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MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 28 September 2022

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30 p.m.

Location: via Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

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1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from meeting on 29 June 2022 (Pages 3 - 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy Minute from meeting held on 29 June 2022. (Copy attached.)• Menti Feedback from meeting held on 29 June 2022 (Copy attached.)
3.	Section 1 - Service & Partner Updates and Consultations
	(a) Place Making Cheviot Place Making Working Group Update
	(b) Eildon Housing Extra Care Service at Former Kelso High School An input from Amanda Miller, Director of Community Services and Andries Fourie, Care Services Manager, Eildon Housing.
	(c) SBC Climate Change (Pages 13 - 14) An input from Jenny Fausset, SBC Climate Change Officer and Louise Cox SBC Environmental Strategy Co-ordinator on the Climate Change Route Map and local action followed by breakout room discussions
4.	Section 2 : Local Priorities Redevelopment of the former Jedburgh Grammar School site – update on consultation outcomes
5.	Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding

	(a) Cheviot Funding Table 2022/23 (Pages 15 - 18) Update from SBC Communities & Partnership Team.
	(b) Neighbourhood Support Fund
	(c) Neighbourhood Assessment Panel (Pages 19 - 22) to present funding recommendations for the following NSF application:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Kelso Scout Group (ii) Stable Life (iii) Ancrum and District Heritage Society (iv) Jedburgh Tourism Alliance
6.	Section 4: Other
	(a) Additional Information (Pages 23 - 28)
	(b) Date of Next Area Partnership Wednesday, 23 November 2022 (Agenda to be issued on 9 November 2022)
	(c) Meeting Evaluation via Menti

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**Cheviot
Area Partnership**



MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT
AREA PARTNERSHIP held remotely by
Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 29
June 2022 at 6.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors E. Robson (Chairman), S. Hamilton, S. Scott, S. Mountford, E. Robson, T. Weatherston, together with 19 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.

Apologies: Councillor P. Brown.

In attendance: - Community Co-ordinator – Gillian Jardine, Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Mountford, proposed that Councillor Robson be appointed as Chairman. There being no other nominations, Councillor Robson was appointed as Chairman and took the Chair.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Robson be appointed as the Chairman of the Cheviot Area Partnership.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting via Microsoft teams, which included Elected Members, Community Council representatives, Community Organisations and guests attending within the meeting and those watching via the Live Stream. He outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

3. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 23 MARCH 2022

The minute of the meeting of the Cheviot Area Partnership held on 23 March 2022 had been circulated with the Agenda. A response to the questions raised on Electric Vehicle Charging points had been circulated by e-mail.

In terms of paragraph 4.3 of the Minute of 23 March 2022, it was highlighted that in term of the Community Empowerment Legislation, participatory budgeting required to go further

- 3.1 The evaluation of the March meeting was circulated with the agenda. There was a request made in the evaluation of the last meeting to have an update at a future meeting on SBC's climate emergency action plan and community actions. This would be included in the September agenda. There was also a request for training on the Area Partnership. The Communities and Partnership team were happy to speak with anyone outside of an Area Partnership meeting to go through any items they would like to learn more about.

4. SECTION 1: SERVICE & PARTNER UPDATES AND CONSULTATIONS
Place Making

- 4.1 With reference to paragraph 3.1 of the Minute of 26 January 2022, James Lamb, SBC Portfolio Manager was present to set out options for the Cheviot Area Partnership in supporting the development of community-led place plans in communities across the

locality. Over the past year, conversations had been continuing with Area Partnerships around:

- How to develop a place making approach in each locality and across the Borders
- Where to make a practical start
- What the role of Area Partnerships should be in overseeing the implementation and delivery of place making in their communities

- 4.2 The conversation began in February 2021 with proposals being presented to the February 2021 Council meeting and continued in summer with a series of brief workshops facilitated by Scottish Futures Trust to gauge views on what place making means to communities and what the priority issues and ambitions were for the approach. The output from the workshops was used to draft more detailed proposals which were endorsed by the Council in August 2021, with a view to further engagement and development with Area Partnerships over autumn and winter. In spring of this year, a series of facilitated workshops were held to explore the subject in greater detail and to help shape local arrangements. The focus now needed to turn to how practical support was given to communities in developing their place plans.
- 4.3 Across the five localities, different approaches were emerging reflecting the diversity of the area. In Berwickshire, a short-life Place Making Working Group, comprising representatives from across local communities and organisations and was proposing an inclusive “opt-in” approach, initially seeking expressions of interest from Communities across the locality and chaired by community representatives, with Tweeddale taking a similar approach. The remaining three localities being presented with option at the Area Partnership Meetings in June.
- 4.4 In all localities, with the exception of Tweeddale, there were also commitments to begin place making in the 4 target towns identified in the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal - Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick and Jedburgh this year. Nationally agreed guidance from the Borderlands Place Programme and experience from the development of associated place plans (both locally, and across the Borderlands local authorities – Carlisle, Cumbria, Dumfries and Galloway and Northumberland) could also provide models to guide place making elsewhere. For Cheviot, this meant that there was already a commitment under the Borderlands Place Programme to support the Jedburgh community to develop a Town Plan and an associated Investment Plan. As this was part of an agreed programme under separate governance arrangements, this was outside the scope of the options be presented.
- 4.5 Mr Lamb went onto summarise the points raised at the Cheviot Workshop held on 27 April 2022, which included - a broad understanding of place making – that it should be inclusive, community-led, extend beyond spatial planning and cover all aspects of life in a community – although the name “place making” was not seen as helpful; Recognition of the diversity of communities in the locality and that there should be no one-size-fits-all; Debate around the suitability of the Area Partnerships, as they were currently configured, in playing an oversight role; The importance of supporting rural communities and not just towns; Including all people in communities and in particular engaging young people in the process; The need to make this a hands-on, practical and creative process of engagement with walking workshops, maps and more active public engagement. While there was some discussion over the role of the Cheviot Area Partnership in overseeing and directing place making, there was no clear steer from the workshop. Similarly no clear steer emerged in terms of identifying of communities that wished to become involved. Mr Lamb presented the three possible options for progressing place making as follows:-

Working Group Approach. The Area Partnership establishes – and seeks initial nominations for – a working group along the lines of the Berwickshire/Tweeddale model. In the meantime, while the Working Group was being established, SBC’s Community Engagement Team - on behalf of the Working Group – could seek expressions of interest both in terms from:

- i. Those who wish to become involved in the working group
- ii. Communities that would like to become involved in place making (individually or combined with other communities)

SBC would provide support to the Working Group in line with practice in Berwickshire and Tweeddale and share good practice across all groups. The working group would make recommendations to the Area Partnership.

Area Partnership Approach. SBC – on behalf of the Area Partnership – seeks expressions of interest from local communities in becoming involved in place making and that those expressions of interest are brought back to the Area Partnership for consideration. In effect, this route could follow the approaches in Berwickshire and Tweeddale with the steer coming from the Area Partnership rather than a Working Group. However, the process could take longer due to the timetable of Area Partnership meetings.

Hybrid Approach. That representatives from the Area Partnership work with SBC officers in an informal capacity in seeking expressions of interest from communities wishing to become involved in Place Making directly and working with those communities to formulate and support a viable approach. Again, this could use emerging models in other localities. Expressions of interest and proposals to move these forward would be brought back to the Area Partnership for consideration. Following discussion, it was agreed to progress the Working Group Option.

**DECISION
AGREED that**

- (a) **the Working Group Approach be progressed;**
- (b) **Nominations be sought from across the Community;**
- (c) **Draft terms of reference be drawn up by James Lamb.**

5. **SECTION 2: LOCAL PRIORTIES
Financial Inclusion Fund/ Food Conversation**

Ms Jardine, Community Co-ordinator updated the meeting on the discussions and conversations taking place across localities with volunteers and 3rd parties in terms of the Cost of Living; Cost of Energy; Food security. Services and volunteers across the Scottish Borders are looking at a longer term approach to food access and how households and communities can help sustain themselves. During these meetings, partners and volunteers have been sharing good practice from their area to develop a better understanding of the challenges communities face and what community approaches are needed to help find solutions to these challenges. The next meeting takes place in August and is open to anyone interested in attending.

Ms Jardine went on to share the outcomes of the Low and Slow project which has been supported by the Financial Inclusion Fund and is a partnership approach to addressing food and fuel poverty in communities. The partners involved, including NHS Borders and Changeworks provided specialist knowledge from their service to help with problem solving in the home in order to reduce energy consumption. The programme was being rolled out in other areas of the Borders but at present, no Cheviot service had been identified to deliver Low and Slow in the Locality.

6.0 SECTION 3: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY FUNDING

There had been circulated copies of the Cheviot Funding for 2022/2023 which detailed the funding available together with information on the allocation of the Community Grant Fund in 2022/23. The opening balance at 1 April 2022 was £80,268.39 plus an underspend from the Community Fund in 2021/22 of £28,640.65 and an underspend in the Local Festival Grant in 2021/22 of £2,953.00, which resulted in an overall budget of £111,862.04. Neighbourhood Support Fund applications assessed and awaiting a decision totalled £4,237.72, totalling an overall budget of £107,624.32. Other sources of funding included Local Festival Grant Budget totalling £16,675.00, Annual Support Grant to Community Councils totalling £11,100.00, Common Goods, SBC Enhancement Grant, SBC Welfare Grant and SBC Small Schemes totalled.

- 6.1 Other sources of Grant Funding for Cheviot totalled £110,706.17, less Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded totalling £2,492.000. In response to questions about the underspend in the Festival Grant Funding, Ms Jardine agreed to provide a breakdown. Councillor Scott requested information on the £7,900 shown against the Jedburgh Common Good and Councillor Mountford requested that the criteria on the Welfare Grant be refreshed. It was noted that there was a large underspend in the Small Schemes Budget and information on the criteria and process for small schemes was requested. In response to a question from Community Councillor Gavin Horsburgh in regards to how often the Community Council Grant was reviewed, Ms Jardine agreed to look into the matter.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

7.0 CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUND 20/23

There had been circulated copies of a report which detailed the recommendations of the Cheviot Community Fund Assessment Panel. The report provided a brief description of each application received and a recommendation on the sum to be awarded to each project.

7.1 St Boswells Golf Club

An application was received for loft insulation in the Clubhouse. The application was deferred at the last Panel meeting due to lack of clarity with regard to the golf club's reserves. The information was provided to Panel Members at their meeting in June, and following a lengthy discussion, the Panel concluded they could not support the application. Key points influencing the Panel's decision were:

- No community involvement or benefit
- There were more suitable funds available to support this project

The Panel recommended no award be made.

7.2 Abundant Borders

An application was received to create a community garden that will provide residents with the skills they need to grow their own food. The project will clean an unused area within a social housing development and children from the high school will also benefit. The Panel were supportive of the project and the key points influencing the Panel's decision were:

- Create an accessible community space
- Community empowerment with connection to the High School
- Supports the healthy living agenda

The Panel recommend awarding £2,492.

7.3 QME CARE

An application was received for a secure storage area for bikes to encourage employees and visitors to cycle to the care home. The Panel had a lengthy discussion and concluded that they could not support the application. Key points influencing the Panel's decision were:

- This should be a cost met by the employer
- There were more suitable funds available to support this project

The Panel recommended no award be made.

**DECISION
AGREED:-**

- (a) that the sum of £2,942 be awarded to Abundant Borders; and**
- (b) that no award be made to the following**
- **QME Care**
 - **St Boswells Golf Club**

7.4 Term of Office of Panel Members

With reference to paragraph 5.2, of the Minute of 23 March 2022, the Area Partnership had not agreed to change the term of Office of the Assessment Panel and requested that the Panel submit an alternative proposal. The Cheviot Assessment Panel had discussed the proposal of a rolling annual membership over three years for the Cheviot Assessment Panel was a reasonable request for consideration by the Area Partnership. The Panel were of the opinion that this would allow for continuity moving forward.

**DECISION
AGREED.**

8.0 The National Lottery – Community Funding

Mr Neal Bennison, Funding Officer, National Community Fund was present at the meeting to give a brief summary of funding available through the ongoing programmes Awards for All which awards up to £10,000 and Young Start which awards up to £100,000. Funding Streams which close on 30 September 2022 were Community Led which awards up to £150,000 and Improving Lives which awards up to £200,000. There had not been a large amount of applications for the Cheviot Area and awards had been made to the Men Shed, Yetholm Community Shop and Cheviot Youth. Mr Bennison answered questions.
Neal Bennison <Neal.Bennison@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk 01412421446 07976322674

Contact information – stewart.sanderson@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk – Tel: 07971879837

9. **Participatory Budgeting**

Community Choices – Participatory Budgeting Update

With reference to paragraph 4.3 of the Minute of 23 March 2022, Ms Jardine provided an update on how SBC was embedding Community Choices (CC) as the way we do our business, the e-learning module for staff had been created and was being finalised ready for staff use. The purpose of this was to make sure all staff understood Community Choices so that the community could be better supported to be part of the decision making process. Opportunities for Community Choices activities across various departments were activity sought, including Education, Roads, and public transport and social work services. This was an ongoing conversation and we would provide an update at each meeting on where Community Choices activities were happening in relation to SBC budgets. Outside of SBC, if anyone wishes to look at a Community Choices event in the community, such as the pupils at Peebles HS, support to communities can be provided. In response to a question, Ms Jardine confirmed that as participatory budgeting developed, different ways of working Community Choices would be developed by the Council.

DECISION

AGREED that participatory budgeting would be a recurring Agenda item.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Community Empowerment

Mr Colin McGrath advised that he was working with the Scottish Government on a working group looking at empowering communities. Mr McGrath had prepared a report, which he would circulate to all members of the Cheviot Area Partnership. Mr McGrath further raised whether allowing unpaid Carers to be represented on the IJB had been considered and if so requested an update on progress.

10. **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

Wednesday, 28 September 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

The next meeting would be held on **Wednesday, 28 September 2022 at 6.30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.**

11. **MEETING EVALUATION**

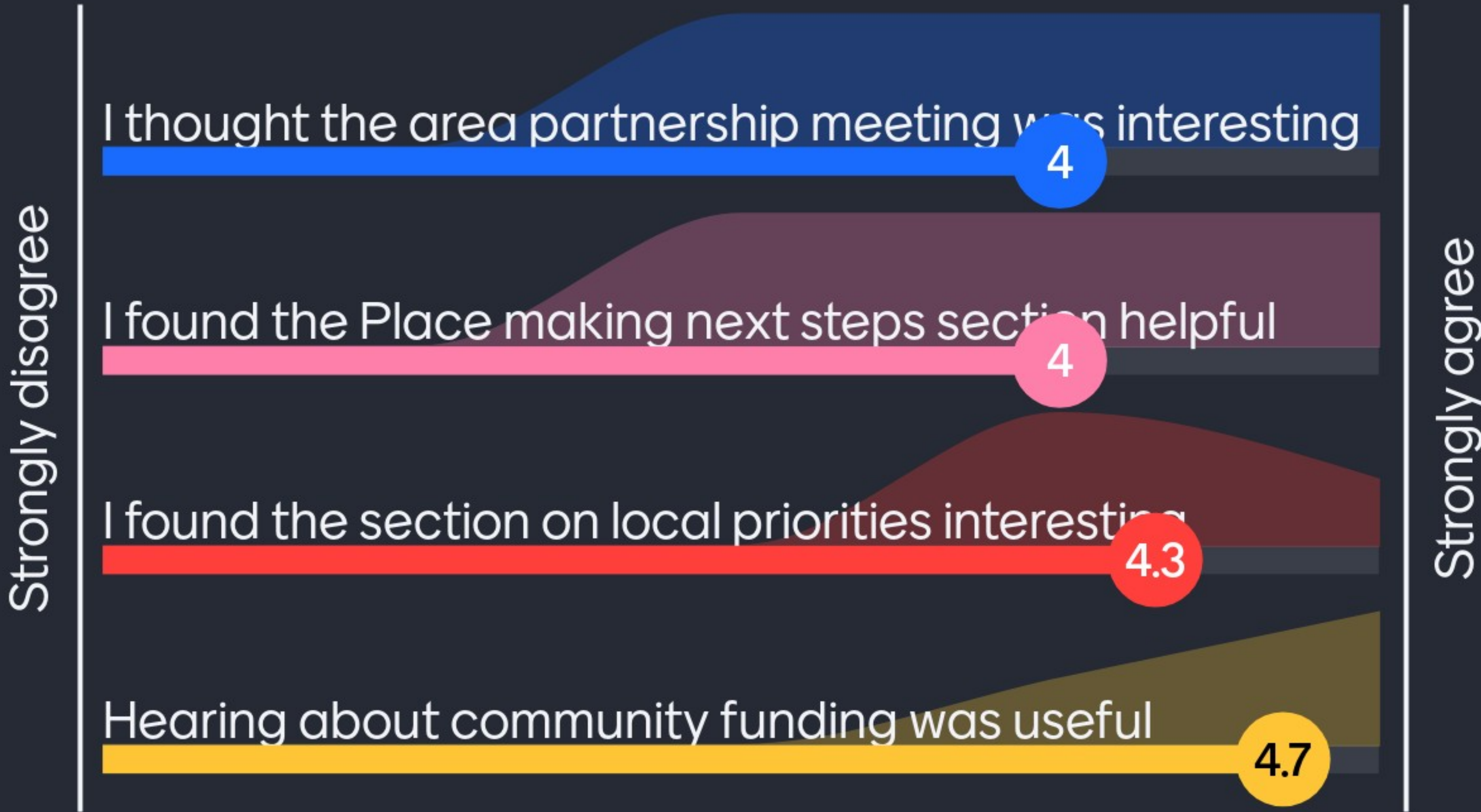
Ms Jardine reminded those present about the meeting evaluation form which could be accessed via the link <https://forms.office.com/r/HHH1dEcmz3>. She added that feedback about the Area Partnership meetings was really helpful and always appreciated.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Cheviot Area Partnership Evaluation



Please use the sliders below to choose whether you agree or disagree with the following statements



What topics would you like to see covered at future area partnership meetings?

Getting more people involved at ground level

Do you have any further questions or comments?



Questions for Agenda Item 5

Q - What projects/initiatives would you like to see up and running, and thriving in your local community? These could be of an environmental nature but could also have social and economic benefits e.g. A community equipment/tools library (Library of Things) or something on a larger scale e.g. a shared community (electric!) car scheme.

Q – Think about the key steps & players that would be needed to make this a reality?

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Cheviot Funding 2022/23

14 September 2022

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2022/23	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2022	£ 80,268.39
Plus Community Fund Underspend 2021/22	£ 28,640.65
Plus Local Festival Grant Underspend 2021/22	£ 2,953.00
Total available	£ 111,862.04
Less:	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2022	£ 2,492.00
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 10,000.00
Sub-total	£ 12,492.00
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 99,370.04
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 99,370.04

Other sources of grant funding - Cheviot			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 16,675.00	£ 6,500.00	£ 10,175.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,470.00	£ 4,155.00	£ 6,315.00
Village Halls (inc. Secretariat fee paid to the Bridge)	£ 9,140.00	£ -	£ 9,140.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 69,400.00	£ 46,688.00	£ 22,712.00
Common Good (Jedburgh)	£ 85,000.00	£ 54,500.00	£ 30,500.00
Common Good - Kelso	£ 3,000.00	£ 250.00	£ 2,750.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 100.52	£ -	£ 100.52
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 2,890.65	£ -	£ 2,890.65
Totals	£ 196,676.17	£ 112,093.00	£ 84,583.17

*additional projects are being progressed

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Summary of applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
	07/01/22	NSF	Abundant Borders	£ 2,492.00	Community Garden	Awarded
	07/01/22	NSF	QME Care	£ 1,745.72	Bicycle Store	Unsuccessful
	25/07/22	NSF	Roxburgh and Berwickshire CAB	£ 2,500.00	Advisor post	Unsuccessful
	27/07/22	NSF	Kelso Scout Group	£ 2,500.00	Purchase tents	Assessed
	01/08/22	NSF	Stable Life	£ 2,500.00	Core costs	Assessed
	17/08/22	NSF	Ancrum & District Heritage Society	£ 2,500.00	Display Boards	Assessed
	22/08/22	NSF	Jedburgh Tourism Alliance	£ 2,500.00	web development	Assessed
			Total	£ 16,737.72		



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Neighbourhood Support Fund:

The Neighbourhood Support Fund will assist voluntary and community groups that are active within their communities and is designed to fund community based projects. It is an application process with applications checked by SBC Officers, assessed by assessment panels and decided upon at Area Partnership. The application limit in Cheviot is £2,500.

Community Enhancement Trust

The Community Enhancement Trust promotes the advancement of citizenship or community development; the arts, heritage, culture or science (including the upkeep of heritage assets); the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving condition of life for the person for who the facilities or activities are primarily intended, environmental protection or improvement. Grants of up to a maximum of £1k to non-constituted groups/individuals and £5k to fully constituted groups are available (depending on funds available in the ward area). It is an application process with applications assessed by SBC Officers and decided upon by a Director or Elected Members, depending on the application value

Welfare Trust

The Welfare Trust assists in the prevention or the relief of poverty, relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, advancement of health (including the advancement of education in health). The Welfare Trust awards grants up to a maximum of £1k to non-constituted groups/individuals and £2.5k to fully constituted groups. It is an application process with applications assessed by SBC Officers and decided upon by a Director or Elected Members, depending on the application value

Local Festival Grants / Village Halls/ Community Councils

Ring-fenced funding for approved organisations. Administered by the Communities & Partnership team

Small Schemes

Enquiries can be made by the community to Neighbourhood Support Services or Elected Members for funding to cover small repairs or improvements to outdoor assets in the local community. SBC Neighbourhood Services submit proposals to Elected Members for their consideration.

Jedburgh and Kelso Common Good

Both funds hold property and also distribute grants to local causes which are eligible within its charitable purpose to operate for the common good of the residents and provide advancement of citizenship or community development. Sub Committees of Elected Members from the relevant wards, supported by SBC Officers, are responsible for the management of the fund. This includes making funding decisions on applications submitted by local groups and individuals.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL**

NOTES of Meeting of CHEVIOT
COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT
PANEL held via Microsoft Teams on
Tuesday, 6 September, 2022 at 7pm

Present:- N McIlwraith, G Hayward, G Horsburgh, P Jeary, D
Weatherston
In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G Jardine)

Apologies:- B Burton

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Apologies were noted and the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

It was noted that Citizens Advice Bureau had withdrawn their application to the Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund due to them being unsuccessful in their Berwickshire Neighbourhood Support Fund application for the same project.

3a. OVERVIEW REVIEW OF MARKS

The Chair commented that this had been a strong round of applications and that there had been consistency with the panel members' assessment of the applications. This was attributed to increased familiarity with the application process and assessment role.

3b. KELSO SCOUT GROUP

An application from Kelso Scout Group requesting £2,500 was received for the purchase of 3 Troop tents to enable large groups of Scout members camping. Currently the Scouts only has a small number of hike tents available suitable for 2-3 Scouts and are not of good quality.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500.

3c. ANCRUM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An application from Ancrum & District Historical Society requesting £2,500 was received to fund the purchase of four interpretation boards which will be displayed on the village green, the graveyard, the Mantle Walls and the Old Ancrum Bridge. The boards are intended to increase knowledge and access to the local heritage of Ancrum.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500 with any appropriate additional terms and conditions from relevant SBC departments regarding the placement and installation of the boards.

3d. JEDBURGH TOURISM ALLIANCE

G Hayward declared an interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion.

An application from Jedburgh Tourism Alliance requesting £2,500 was received for an upgrade of the Jedburgh Town website (jedburgh.org.uk) to provide clearer and more accessible links.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500.

3e. STABLE LIFE

An application from Stable Life requesting £2,500 was received for core project running costs to deliver an equine assisted therapy / learning programme for 100 young people across Scottish Borders (11 young people from Cheviot).

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500

3i DECISIONS AND REPORT TO AREA PARTNERSHIP

The panel commented on the quality and standard of the applications and a desire to see the number of applications increase.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concern was raised that there is a misunderstanding amongst some community groups with regards to the fund's criteria. An example was provided of a community group who is under the impression that they wouldn't be able to apply for funding for one off community events as they wouldn't be considered a community 'project'. The panel would like to request the Area Partnership's permission to adapt fund promotions and paperwork to make it clear one off events can be supported.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25th October 2022, 7pm

The meeting concluded at 7:40pm

CHEVIOT NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT 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.

Kelso Scout Group

An application was received for the purchase of three Troop tents to enable large groups of young members to go camping. Their current tents only accommodate 2-3 Scouts and are in poor condition. The troop tents will accommodate up to 10 children each and are constructed of high quality canvas. The intention is to take at least two camping trips per year.

The Panel considered this to be a good application and were supportive of the project. The panel recommend awarding £2,500

Ancrum & District Heritage Society

An application was received for the purchase of four interpretation boards to be erected around the village of Ancrum. The boards will feature information on the heritage and historical sites of Ancrum: Strong application. The applicant has been working with Scottish Borders Council to gain agreement for installation of a board in Ancrum's cemetery.

The panel described Ancrum as having a lot to offer and agreed to recommend awarding £2,500 as long as additional terms and conditions from Scottish Borders Council were completed.

Jed Tourism Alliance

Graham Hayward declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion.

An application was received for the upgrade of the Jedburgh Town website to include key features and information. The intention is to make the site easier to navigate which will help promote different assets of Jedburgh and beyond. The longer term finance for the website is supported through donations from tourism booklets.

The panel agreed to recommend awarding £2,500

Stable Life

An application was received for project running costs to deliver an equine assisted learning programme for young people across Borders which would include young people from Cheviot. The intention is to help young people develop life skills and strengthen their resilience, increase self-confidence and self-belief, have improved relationships and reach their potential.

The panel felt this was a strong application from an organisations with a history of delivering. Panel agreed to recommend awarding £2,500.

G Jardine, on behalf of Cheviot Area Assessment Panel, 06/09/2022

Additional Information

Current consultations

Place Making and Community Engagement Sign Up

The way we are engaging with our residents is changing - and we want you to have your say

Place making is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

Sign up to receive updates from Scottish Borders Council on community engagement events in your areas, to find out about active consultations, funding opportunities, and who to contact when you have an amazing idea to benefit your neighbourhood.

[Have Your Say - Place making and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Food Conversation

Thanks to those who attended the Food Conversation on 26th August. It was a good discussion between local services and volunteers and the conversation / actions will continue outwith the meeting. Key points from the meeting included:

- Community cafes and food Larders are helping to reduce some of the need for to Foodbanks – if anyone is interested in cook clubs within your area then let us know.
- Access to food via Fareshare and donations are less with less food choice available
- Look to implement a more consistent approach to Breakfast Clubs across the Borders
- Support for individuals with cooking – there is a new programme starting in Selkirk, providing individuals with the skills to cook – If anyone needs a hand to develop sessions like this, then get in touch

Conversations to set up a Low and Slow programme in Cheviot are ongoing

Community Choices

The e-learning module is now available for SBC staff to complete. It is designed to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of how departments within SBC can work with the community to make decisions on budget spend.

Community Empowerment:

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Cheviot area. SBC is currently working with and advising groups on requests for 3 asset transfer requests.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Place Making

A place based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place based approaches visit [Our Place](#)

Area Partnerships' information pack:

[Cheviot Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



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Covid-19 vaccination programme

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/

NHS Borders website for current updates:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

Business support

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy>

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

<https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

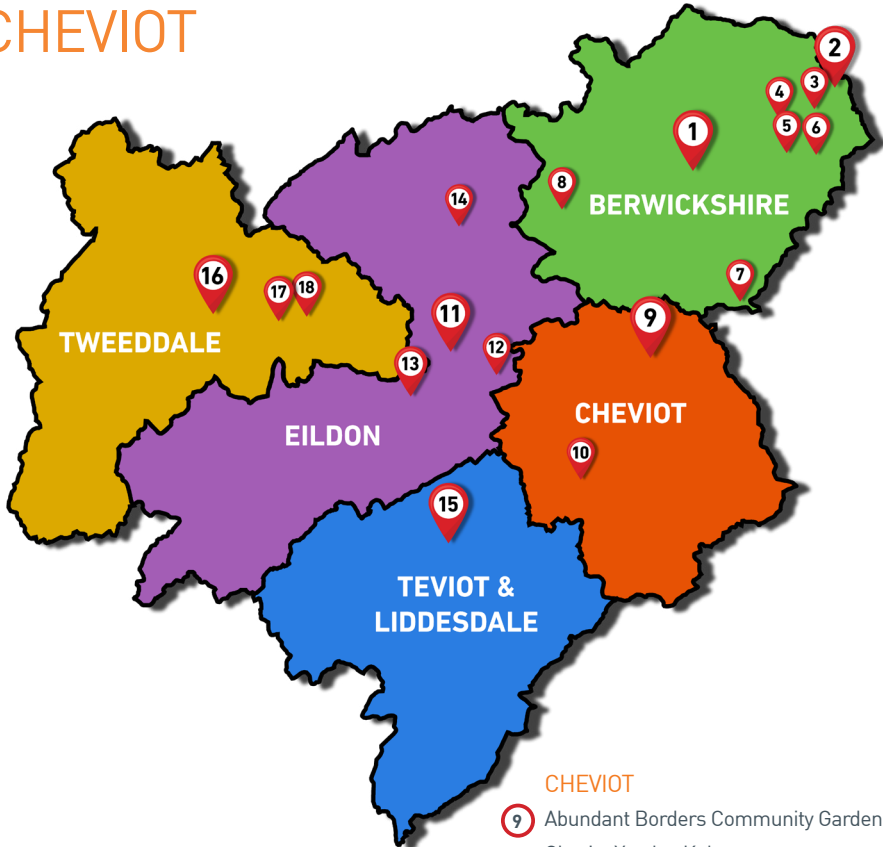
<https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/>

Phone or email to access their support/advice



WHERE TO GET HELP WITH FOOD IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

CHEVIOT



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- 9 Abundant Borders Community Garden – Kelso
Cheviot Youth – Kelso
Kelso Foodbank – Kelso
- 10 Jedburgh Foodbank – Jedburgh

Useful Contacts

Scottish Borders Council Customer Advice and Support

0300 100 1800

www.scotborders.gov.uk

Provides information on the range of services provided by the Council, including Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Council Tax.

Financial Support

If you are on a low income or receiving certain benefits and are experiencing hardship you can apply for a Crisis Grant by calling 0300 100 1800. More information and other forms of support are available at:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/benefits

Age Scotland Check in, Cash Out

Every year hundreds of millions of pounds in vital financial support go unclaimed by older people in Scotland.

The “Check in, Cash out” campaign aims to raise awareness and increase take-up of the social security available to help older people live well.

www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland

Homelessness Services

Paton Street, Galashiels, TD1 3AS

0300 375 1138 or 01896 752111 after hours

www.scotborders.gov.uk/homelessness

NHS Money Worries App

The NHS Borders Money Worries App provides information about support services available nationally and locally in the Scottish Borders. Find out how you can improve your financial health by downloading it from either the Apple App store or Google.



Citizens Advice Bureau

Offers free, confidential advice on a range of issues including money, debt and benefits.

CAB Offices in Cheviot

20 Shedden Park Road, Kelso, TD5 7AL

01573 223516

enquiries@roxburghcab.online.org.uk

Energy Advice

Home Energy Scotland

Expert advisors offering free, impartial advice on energy saving, keeping warm at home, renewable energy, greener travel, cutting water waste and more.

www.homeenergyscotland.org

Changeworks

Scottish environmental charity delivering solutions for low carbon living.

www.changeworks.org.uk

Registered Social Landlords in Cheviot

Offering their tenants free confidential advice on a range of issues including money, arrears and benefits.

Scottish Borders Housing Association

South Bridge House, Whinfield Road, Selkirk, TD7 5DT

01750 724400 / 01750 724444

enquiries@sbha.org.uk

Berwickshire Housing Association

55 Newtown Street, Duns, TD11 3AU

01361 884000

info@berwickshirehousing.org.uk

Waverley Housing Association

51 North Bridge Street, Hawick, TD9 9BD

01450 364200

info@waverleyhousing.co.uk

Eildon Housing Association

The Weaving Shed

Ettrick Mill, Selkirk, TD7 5EB

01896 200217

enquiries@eildon.org.uk