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Cheviot
Area Partnership

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MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30 p.m.

Location: Assembly Hall, Kelso High School, Angraflat Road, Kelso TD5 7NL

Please note this is a physical meeting of the Area Partnership and the meeting will not therefore be livestreamed or recorded and there is no option to join online.

AGENDA	
1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from the Meeting on 28 September 2022 (Pages 3 - 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Copy Minute from meeting held on 28 September 2022. (Copy attached.)(ii) Copy Minute from additional meeting held on 10 September 2022. (Copy attached.) • Menti Feedback from meeting held on 28 September 2022.
3.	Section 1: Service & Partner Updates and Consultations
	(a) Place Making Update on Place Making progress in Cheviot.
	(b) Coast to Coast Cycle Route Catherine Francis, South of Scotland Enterprise.
4.	Section 2 : Community Empowerment and Community Funding
	(a) Cheviot Funding Table 2022/23 (Pages 13 - 18) Overview from SBC Communities & Partnership Team.
	(b) Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 19 - 20) <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) NSF recommendations to be presented by the Cheviot assessment panel on the following applications:

	<p>Kelso Cricket Club Kelso in Bloom Sprouston Coronation Hall</p> <p>NSF recommendations to be presented by the Cheviot assessment panel on the fund criteria</p>
5.	Section 3: Local Priorities
	(a) Community Council Update Sharing good practice and current activity from across Cheviot.
	(b) Cost of Living Update SBC Communities & Partnership Team
6.	Section 4: Other
	(a) Additional Information Document (Pages 21 - 24)
	(b) Date of Next Meeting Wednesday, 1 February 2023 – Venue to be confirmed
	(c) Any Other Business
	(d) Meeting Evaluation
	(e) Any Other Business

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MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT
AREA PARTNERSHIP held remotely by
Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 28
September 2022 at 6.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors P. Brown, (Chairman), S. Hamilton, S. Scott, together with 15
Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and
Members of the Public.

Apologies: Councillors S. Mountford, E. Robson, T. Weatherston.

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

1. 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. She outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 29 JUNE 2022

The minute of the meeting of the Cheviot Area Partnership held on 29 June 2022 had been circulated with the Agenda.

3. SECTION 1: SERVICE & PARTNER UPDATES AND CONSULTATIONS

Place Making

- 3.1 With reference to paragraph 4.5 of the Minute of 26 January 2022, Gillian Jardine, Community Co-ordinator was present to advise that a Working Group for Place Making had been formed over the summer and three meetings had taken place to date. The Working Group had been formed of interested community organisations, the two secondary schools and representatives from the 3rd Sector. It had been agreed that the focus would initially be around Smailholm, Jedburgh and Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet as well as the two secondary schools being involved. The Working Group was scheduled to meet again in 2 weeks.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

3.2 Eildon Housing Extra Care Service at Former Kelso High School

Amanda Miller, Director of Community services and Andries Fouries, Care Service Manager (East) were present to give a presentation on the Extra Care Housing being developed at Poynder Apartments, Kelso. Established in 1973 to help patients live in community through the creation of a housing association, the Eildon Group own and manage around 3,000 home across Scottish Borders including specialist housing and develop around 150-200 new homes [per year. Care and support had always been an important part of their service delivery model either through direct provision or through partnership. Regulated care and support services were provided to over 250 older people and adults with a learning disability, with two new extra care services commenced in 2021 and a further two planned by 2024.

The presentation went on to explain that Extra Care Housing (ECH), it was high quality accessible accommodation for people over 60 years of age (couples eligible) within a safe and secure community setting. There was no requirement to have a local connection to the Scottish Borders and Tenants could have pets subject to complying with the conditions of Eildon's Pets Policy. Tenants had full tenancy rights through a Scottish Secure Tenancy Agreement, as other social housing tenants and applicants must have a combination of housing, support and/or care needs, or awaiting discharge from a formal care or hospital setting. Personalised care and support was delivered by an onsite staff team 24/7, based on individual assessment of need undertaken by both Social Work and Eildon, and designed to be flexible and adapt to the changing needs of older people. Allocation agreement was part of the contract framework with SBC and each allocation was agreed by a Locality Panel comprising Social Work and Eildon. When allocating tenancies, the aim was to create and maintain a "balanced community" of care and support needs using a Dependency Matrix as follows:

Low Needs – 30% of all tenancies (<12 assessed care hpw)

Medium – 30% of all tenancies (13-21 assessed care hpw)

High – 40% of all tenancies (>21 assessed care hpw)

Eildon was funded to deliver care services by SBC, and through Free Personal Care. Tenants may pay towards care costs based on SBC's charging policy and pay rent and service charges to Eildon to meet the cost of accommodation, local services and meals service (mandatory service). The majority of charges were covered by housing benefit, based on financial assessment. Social inclusion activities and meals provision were provided through on-site community hub - a key element to supporting health and wellbeing. Telecare and community Wi-Fi was throughout the building for use by tenants, staff and visitors.

The presentation went on to highlight the Extra Care Housing provision currently within Scottish Borders at Dovecot Court, Peebles – 37 x 2 bedroom properties, Wilkie Gardens, Galashiels – 39 mixed 1 and 2 bedroom properties and Poynder Apartments (former Kelso High School) which would consist of 36 properties – 34 x 1b, 2 x 2b bedroom and would go live in May 2023. Stirches, Hawick – which was in the early design stage but minimally expect extra care and amenity housing for older people, and housing for adults with a learning disability on site by early 2024 and the potential to embed extra care within current sheltered housing and to offer outreach services. All accommodation in Poynder Apartments offered high quality energy efficiency standards; Electric central heating; wheelchair accessible; built in kitchen with two ring hob for preparation of light snacks; Wet room showers and Assistive technology and Wi-Fi installed. The Communal hub provided a central dining room adjacent to a full commercial kitchen and a Central lounge area for meals and activities with adjacent hairdressing suite. A variety of activity spaces / meeting spaces which could be booked out use, Likelihood of HSC services being co-located in the development, Mobility scooters for scooters, External patio with landscaped gardens and garden space with raised beds for tenants to develop and maintain with support from staff and the community.

In terms of the timeline for Poynder Apartments, it was estimated that the build would complete in January/February 2023. Thereafter building and services would be set up, applicant viewings, staff recruitment and training, and community engagement with the aim of service being operational May 2023. General marketing and local networking had commenced and service specification and applicant marketing to commence from October 2022. A Kelso Locality Panel was being formed and regular meetings were planned to coincide with applicant campaign from late 2022. Staff recruitment had commenced for recruitment of an ECH Manager (in post from January 2023); Senior Support Workers from March 2023 and support

team from April 2023. Team induction would be held in May 2023 in time for the first let's starting thereafter. The presentation concluded by detailing the staffing structure and anticipated charges

3.3 **SBC Climate Change**

Louise Cox, Sustainability Manager was present at the meeting and submitted apologies for Jenny Fausset, Climate Change Officer, a new post within the Council established to develop and support Council action on climate change and the transition to net zero. A key task was to collate information for the Council's annual climate change report, which was a mandatory report that all public sector organisations required to submit to Scottish Government annually in November. This was to comply with the requirements placed on public bodies by the 2009 Climate Change Act. Jenny was also leading work on the evolution of the Council's organisational emissions baseline, which was critical to being able to assess the effectiveness of actions agreed under the Climate Change Route Map. In terms of key pieces of National Legislation and guidance on climate change, the overarching legal framework was the Climate Change Act Scotland. This legislation was originally passed in 2009, setting emissions reduction targets for Scotland, however in response to the Scottish Government Declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019, the Act had been amended and now sets renewed and stronger targets for emissions reduction – these were annual and interim reduction targets for Scotland, on a pathway to net zero emissions by 2045.

The Climate Change Act 2019 also embedded the principles of a Just Transition, which meant that as our emissions reduced and we respond to a changing climate, our journey was fair and created a better future for everyone – regardless of where they live, what they do, and who they are.

The Scottish Government recently announced their Programme for the next year, which included a wide range of new proposals to address some of the impacts of current energy prices rises but also to increase support for climate change action. Key commitments included the preparation of an updated Climate Change Plan – the existing plan was developed to set strategic policies and mechanisms to support the delivery of the emissions reduction targets and would be updated to reflect changes across a range of issues. An Energy Strategy for Scotland would be produced which was intended to set out ambitious plans to generate more power from renewable resources. Investment of £161 million in energy efficiency schemes across programmes such as Warmer Homes Scotland, and Area Based insulation and retrofit Schemes, and additional funding to Home Energy Scotland to provide advice and support to households to help cut energy bills and carbon emissions. Additional actions to support the decarbonisation of transport and travel were also included as well as commitments to address energy use in public buildings.

In terms of the Scottish Borders Council, there was a commitment to work hard to access the support mechanisms available through Government programmes and there was also a lot that could be done within local communities to increase resilience to the impacts of climate change. In September 2020 the Council declared a Climate Emergency and a Climate Change Route Map was approved in June 2021, and a series of Priority Actions were set out in March this year. These priorities run across the 5 themes of the Route Map. The need for action to address both the climate and biodiversity crises runs through all aspects of Council activity and domestic, work and community lives – be it related to how energy was

used at home, travel for work and social purposes to what products are purchased. - everyone had a part to play.

Those attending via Teams were allocated to a breakout room to discuss the following questions:-

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?

**DECISION
NOTED.**

4.0 SECTION 2: LOCAL PRIORITIES

4.1 Redevelopment of the former Jedburgh Grammar School Site

A consultation had been launched by Scottish Borders Council seeking the community's input into the redevelopment opportunities at the former Jedburgh Grammar School site. The former school, which extended across a number of buildings in the town centre, was empty following the creation of the Jedburgh Grammar Campus. Scottish Borders Council was keen to get input from the local community into their preferred uses of the site to inform the process of selling the site and assist potential buyers. The former grammar school site held many memories for Jedburgh residents and was a key town centre location, which included listed structures. Its redevelopment could also form an important element of the regeneration of the town centre. Therefore it was important that the community got the opportunity to identify the potential uses which would help address local needs and support the economy of the area. During the consultation, which concluded in August, a range of uses had been considered as possible opportunities, from housing to a hotel and care facilities, while there were also other potential commercial uses, including retail. The consultation was a chance for local residents and businesses to play their part and potentially help shape the future of the site. As with the redevelopment of any site, there would be a number of considerations as to how it could be redeveloped. This included flood risk, archaeology, access and how it would relate to the immediate surrounding area.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

5.0 SECTION 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding

5.1. Cheviot Funding Tables 2022/23

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 underspend from the Community Fund in 2021/22 of £28,640.65 and 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 awarded totalled £2,492.00 and application assessed and awaiting a decision totalled £10,000.000, totalling an overall budget of £99,370.04. Other sources of funding included Local Festival Grant Budget totalling £16,675.00, Annual Support Grant to Community Councils totalling £10,470.00, Common Goods, SBC Enhancement Grant, SBC Welfare Grant and SBC Small Schemes totalled £169,531.17.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 5.2 With reference to paragraph 6.1 of the Minute of 29 June 2022, there had been circulated copies of a briefing note which explained the purpose of each fund available and how to apply.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 5.3 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.

5.4 **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. The Chairman advised that as the meeting was not quorate a final decision could not be taken and a further meeting would be arranged for Elected Members to consider the funding applications. Following discussion, those present agreed the funding as recommended. Community Councillor Horsburgh highlighted the need to encourage applications and suggested that the paperwork be amended to illustrate that applications could be for one off projects.

Kelso Scout Group

An application had been received for the purchase of three Troop tents to enable large groups of young members to go camping. The current tents could only accommodate 2-3 Scouts and were in poor condition. The troop tents would accommodate up to 10 children each and were constructed of high quality canvas. The intention was to hold at least two camping trips per year. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended awarding £2,500.

Ancrum & District Heritage Society

An application had been received for the purchase of four interpretation boards to be erected around the village of Ancrum. The boards would feature information on the heritage and historical sites of Ancrum and the applicant had been working with Scottish Borders Council to gain agreement for the installation of a board in Ancrum's cemetery. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended to award £2,500 on condition that any additional terms and conditions from Scottish Borders Council were completed.

Jed Tourism Alliance

An application had been received for the upgrade of the Jedburgh Town website to include key features and information. The intention was to make the site easier to navigate which would help promote different assets of Jedburgh and beyond. The longer term finance for the website was supported through donations from the tourism booklets. The panel agreed to recommend awarding £2,500

Stable Life

An application had been received for project running costs to deliver an equine assisted learning programme for young people across the Borders which would include young people from Cheviot. The intention was to help young people develop life skills and strengthen their

resilience, increase self-confidence and self-belief, improve relationships and to reach their potential. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended awarding £2,500.

**DECISION
AGREED:-**

- (a) the funding be approved, subject to consideration by the Elected Members;**
- (b) that consideration be given to amending the application to encourage applications which include one- off projects**

6.0 SECTION 4: Other

6.1 Kalewater Bridge

Information was sought on the timescale and cost of repairs to the Kalewater Bridge.

DECISION

Information to be circulated to those present.

6.2 Area Partnership Boundary

Clarification on the Area Partnership boundary was sought in terms of High Schools and feeder Primary Schools in relation to the Community Plan. Ms Jardine advised that placemaking conversations would feed into the Cheviot Locality Plan and onto the Community Plan.

DECISION

NOTED.

6.3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The Chairman advised that additional information was included in the agenda pack which contained information on current consultations and links to useful information.

DECISION

NOTED.

6.4 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, 1 February 2023

Wednesday, 29 March 2023

Wednesday, 31 May 2023

The next meeting would be held on **Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at 6.30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.**

6.5. MEETING EVALUATION

Cheviot Area Partnership

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 8.30 p.m.

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MINUTE of Meeting of the CHEVIOT
AREA PARTNERSHIP held remotely by
Microsoft Teams on Monday, 10
October 2022 at 10am.

Present:- Councillors P. Brown (Chairman), S. Mountford, E. Robson,
T. Weatherston.

Apologies: Councillors S. Hamilton, S. Scott.

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

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting via Microsoft teams, which included Elected Members and those watching via the Live Stream. She outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2. SECTION 3: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY FUNDING

2.1 Cheviot Funding Table 2022/23

There had been circulated copies of the Cheviot Funding for 2022/23 which detailed the funding available together with information on the allocation of the Community Grant Fund. The overall opening balance as at 1 April 2022 was £111, 862.04, less monies awarded thus far (£2,492), the total monies under consideration today (£10,000) and the final balance on their approval (£99,370).

2.2 Neighbourhood Assessment Panel

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. The Chairman reiterated that as the Cheviot Area Partnership meeting of 28 September 2022 had not been quorate, a further meeting was required to approve the funding applications, although there had been agreement from those present on 28 September.

2.3 Kelso Scout Group

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2.6 Stable Life

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DECISION

AGREED that the sum of £2,500 be awarded to each of the following:-

- **Kelso Scout Group**
- **Stable Life**
- **Ancrum and District Heritage Society**
- **Jedburgh Tourism Alliance**

Meeting concluded at 10:07 a.m.

Cheviot Funding 2022/23

08 November 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	£ 11,967.00
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 7,242.71
Sub-total	£ 19,209.71
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 92,652.33

NSF applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 92,652.33

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	£ 6,150.00	£ 4,320.00
Village Halls (inc. Secretariat fee paid to the Bridge)	£ 9,140.00	£ 9,140.00	£ -
SBC Small Schemes	£ 69,400.00	£ 58,287.00	£ 11,113.00
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	£ 134,827.00	£ 61,849.17

*additional projects are being considered

Summary of applications

No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	07/01/22	NSF	Abundant Borders	£ 2,492.00	Community Garden	Awarded
2	07/01/22	NSF	QME Care	£ 1,745.72	Bicycle Store	Unsuccessful
3	25/07/22	NSF	Roxburgh and Berwickshire CAB	£ 2,500.00	Advisor post	Withdrawn
4	27/07/22	NSF	Kelso Scout Group	£ 2,500.00	Purchase tents	Awarded
5	01/08/22	NSF	Stable Life	£ 2,500.00	Core costs	Awarded
6	17/08/22	NSF	Ancrum & District Heritage Society	£ 2,500.00	Display Boards	Awarded
7	22/08/22	NSF	Jedburgh Tourism Alliance	£ 2,500.00	web development	Awarded
8	25/09/2022	NSF	Kelso Community Council	£ 480.96	IT equipment	Assessed
9	04/10/2022	NSF	Sprouston Coronation Hall	£ 2,101.75	Generator Switch	Assessed
10	08/10/2022	NSF	Kelso In Bloom	£ 2,500.00	Perennials and Shrubs	Assessed
11	14/10/2022	NSF	Kelso Cricket Club	£ 2,160.00	Marquee	Assessed
12						
Total				£ 23,980.43		



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

MINUTES of Meeting of CHEVIOT
COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT
PANEL held via Microsoft Teams on
Tuesday, 25th October, 2022 at 7pm

Present:- N McIlwraith, G Hayward, G Horsburgh, D Weatherston, B
Burton

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G Jardine)

Apologies:- P Jeary

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Apologies were noted and the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

BB declared an interest in Sprouston Coronation Hall. G Horsburgh expressed an interest in Kelso CC and Kelso In Bloom. DW declared a potential interest in Kelso in Bloom's application.

FAST TRACK PROCESS

- 3.** Panel had thought it was only Officers who would assess Fast Track applications. For autonomy and consistency, the panel support SBC Officers carrying out eligibility checks and panel members assessing Fast Track applications as part of the application process.

APPLICATION STATUS

- 4.** Panel discussed whether sub-committees of Community Councils should be considered as a separate organisation to the Community Council under the criteria of the NSF which only allows two applications per financial year from the same organisation. The panel felt that sub-committee should be considered as a separate organisation as they often have their own bank accounts and are responsible for their activities. There was also consideration that the two application limit shouldn't be applied to Community Councils as they are often the vehicle for community activity in their area. There was a view that as long as funding distribution is fair and transparent, the number of applications from the one group is irrelevant. Panel request the threshold of two applications per organisation is removed.

5a. OVERVIEW REVIEW OF MARKS

There was comment as panel members are now more in align with their scoring as demonstrated in the consistency of scoring and ranking of the applications in this financial round.

5b. KELSO IN BLOOM

An application from Kelso In Bloom requesting £2,500 was received to purchase perennials and shrubs to provide an alternative and more financially sustainable planting scheme for Kelso. The perennials and shrubs will be used to enhance the entrance to Kelso from Sprouston by developing the beds in front of the Linn.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500. The panel were supportive of this project. It did however generate a question on the inclusion of 'innovative' on the scoring matrix. There was a view that many worthwhile projects may not score highly on innovation because it is not something new they are delivering but the project is still of value to the community.

5c. SPROUSTON CORONATION HALL

An application from Sprouston Coronation Hall requesting £2,101.75 was received to fund the installation of a switch rated at 100amps to provide to connect a generator in the hall to create a safe refuge for members of the village in the event of another major power outage. The panel felt this would enhance the village's provision as a rural community and is an example of the community being proactive. Recent experiences have shown the vulnerability of communities for different reasons.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,101.75

5d. KELSO CRICKET CLUB

An application from Kelso Cricket Club requesting £2,160 was received for purchase of a marquee to replace their old marquee which was recently destroyed in high winds and storms. The marquee is used for hosting events which help raise funds for the club.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,160

5e. KELSO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An application from Kelso Community Council requesting £480.96 was received to purchase IT equipment. There was discussion as to whether this could open the fund up to additional applications for IT equipment however there was acknowledgement that IT equipment has been funded in the past. There was also agreement that a conversation should be had with the Scottish Borders Community Council Network to discuss IT requirements of Community Council volunteers as they shouldn't be expect to provide their own equipment and the Community Council grant isn't enough to purchase what is required.

As this is a Fast Track application, the application will not go forward to the Area Partnership for a decision.

5F CONDITIONS OF FUNDING AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

No additional conditions

5G REVIEW OF FUNDING AVAILABLE AND CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT FUNDING ROUND

Discussion within the panel as to whether a portion of the NSF could be transferred to Cheviot's Small Scheme pot to help ensure the funds are spent this financial year. GJ to enquire. GJ also to check when the Cheviot Area Partnership agreed the funds criteria as the panel felt that it may have been in operation for a year and so could now be reviewed. The panel agreed to a fund closing date of 14 December 2022 with the next panel meeting to take place on 11 January 2023

5H DECISIONS AND REPORT TO AREA PARTNERSHIP

GJ to circulate the NSF criteria recommendations that were previously agreed by the panel and confirm by email that panel members continue to support those recommendations. Finalised recommendations to be attached to the NSF and presented to the Area Partnership

6. CHEVIOT NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND WEBPAGES

Re-wording of the fund's webpage to include the terms 'projects, activities and one off events'.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th January 2023, 7pm

The meeting concluded at 8:00pm

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Cheviot Assessment Panel

November 2022

Neighbourhood Support Fund recommendations

Cheviot Assessment Panel is recommending the following amendments to the Neighbourhood Support Fund criteria with immediate effect:

Amendment

Increase the maximum grant to £5,000 (current maximum grant is £2,500).

Reason

It is felt that raising the limit to £5,000 will encourage more groups and organisations to apply and support local groups/organisations to deliver projects/initiatives. All other Localities have an application limit of £5,000 or above and are on course to spend their Neighbourhood Support Fund this financial year. If the current applications to the Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund are approved it will leave a balance of £92,652.33 to spend before the end of March 31st 2023. Based on the number of applications received so far this year, it is highly unlikely that the fund will be spent this financial year unless changes are made to the fund criteria.

Amendment

Remove the restriction that groups can only submit two applications per annum and that they must be for different projects.

Reason

The panel feels that this limitation is particularly challenging for Community Councils who are often the main body for organising and delivering community projects in their area. The panel believes the scrutiny of applications applied at the assessment stage will consider the merit and worth of all community projects and therefore the limitation on the number of times a group can apply is not required.

Nicola McIlwraith

Chair of Cheviot Assessment Panel

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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](#)

Private Landlord Survey 2022

This survey aims to collect the views of private landlords across a number of topics such as repairs, rental practices and tenant relations.

The survey will help us to gain a better understanding of the private rented sector, your needs as landlords and help us to identify any areas where we can provide more support or support that is better suited to the needs of local landlords.

The results from the survey will also feed into the next Local Housing Strategy.

Survey closes 18 November 2022

[Private Landlord Survey 2022 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Food Conversation

The next meeting of the Food Conversation group takes place on Friday 18th November, 10am via Teams. Please email communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk if you would like to join the meeting. The meeting will continue the discussions and planning for responding to the impact the cost of living crisis is having on food access as well as longer term strategies to support food growing and food access.

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.

Results from the free period product survey can be viewed here. SBC is now working with partners to extend provision of free period products in the community. Information will be circulated to inform people of where free period products can be accessed.

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 \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

Cost of Living Support

[Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



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Borders Money Worries
App here

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

Covid-19 vaccination programme

<https://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 \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[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/advi