

Public Document Pack

MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2023

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30 p.m.

Location: Via Microsoft Teams

BUSINESS	
1.	Welcome
2.	Feedback from meeting of 1 February 2023 (Pages 5 - 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minute – Copy Minute from meeting held on 1 February 2023. (Copy attached.)• Menti Feedback from meeting held on 1 February 2023
3.	Section 1: Service & Partner Update and Consultations (Pages 13 - 22) Draft Health and Social Care Strategic Framework discussion - Carol Hayden, National Team for Development and Inclusion (NDTI)
4.	Section 2: Community Empowerment and Community Funding
	(a) Cheviot Funding Table 2022/23 (Pages 23 - 24) Overview from SBC Communities & Partnership Team.
	(b) Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 25 - 32) NSF recommendations to be presented by the Cheviot Assessment Panel on the following applications:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Interest Link Bordersii One Step Bordersiii. St Boswells Village Halliv 2nd Kelso Guide Companyv Kelso Cricket Clubvi Kelso Cricket Clubvii Kelso Orchard Tennis Club

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> viii Green St Boswells ix Jedforest Instrumental Band x St Boswells OAP Social Club xi Borders Media CIC xii Borders Group of RDA xiii Borders Group of RDA xiv The Jed Lunch Club xv Borders Union Agricultural Society xvi Kelso Football Club xvii Tweed Valley Railway Campaign xviii Jedburgh Legacy Group xix Kelso Wheelers Cycling Club xx Jedburgh Tourism Alliance
	<p>(c) Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund Assessment Panel 2023/24 recommendations (Pages 33 - 34)</p> <p>(Copy attached.)</p>
5.	Section 3: Local Priorities
	(a) Place Making Update on Place Making progress in Cheviot.
	(b) Community Council Update Sharing good practice and current activity from across Cheviot.
6.	Section 4: Other
	(a) Additional Information Document (Pages 35 - 38)
	(b) Date of Next Meeting Wednesday, 31 May 2023 – Items for Discussion
	(c) Any Other Competent Business
	(d) Meeting Evaluation

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**Cheviot
Area Partnership**



MINUTES of Meeting of the
CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP
held on Wednesday, 1 February
2023 at 6.30 pm. Via Microsoft
Teams.

Present:- Councillors P. Brown, (Chairman), S. Hamilton, S. Mountford, E. Robson, S. Scott, T. Weatherston, together with 18 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.

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

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the in person meeting, which included Elected Members, Community Council representatives, Community Organisations and guests attending within the meeting. She outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING ON 23 NOVEMBER 2022**

The minute of the meeting of the Cheviot Area Partnership held on 23 November 2022 had been circulated with the Agenda. There were no specific actions to follow up from the last Area Partnership meeting and Katy Jackson would continue to keep the Area Partnership informed as the new coast to coast cycle route was prepared for opening.

3. **SECTION 1: SERVICE & PARTNER UPDATES AND CONSULTATIONS**
3.1 **COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FEEDBACK**

Last summer elected members and senior SBC Officers toured the Borders to meet with communities to discuss the issues important to them. 11 community conversations were held in total, two of which were in Cheviot. A summary of the feedback from these conversations was included in the Agenda Pack and overall people seemed to like the format of these sessions and another round of conversations was being planned for later in the year. The issues raised so to date were to be considered as part of SBC's budget process and should feed in to local planning. Observations from those who had attended the conversations were that they required to be publicised better, with a more targeted approach and not all questions had been answered. The Community Engagement Officer requested that matter wishing to be raised be forwarded to her by e-mail on GJardine@scotborders.gov.uk. It was also highlighted that there had been a difference of opinion as to what was expected and other partners to be invited to future conversations.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

3.2 **HARRY WHITMORE - COMMUNITY LED HOUSING COORDINATOR, SOUTH OF SCOTLAND COMMUNITY HOUSING - SOSCH**

The Chairman welcomed Harry Whitmore, Community Led Housing Co-coordinator with SOSCH who support community organisations to consider solutions to local housing issues and deliver community led housing projects. It was explained that Community Led housing was delivered by and for local communities, rather than relying on traditional providers, it was a way for local people to produce place-based solutions to local problems through a process of participation and empowerment. There were many types of community led housing, but in Scotland it typically took the form of housing developed and owned by a community organisation such as a Community Development Trust. As a result of Scotland's land reform legislation and the Community Development Trust model, there was a vibrant landscape of community-led housing. The Scottish model allowed for not only housing, but for community trusts to own other assets like shops and renewable energy sources. There were 612 assets in community ownership across Scotland in December 2020. Mr Whitmore went onto to explain the benefits of community ownership and community led housing which included – sustaining communities, regenerating places in decline, a flexible approach to housing, providing affordable homes for local people and a reliable source of revenue for community organisations.

3.3 Mr Whitmore then went onto explain that SOSCH was a community-led housing enabler established in 2006 in order to address a shortfall in rural housing supply in South West Scotland. SOSCH support community organisations to deliver affordable community-led housing within the context of community ownership of land and assets and Land Reform. SOSCH had a long track record of project delivery across South West Scotland and were engaged with 35+ communities in southern Scotland. They operated on a fee-based system which were included where possible in funding packages so communities were not paying out of their pockets. SOSCH worked with community organisations at an early stage to set themselves up to deliver community led housing, either supporting a group to constitute itself properly, or direct them towards partners to help. The two key requirements to setting up your voluntary or community organisation correctly were an open membership, and a defined geographical area, in order to use certain legal powers and access to certain funding. By working with SOSCH, the capacity of your organisation was increased by reducing the burden on the organisation. The amount of involvement SOSCH had in the project varied depending on the confidence and ability of the group to deliver a project. SOSCH could increase a community's capacity by helping them hire a member of staff, such as a development officer to manage the day to day delivery of the project, which could be included as part of the feasibility funding, and could be either short term, or long term. SOSCH could also help increase a community's capacity to deliver community housing by working in partnership with other groups, such as housing associations, to deliver projects. This may be a good option for large-scale projects, where a community lacked confidence to deliver it themselves.

3.4 In terms of Finance and Funding, SOSCH used its partnership and experience to help communities' access resources, putting together comprehensive and bespoke funding packages to deliver CLH projects. The starting point of financing a project was with the Rural Housing Fund (RHF) and Scottish Land Fund (SFL) and early stage expressions of interest helped secure funding for feasibility work. Rural Housing Fund can then offer capital works funding, and the Scottish Land Fund can support the purchase of an asset. The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) can be accessed when re-purposing existing buildings, especially within conservation areas or listed buildings and they can provide grants for feasibility work, and loans for capital works South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE). SOSE had previously helped finance community led projects, as well as several SOSCH projects, such as the Langholm Old Police Station. They had also supported Kirkhope Steadings, the first CLH project in the Borders. Other sources of funding were Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF); Borderlands Growth Deal; Ecological Building Society; Wind Farm Funds; Empty Homes Grant Scheme; SSE - Scottish Borders Sustainable Development Fund.

- 3.5 In terms of South East Scotland, Mr Whitmore explained that a 'Community Led Housing Coordinator - South East Scotland' had been recruited to expand the work of SOSCH from South West Scotland to South East Scotland, to replicate the SOSCH approach and successes. SOSCH were very encouraged by existing community led development in the Borders and were keen help to accelerate this by raising awareness around community led housing and how it could fit into the wider community development agenda. The last three months had been spent building partnerships across the region to help support communities to deliver community led housing and work had already begun directly with communities with early discussions.
- 3.6 In terms of Cheviot, it was explained that there was a population of around 19,345.34% of the population who lived in settlements under 500 people. Jedburgh (3774 in 2020) was the only settlement not eligible for the rural housing fund, despite Kelso (6833 in 2020) having a higher population. Existing community owned assets in Cheviot included: The Port House, Jedburgh; Laidlaw Memorial Pool, Jedburgh and Morebattle Village Shop and Post Office. While vacant and long term empty homes were everywhere, Cheviot had a few key 'hotspots'. These hotspots had a high number of both vacant and LTE properties and while data can help to identify housing need and areas with a particularly high number of vacant and long term empty properties, empty buildings anywhere can help address challenges that communities face. Most of all, SOSCH relied on local knowledge of empty, vacant and derelict properties to deliver CLH.
- 3.7 SOSCH could help across the entire process of community led housing, but needed the local knowledge and ideas. Therefore, they were looking for information on;
- Could your community benefit from Community Led Housing?
 - What is the housing need in your community?
 - Are you interested in any buildings or land to develop housing?
 - If you've identified a building or land:
 - Who owns the building/land?
 - How long has it been vacant?
 - Is it currently on the market?
 - Are you interested in other forms of community ownership and regeneration?

For more information on SOSCH South East Scotland project, please contact the Community Led Housing Coordinator for South East Scotland, Harry Whitmore. Email: harry.sosch@outlook.com.

DECISION NOTED.

MEMBER

Councillor Mountford left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

4.0 **SECTION 2: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY FUNDING**
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 Community Co-ordinator advised that the two applications from Jedburgh Community Council and the Rural Space Agency's application had been withdrawn. The opening balance at 1 April 2022 was £80,268.39 plus underspend from the Community Fund in 2021/22 of £28,640.65, underspend in the Local Festival Grant in 2021/22 of £2,953.00 and underspend in the Community Fund 2019/20 of £2,175, which resulted in an overall budget of £114,037.04. 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 £197,882.69. Neighbourhood Support Fund applications

awarded since April 2022 totalled £19,209.71 and application assessed and awaiting decision totalled £28,237.56.

DECISION NOTED.

Neighbourhood Support Fund

- 4.2 There had been 14 applications received for the Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund which was a significant increase on previous rounds and very encouraging that more community organisations were coming forward. 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.
- 4.3 **Perfect Harmony**
An application had been received from Perfect Harmony requesting £1,350 to fund an additional 5 concerts per year throughout Cheviot care facilities. The concert engaged local musicians with the purpose of enhancing the lives of the recipients. The application scored an average of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended that £1,350 be awarded.
- 4.4 **QME Care**
An application had been received from QME Care in the sum of £2,250 to offer a subsidised meal during their Sunday Lunch Club as well as a contribution to resources for additional activities, e.g. music, games, crafts, group discussion and reminiscence, and cognitive stimulation, within their existing Place and Space Day Service. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended that £2,250 be awarded.
- 4.5 **Ancrum Community Council**
An application had been received from Ancrum Community Council in the sum of £468.98 towards the erection of signage to encourage responsible dog ownership, and disallow dogs on the village green. The Panel were not supportive of the project.
- 4.6 **Jedburgh Community Council**
Applications had been received from Jedburgh Community Council requesting £1,251 to replace all floral displays throughout Jedburgh with perennial plants to move to a more sustainable model and reduce the use of bedding plants. The application scored an average of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, evidence of need, innovation, sustainability, potential impact and use of public money. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended that £1,215 be awarded.
- 4.7 **Kelso Walking Festival Committee**
An application had been received from Kelso Walking Festival Committee in the sum of £5,000 to deliver the Annual Scottish Borders Walking Festival. The Funds would be used to support the rental of the Community Centre as well as design and publication of marketing material to promote the event. The application scored 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, evidence of need, potential impact and use of public money. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended that £5,000 be awarded.
- 4.8 **Kelso Heritage Society**
An application had been received from the Kelso Heritage Society in the sum of £989 to support the purchase of updated software and equipment to be used throughout their programme of monthly talks of local and Scottish historical interest. Kelso Heritage Society's application scored an average of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability. The Panel were supportive of the project and recommended that £989 be awarded.

4.9 **Art at Ancrum**

An application had been received from Art at Ancrum in the sum of £540 towards supporting the annual arts fair located within the village of Ancrum. The fair supported artists and makers to display and sell their work, drawing interest and tourism to the village. Funds would also be used to produce a high-quality A3, colour catalogue for the event displaying information as well as a village map. The panel felt they produced a strong case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and recommended that £540 be awarded.

4.10 **Kelso Camera Club**

An application had been received from Kelso Camera Club in the sum of £1,062 towards the hosting of their annual exhibition. The exhibition was open to the public, free of charge and funds would be used to support the town hall hire as well as printing and mounting images. An application was made for £1062.18 from Kelso Camera Club to host their annual exhibition. The Panel agreed that the application produced a strong case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and therefore recommended that £1062.18 be awarded.

4.11 **St Boswells PS**

An application had been received from St Boswells Primary School Parent and Friends Partnership and St Boswells Community Council sub-groups, Green St Boswells and Friends of the Community Woodland in the sum of £1,159. The application was to support a project aimed to create a Community micro-orchard, a commemorative Queen's Green Canopy mini-woodland and associated wildlife areas around St Boswells Primary School grounds. The project aimed to create community opportunities for learning and development surrounding wildlife and fruit. The application scored an average of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and it was recommended that £1,159 be awarded.

4.12 **Kelso Skatepark Project**

An application had been received from the Kelso Skatepark Project in the sum of £5,000 towards supporting consultancy fees for the improvement of safety, security and lighting to the Skatepark. The application scored an average of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and it was recommended that £5,000 be awarded.

4.13 **Thomas Maconochie KHS Trust**

An application had been received from the Thomas Maconochie KHS Trust, in partnership with CLD Service to run an intergenerational project between the residents of Kerfield Court and pupils from the High School. The group would work with a stone carver to produce sculptures that would be placed within the residents' garden at Kerfield Court and the application was in the sum of £2,106. The application scored an average of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and it was recommended that £2,106 be awarded.

4.14 It was noted that Dean Weatherston has been appointed as Chair of the Panel following the resignation of the previous Panel Chair. Mr Weatherston highlighted that the resignation of the previous Chairman and a further Panel Member indicating his intention to stand down following the next meeting, membership required to be addressed.

DECISION

AGREED:-

(a) that the following sums be awarded to each of those listed:-

- **Perfect Harmony - £1,350**
- **QME Care - £2,250**

- **Jedburgh Community Council – Replacement of Floral Displays - £1,215**
- **KCC Walking Festival Committee - £5,000**
- **Kelso Heritage Society - £989**
- **Art at Ancrum - £540**
- **Kelso Camera Club - £1,062**
- **St Boswells PS - £1,159**
- **Kelso Skatepark Project - £5,000**
- **Thomas Maconochie KHS Trust - £2,106**

(b) that no award be made to Ancrum Community Council

MEMBER

Councillor Weatherston left the meeting following consideration of the above item.

5.0 SECTION 3: PLACE MAKING

5.1 It was reported that the Cheviot Place Making Working Group had recently met with Sarah McDonald, Selkirk BIDS to hear about the two community engagement events which had been delivered in Selkirk. This was in anticipation of Cheviot communities planning their community engagement activities. It had been agreed that Alison Grainger, Police Scotland be invited to attend the Jedburgh Place Making workshop scheduled for March 2023.

5.2 Community Council Updates:-

Jedburgh CC - Working with SOSE and SBC and looking at

- Hydro Poll with in Swimming pool Building
- Asset Transfer of Town Hall
- Energy from water
- Working with Harry Whitmore in respect of 50 Vacant Buildings
- Pedestrian Walkway re-installed
- Streetscape
- National Park

Kelso CC - Update

- Old Kelso High School
- Trinity Church

5.3 Cost of Living Update

The Community Engagement Officer reported that three applications had been received for the Warm and Well Fund – 2 applications had been funded and one application had been withdrawn.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

6.0 SECTION 4: Other

6.1 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.**

6.2 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, 31 May 2023

The next meeting would be held on **Wednesday, 29 March 2023** and the venue was to be confirmed.

6.3 **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 concluded at 8.00 pm

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Health and Social Care Strategic Framework 2023-2026

Ongoing Engagement and Involvement

Elaine Torrance, Carol Hayden, NDTi



Scottish Borders
Health and Social Care
PARTNERSHIP



Aims of engagement and involvement

- To update you on work to date in the development of the strategic framework
- To outline the framework and seek further comments
- To seek your further involvement in the planning, design and monitoring of the framework



The Framework has been informed by

- Engaging and listening to our communities to understand their expressed needs – published in the **We have listened report**
- Understanding the public health needs of the population – **Needs of our communities report**
- Reviewing performance against the **national health and wellbeing outcomes**
- Considering **current and future challenges**



Key Challenges

Working with the impacts of Covid-19

A population with increasing levels of health and wellbeing needs

The need to support transitions from children's to adult's services

Significant workforce pressures

National and international economic pressures impacting on our communities e.g. costs of living, fuel poverty

Significant financial pressures for the Health and Social Care Partnership

Access to affordable housing in our rural context, and the associated impacts on health and wellbeing

Unpaid carers need more support

Pressures in our Communities and in our Hospitals

Climate change

More people living alone

National Care Service

The Health and Social Care Strategic Framework 23-26

- **Mission** "to help the people of the Scottish Borders to live their lives to the full, by delivering seamless services that place their needs at the heart of everything that we do"
- **Vision:** "That all people in the Scottish Borders will be able to live their lives to the full"
- **Aims:** to improve and continue to support the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Scottish Borders
- **Sets out:** how health and social care services will be transformed and delivered over the next 3 years



What is the framework aiming to achieve?

Our Mission is "To help the people of the Scottish Borders to live their lives to the full, by delivering seamless services that place their needs at the heart of everything we do"

Our Vision is that "All people in the Scottish Borders are able to live their lives to the full"

95% of adults able to look after their health well (currently 93.4%)

85% of adults supported at home agree they are supported to live independently (currently 73.1%)

80% of adults agree that they had a say in how their help, care or support was provided (currently 63.4%)

75% of adults supported at home agree that their health and social care services are well coordinated (currently 59.3%)

80% of adults receiving any care or support rate it as excellent or good (currently 73.9%)

80% of people have a positive experience of care at their GP practice (currently 65.9%)

80% of adults supported at home agree that their services improve or maintain their quality of life (currently 70.5%)

70% of carers feel supported to continue in their caring role (currently 29.4%)

85% of adults supported at home agree they feel safe (currently 77.3%)

The Framework

Strategic issues

Long waiting times

Insufficient workforce to meet need with current models

Good in a crisis, not at anticipation or prevention

Unpaid carers need to be better supported

Increasing need and financial constraints

Poverty and inequalities likely to worsen in financial crises



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Scottish Borders
Health and Social Care
PARTNERSHIP

Objectives

What we will prioritise to deliver our vision

Improving access to services

Rising to the workforce challenge

Focusing on prevention and early intervention

Supporting unpaid carers

Improving our effectiveness and thinking differently to meet need with less

Reducing poverty and inequalities

Ways of working

People at the heart of everything we do

Good agile teamwork and ways of working – Team Borders approach

Deliver quality, sustainable, seamless services

Dignity and respect

Care and compassion

Inclusive, co-productive and fair with openness, honesty and responsibility

Our Vision is that "All people in the Scottish Borders are able to live their lives to the full"

We want to hear from you about...

- your views on the Framework – is there anything missing?
- how you can continue to be involved in developing the framework and actions?
- monitoring the implementation and impact at a community/ local /Borders wide level?



How you can continue to be involved...

- You can go online and answer a few questions around the Framework by scanning our QR code and/ or leaving your contact details
- Join our 'Hear From You Network' by web – <https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/public-engagement/hear-from-you/contact-form/> or Email – public.involvement@borders.scot.nhs.uk
- Express your interest in joining a Locality Working Group (being set up in near future)
- If you are already a member of a Special Interest or Community Group please provide us with your details and we will send you regular updates



Where can I find out more about the Strategic Framework 2023-2026?

- You can access and download the working draft Health and Social Care Framework online at:
- www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/877/scottish_borders_health_and_social_care_integration_strategic_plans



Cheviot Funding 2022/23

29 March 2023

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
Plus Community Fund 2019/20 underspend	£	2,175.00
Total available	£	114,037.04
Less:		
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2022	£	39,880.84
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£	71,690.79
Sub-total	£	111,571.63
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£	2,465.41

Other sources of grant funding - Cheviot			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 16,675.00	£ 13,775.00	£ 2,900.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,470.00	£ 8,670.00	£ 1,800.00
Village Halls (inc. Secretariat fee paid to the Bridge)	£ 9,140.00	£ 9,140.00	£ -
SBC Small Schemes	£ 74,567.00	£ 73,713.24	£ 853.76
Common Good (Jedburgh)	£ 85,000.00	£ 59,500.00	£ 25,500.00
Common Good - Kelso	£ 3,000.00	£ 650.00	£ 2,350.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 121.66	£ -	£ 121.66
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 3,446.03	£ 1,617.52	£ 1,828.51
Totals	£ 202,419.69	£ 167,065.76	£ 35,353.93

NSF applications still to be assessed	£	-
Potential Overall Position	£	2,465.41

Summary of applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	07/01/2022	NSF	Abundant Borders	£ 2,492.00	Community Garden	Awarded
2	07/01/2022	NSF	QME Care	£ 1,745.72	Bicycle Store	Unsuccessful
3	25/07/2022	NSF	Roxburgh and Berwickshire CAB	£ 2,500.00	Advisor post	Withdrawn
4	27/07/2022	NSF	Kelso Scout Group	£ 2,500.00	Purchase tents	Awarded
5	01/08/2022	NSF	Stable Life	£ 2,500.00	Core costs	Awarded
6	17/08/2022	NSF	Ancrum & District Heritage Society	£ 2,500.00	Display Boards	Awarded
7	22/08/2022	NSF	Jedburgh Tourism Alliance	£ 1,975.00	web development	Awarded
8	25/09/2022	NSF	Kelso Community Council	£ 480.96	IT equipment	Awarded
9	04/10/2022	NSF	Sprouston Coronation Hall	£ 2,101.75	Generator Switch	Awarded
10	08/10/2022	NSF	Kelso In Bloom	£ 2,500.00	Perennials and Shrubs	Awarded
11	14/10/2022	NSF	Kelso Cricket Club	£ 2,160.00	Marquee	Awarded
12	03/11/2022	NSF	Perfect Harmony	£ 1,350.00	Concerts	Awarded
13	30/11/2022	NSF	QME Care	£ 2,250.00	Subsidised Food Provision	Awarded
14	01/12/2022	NSF	Ancrum Community Council	£ 468.98	Ancrum Dog Signs	Unsuccessful
15	05/12/2022	NSF	Jedburgh Community Council	£ 1,215.00	Town Flower Maintenance	Awarded
16	07/12/2022	NSF	KCC Walking Festival Committee	£ 5,000.00	Walking Group	Awarded
17	08/12/2022	NSF	Kelso Heritage Society	£ 989.00	Capital AV Purchase	Awarded
18	09/12/2022	NSF	Art at Ancrum	£ 540.00	Marketing Development	Awarded
19	11/12/2022	NSF	Jedburgh Community Council	£ 4,027.50	Town Railing Painting	Withdrawn
20	11/12/2022	NSF	Jedburgh Community Council	£ 2,569.95	Town Lamppost Painting	Withdrawn
21	12/12/2022	NSF	Kelso Camera Club	£ 1,062.13	Photography Exhibition	Awarded
22	12/12/2022	NSF	Rural Space Agency	£ 500.00	Creative Spaces	Withdrawn
23	13/12/2022	NSF	St Boswells PS	£ 1,159.00	Wildflower Development	Awarded
24	13/12/2022	NSF	Kelso Skatepark Project	£ 5,000.00	Skatepark Lights	Awarded
25	14/12/2022	NSF	Thomas Maconochie KHS Trust	£ 2,106.00	Stone Carving	Awarded
26	28/12/2022	NSF	Interest Link Borders	£ 4,805.00	Cheviot Learning Disabilities Befriending Project	Assessed
27	03/02/2023	NSF	One Step Borders	£ 3,150.00	Volunteer Recruitment	Assessed
28	09/02/2023	NSF	St Boswells Village Hall	£ 3,335.36	Capital Costs & Items	Assessed
29	14/02/2023	NSF	2nd Kelso Guide Company	£ 1,440.00	Outdoor Camping	Assessed
30	14/02/2023	NSF	Kelso Cricket Club	£ 3,393.84	Kitchen Refurb	Assessed
31	14/02/2023	NSF	Kelso Cricket Club	£ 1,916.46	Capital Costs & Items	Assessed
32	18/02/2023	NSF	Kelso Orchard Tennis Club	£ 4,005.00	Staying Active with Tennis	Assessed
33	18/02/2023	NSF	Green St Boswells	£ 3,000.88	Community Food Growing	Assessed
34	19/02/2023	NSF	Jedforest Instrumental Band	£ 5,000.00	Energy Efficiency Project	Assessed
35	21/02/2023	NSF	St Boswells OAP Social Club	£ 1,662.75	OAP Away Day	Assessed
36	21/02/2022	NSF	Borders Media CIC	£ 4,475.50	Magazine Development	Assessed
37	21/02/2022	NSF	Borders Group of RDA	£ 4,158.00	Quad Replacement	Assessed
38	21/02/2022	NSF	Borders Group of RDA	£ 4,050.00	Sensory Garden	Assessed
39	22/02/2022	NSF	The Jed Lunch Club	£ 360.00	Lunch Club	Assessed
40	22/02/2023	NSF	Border Union Agricultural Society	£ 3,688.00	Border Children's Countryside Day	Assessed
41	22/02/2023	NSF	Kelso Football Club	£ 5,000.00	Club Development	Assessed
42	22/02/2023	NSF	Visit Kelso	£ 4,950.00	Brand Redevelopment	Withdrawn
43	22/02/2023	NSF	Tweed Valley Railway Campaign	£ 3,750.00	Community Engagement	Assessed
44	23/02/2023	NSF	Jedburgh Legacy Group	£ 4,500.00	Jedburgh Library	Assessed
45	23/02/2023	NSF	Kelso Wheelers Cycling Club	£ 5,000.00	Trail Improvements	Assessed
46	23/02/2023	NSF	Jedburgh Tourism Alliance	£ 5,000.00	Streetscape	Assessed
Total				£ 128,333.78		

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

MINUTES of Meeting of CHEVIOT NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday the 7th of March 2023 at 7pm.

Present:- B. Burton;
P. Jeary,
G. Horsburgh;
D. Weatherson;
G. Hayward

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G Jardine),
Community Engagement Officer (E. Husband)

Apologies:- G. Horsburgh; for late arrival 19:50pm

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. OUTCOME OF ASSESSMENT PANEL RECCOMENDATIONS TO CAP

Following previous CAP meeting, all funding recommendations were supported totalling £21,140.11 leaving a balance of £74,156.20.

3. DISCUSSION OF CHEVIOT ASSESSMENT PANEL RECRUITMENT

With the resignation P. Jeary at the end of the financial year, 5 spaces within the Cheviot Assessment Panel will be available for recruitment:

- Member of the Public (Jedburgh & District)
- Community Councillor (Jedburgh & District)
- SBC Councillor (Kelso & District)
- SBC Councillor (Jedburgh & District)

Panel to work with SBC Officers on recruitment of these positions.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D. Weatherson: Kelso Guides (CFA000116)

G. Hayward: Jedburgh Tourism Alliance (CFA000135)

5. PROJECT ASSESSMENTS

A. OVERALL REVIEW OF MARKS

Following protocol established at the previous assessment meeting, any project with a mean score of 80+ would be recommended for approval. Projects which fell in this category were:

1. Interest Link Borders
 - Application was submitted for £4,805.00 to offer 25 members with learning disabilities, aged 8-80, with age-based befriending. This aims to nurture friendships, provide new opportunities and improve wellbeing, confidence & social skills.
2. One Step Borders
 - Application was submitted for £3,150.00 to carry out volunteer recruitment and training throughout the Cheviot locality to improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of 35 young people.
3. 2nd Kelso Guides
 - Application was submitted for £1,440.00 for the purchase of four tents to allow the group to attend a UK-wide Girlguiding camp.
4. Kelso Orchard Tennis Club
 - Application was submitted for £4,005.00 to provide activities for those 65+, in partnership local care homes and sheltered housing. These activities will improve participants mental and physical wellbeing.
5. Jed Lunch Club
 - Application was submitted for £360.00 to reopen its' doors post-covid. This monthly club is held within Jed Thistle Club Rooms for older adults, offering a hot meal at an affordable cost, socialisation and reduced isolation.
6. Borders Union Agricultural Society
 - Application was submitted for £3,688.00 for the provision of educational tote bags for each child present at their Countryside Day. These bags offer a memento, as well as education on exhibitors and UN Sustainability goals, and a biodegradable water bottle.
7. Kelso Wheelers Cycling Club
 - Application was submitted for £5,000.00 to make improvement on the bike trails in Angraflat, Kelso. These improvements will allow the trails to reopen for the public.
8. Jedburgh Tourism Alliance
 - Application was submitted for £5,000.00 to commission a feasibility study by Land Use Consultants to explore what streetscape developments would enhance the appeal of the town.

These projects scored an average of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and therefore is recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards grants in full.

Further project discussion went as follows:

B. ST BOSWELLS VILLAGE HALL

An application for £3,335.36 was submitted by St Boswells Village Hall for the replacement of their water boiler and dishwasher. These assets will allow the Hall to continue supporting vulnerable people within their community.

DECISION NOTED that:- Though funding remains available for Village Halls, the panel agreed that support from the Neighbourhood Support Fund will allow this group to improve their current services, encouraging future financial sustainability. The panel agreed they produced an adequate case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and therefore is recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £3,335.36.

C. KELSO CRICKET CLUB

An application for £3,393.84 was submitted by Kelso Cricket Club for the refurbishment of their kitchen facilities. This work would support the club to host events for the local community.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel agreed that support from the Neighbourhood Support Fund will allow this group to improve their current services, encouraging future financial sustainability. The panel agreed they produced an adequate case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and therefore is recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £3,393.84.

D. KELSO CRICKET CLUB

An application for £1,916.46 was submitted by Kelso Cricket Club for the purchase of table and chairs for their marquee. These facilities would be available for use by the community.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel agreed that this project would not provide as great a community benefit as application ref.CFA000117, and alongside a high-volume of applications from this particular group, they would not recommend this project for funding. The panel wish to encourage Kelso Cricket Club to look at ways of becoming more financially sustainable, e.g. fundraising endeavours.

E. GREEN ST BOSWELLS

An application for £3,000.88 was submitted by Green St Boswells to establish a community food-growing and community wildlife gardens. These gardens aim to improve community cohesion for all ages, as well as education.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel agreed that food-growing projects such as this are assets to the communities they work within. The panel agreed they produced an adequate case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability.

As the project stands, without permissions SBC Estates & Planning, the project is ineligible for funding. However, on the condition that this project is approved by SBC Estates & Planning, the panel recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £3,000.88.

F. JEDFOREST INSTRUMENTAL BAND

An application for £5,000.00 was submitted by Jedforest Instrumental Band to support the implementation of an improved, energy-efficient, heating and lighting system to support the bands that practice within the hall as well as the community use.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel praised the group for their provision of free music tuition within the community. The panel agreed they produced an adequate case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and therefore is recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £5,000.00.

G. ST BOSWELLS OAP SOCIAL CLUB

An application for £1,662.75 was submitted by St Boswells OAP Social Club for their Community Activity Day. This activity will offer a trip to a location agreed amongst the group, socialisation and refreshments. This group is open to any members of the community.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel agreed that this project did not provide enough wide-spread benefit to the Cheviot Community, and were not persuaded the proposed project produced an adequate case for funding.

The panel, however, understand the benefit which this club provides to older people in the region. As a result, the panel's recommendation is to not fund the proposed project, but to award the sum of £500.00 for ongoing costs.

H. BORDERS MEDIA CIC

An application for £4,475.50 was submitted by Borders Media CIC to establish, 'Explore the Borders', a bi-monthly magazine promoting tourism in the Scottish Borders. This magazine will be supported through membership packages and advertising, available online and in print.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel were not persuaded the proposed project produced an adequate case for funding on the basis that there are multiple bodies, already in existence, who have the responsibility of promoting tourism throughout The Borders.

The panel encourages this group to work with these existing bodies in the development of their ask. With the understanding that this group wishes to tackle a more local approach to tourism throughout The Borders, the panel encourages SBC Councillors to encourage these existing bodies to develop their local approach.

If approaching these bodies in partnership is unsuccessful, the panel would welcome a more carefully considered application at a later date.

I. BORDERS GROUP OF RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

An application for £4,158.00 was submitted by Borders Group of RDA for the purchase of a replacement quad bike to support the maintenance and safety of their riding arena. This purchase will benefit both children, adults and horses using their centre.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel agreed they produced an adequate case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and

sustainability and therefore is recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £4,158.00.

J. BORDERS GROUP OF RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

An application for £4,050.00 was submitted by Borders Group of RDA for the establishment of a 'sensory garden' for disabled children and young adults.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel were not persuaded the proposed project produced an adequate case for funding, as the group were unable to provide all supporting documentation required. The panel would welcome a more carefully considered application at a later date.

K. KELSO FOOTBALL CLUB

An application for £10,050.00 was submitted by Kelso Football Club for the refurbishment of the club rooms.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel were not persuaded the proposed project produced an adequate case for funding. The group exceeded the maximum ask of the fund and were unable to provide the supporting documentation required. At this time, the application does not meet the criteria of the Neighbourhood Support Fund. The panel would welcome a more carefully considered application at a later date.

L. TWEED VALLEY RAILWAY CAMPAIGN

An application for £3,750.00 was submitted by Tweed Valley Railway Campaign, a group who aim to restore rail services between the East Coast Mainline and Borders Railway via Kelso. The group wish to create promotional materials for stakeholder engagement both in person and online.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel agreed that support from the Neighbourhood Support Fund will allow this group to educate and drive an important campaign forward. The panel agreed they produced an adequate case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and therefore is recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £3,750.00.

M. JEDBURGH LEGACY GROUP

An application for £4,500.00 was submitted by the Jedburgh Legacy Group to support the heating costs of the public library. This group are in the process of taking over management to reopen this space for reading, warm and safe spaces.

DECISION NOTED that:- The panel agreed that support from the Neighbourhood Support Fund will allow this group establish an important asset within the Jedburgh community. The panel agreed they produced an adequate case in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability.

As the group are in discussions with SBC, on the condition that this group are able to agree an appropriate lease and management agreement with SBC, the panel recommended the Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £4,500.00.

N. CONDITIONS OF FUNDING AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

Green St Boswells (CFA000121): SBC Planning & Estates Agreements
Jedburgh Legacy Group (CFA000133): SBC Lease and Management Agreements

6. REVIEW OF FUNDING AVAILABLE AND CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT FUNDING ROUND

Entering this Cheviot Assessment Panel, the panel were presented with 20 applications totalling £71,690.79, leaving £2,465.41 in the pot.

The panel recommends the funding support of 16 applications, totalling £55,086.08, leaving £16,604.71 to be carried forward into 2023-2024 financial year.

Round 1 of the 2023-2024 financial year Neighbourhood Support Fund will close for applications on the 19th of April 2023.

7. DECISIONS AND REPORT TO AREA PARTNERSHIP

Interest Link Borders	CFA000105	£4,805.00
One Step Borders	CFA000111	£3,150.00
St Boswells Village Hall	CFA000114	£3,335.36
2nd Kelso Guide Company	CFA000116	£1,440.00
Kelso Cricket Club	CFA000117	£3,393.84
Kelso Cricket Club	CFA000118	Not Recommended
Kelso Orchard Tennis Club	CFA000120	£4,005.00
Green St Boswells	CFA000121	£3,000.88
Jedforest Instrumental Band	CFA000122	£5,000.00
St Boswells OAP Social Club	CFA000123	£500.00
Borders Media CIC	CFA000124	Not Recommended
Borders Group of RDA	CFA000125	£4,158.00
Borders Group of RDA	CFA000126	Not Recommended
The Jed Lunch Club	CFA000127	£360.00
Border Union Agricultural Society	CFA000128	£3,688.00
Kelso Football Club	CFA000129	Not Recommended
Tweed Valley Railway Campaign	CFA000131	£3,750.00
Jedburgh Legacy Group	CFA000133	£4,500.00
Kelso Wheelers Cycling Club	CFA000134	£5,000.00
Jedburgh Tourism Alliance	CFA000135	£5,000.00

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Cheviot Assessment Panel will next meet on Wednesday the 10th of May at 7:00pm.

Dean Weatherston
Chair

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2023/24 Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund recommendations

The Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund base budget for 2023/24 is £46,352. It is likely there will be underspend from 2022/23 and grants that have not been drawn down from other Cheviot funds to add to the to NSF total for 2023/24.

The Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund Assessment Panel has considered this and make the following recommendations for the 2023/24 NSF:

- An application limit of £5,000 is kept in place
- A limit of one application per year per community group is applied
- A limit of one application per Community Council and one application for each of the Community Council's subgroups is applied

Within the scoring matrix, the assessment panel make the following recommendations:

- Remove the Innovation category
- Add two questions to the sustainability category:
 - Is the project piloting new ways of working?
 - If successful, how could these innovations be more widely adopted?
- Increase the scoring of 'Ability to Deliver' and 'Sustainability' to 20 points each. This would create a scoring matrix with 5 categories in total, all worth 20 points.

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Additional Information

Current consultations

Community Wealth Building (CWB)

CWB is an approach designed to tackle long-standing economic challenges and transform Scotland's local and regional economies by considering the ways in which the public sector, in partnership with the private, third and community sectors, can ensure more wealth is generated, circulated and retained in communities and localities.

In short, CWB is focused on growing the influence communities have on the economy and ensuring communities receive more of the benefits from the wealth they help to generate.

[Community wealth building consultation - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](#)

As well as publishing a consultation paper, there will be an online engagement event with the Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth to discuss the consultation and hear feedback.

The event will take place on Thursday 16 March 2023 between 10:00-11:15 over Microsoft Teams

Register here: [Webinar registration | Microsoft Teams](#)

Scottish Borders Community Plan 2018

The 2018 Plan can be viewed here [Scottish Borders Community Plan - May 2018 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

The interim Plan (2022/23 Work Plan) was agreed by the Strategic Board in September and is available [here](#). A progress report on each of the four themes is available [here](#).

The progress report for the 2018 Plan is being worked on currently and an update will be provided in due course.

National Planning Framework 4

NPF4 was adopted on 13 February. It is the long-term spatial plan for Scotland with an outlook to 2045. It will guide development through a set of national planning policies, designated national developments and a range of regional spatial priorities.

This NPF differs substantially from previous iterations of the National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy which were largely focused on facilitating development and economic growth at a very strategic level. While these remain important considerations, the Ministerial foreword in the document signals that it has a different emphasis and that it will set out how the Scottish

Government's approach to planning and development will prioritise climate action and help to achieve a net zero, sustainable Scotland by 2045.

What makes this national policy different from its predecessors is that, upon adoption, NPF4 became part of the statutory development plan and, in doing so, replaced the SESplan Strategic Development Plan (SDP1) as part of the development plan. As a result, SDP1 is now superseded and has no formal planning status. Similarly, Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) (2014) is also replaced by NPF4 and SPP no longer represents Scottish Ministers' policy on planning.

NPF4 will have a significant bearing on how local authorities undertake preparation of Local Development Plans (LDPs). In particular, it guides how they should quantify future housing requirements and allocate development sites. It requires plans to have an increased focus on how the planning system can contribute to achieving net carbon zero, improve health and well-being, and secure positive effects for biodiversity and nature recovery.

Sustainability and addressing climate change are key themes which run through the entire document and it is clear that the climate emergency has been highly influential in shaping the new framework. The COVID-19 pandemic has also influenced NPF4, exposing, as it has, a number of social inequalities which exist across Scotland's urban and rural areas.

NPF4 sets out 33 revised National Planning Policies. These are effectively directions for matters to be covered in revised Local Development Plans but, because it now forms part of the development plan, also include matters which should be considered in the determination of individual planning applications. As such, development proposals will be considered against NPF4 policies in much the same way as those contained within the LDP.

Food Conversation

The next Food Conversation meeting will take place on Friday the 17th of March. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know. An update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

Community Choices

There are no updates for Community Choices. Should this change, an update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

Community Empowerment:

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Cheviot area. SBC is currently working with and advising groups for 7 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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Cost of Living Support

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

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



Download the NHS
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