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**Cheviot
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
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MEETING

Date: Monday, 10 October 2022

Time: 10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Location: via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA	
1.	Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding
	(a) Cheviot Funding Table 2022/23 (Pages 3 - 6) Update from SBC Communities & Partnership Team.
	(b) Neighbourhood Support Fund
	(c) Neighbourhood Assessment Panel (Pages 7 - 10) 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

NOTE

Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

Membership of Committee:- Councillors S. Hamilton, S. Mountford, E. Robson, S. Scott, T. Weatherston and P. Brown (Chairman).

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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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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

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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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

**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