisations.</p> <p>As restrictions have been lifted and more people are out and about in the town the organisation would like to provide training on how to use the equipment for members of the local community. The training would be provided by paramedics who volunteer with JHH.</p> <p>Not all of the defibrillators are in places that can be accessed 24/7. Funding is therefore also sought for three cabinets that would enable them to be moved to external locations at the Golf Club, Lodge of St John and McColl's and be publically accessible at all times.</p> <p>JHH is has provided a defibrillator and cabinet for Jedburgh Grammar Campus. Plans are currently being discussed as to where it will be situated.</p> <p>The British Heart Foundation states that For every minute someone is in cardiac arrest without CPR and access to a defibrillator their chances of survival drops by up to 10%. Having a public access defibrillator (PAD) available in an emergency can be lifesaving, especially in rural areas where ambulance response times may be longer.</p>		
Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The project is aimed at both the local community and visitors to the area with the aim of providing people with the confidence to use them through training.</p> <p>Older people have been especially affected by the pandemic many of them becoming more and more isolated. JHH plans to encourage them to attend the community sessions, giving them a reason to get out and re-engage with other members of the community.</p> <p>Local businesses where the cabinets are installed have agreed to cover the electricity costs which are minimal.</p> <p>Membership of JHH includes paramedics who have identified the need for publically available defibrillators in the town to ensure that the community is as 'safe' as possible and that the tools are provided to enable the public to respond to an emergency situation.</p>		

Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The main aim of the project is too give people the confidence to get out and about again by providing the equipment and training to manage a collapse in the community. JHH plans to have regular training sessions, free of charge, to accommodate different groups/businesses as they request them.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£3,230
10% organisation contribution	£323
Request to BBBB	£2,907

Item of expenditure	Cost
Three defib safe 2 (cabinets)	£1,275
Leardal Manekin pack of 4	£695
Zoll AED Defib	£865
Zoll AED trainer pack	£395

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
Yorkshire Building Society	£2,000 – additional training equipment	Awarded
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
22/10/2021	Jedburgh Common Good Fund	£5,160
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund.
Comments	<p>The application has been scored as medium as it is a new initiative to provide training on how to use potentially lifesaving equipment in the town.</p> <p>The organisation has identified that some of the defibrillators previously purchased are not available 24/7 so proposes to purchase cabinets which will allow the equipment to be sited on the external walls of buildings and therefore available at all times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>

<p>Additional terms and conditions required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • Moveable equipment to be passed to another community group/organisation should Jedburgh Hearts Here cease to operate. • Necessary insurance cover must in place. • A plan must be put in place for the maintenance of the defibrillator cabinets
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>If successful, the applicant should include the following in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people trained in the use of defibrillators. • Number of training sessions run. • Pictures of cabinets once installed