

MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 31 March 2023

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30 p.m.

Location: Jed-Forest Rugby Football Club, Riverside Park, Jedburgh TD8 6UE

1.	Welcome
2.	<p>Minute and Feedback from meeting of 22 November 2023 (Pages 3 - 8)</p> <p>(a) Minute – Copy Minute from meeting held on 20 September 2023. (Copy attached.)</p> <p>(b) Menti Feedback from meeting held on 20 September 2023.</p>
3.	Section 1: Service & Partner Update and Consultations
	<p>(a) A Place in Childhood (Pages 9 - 20)</p> <p>Update on the engagement workshops and showcase event held at Jedburgh Community Campus</p>
	<p>(b) Youth Engagement Update:</p> <p>Pam Rigby, Youth Engagement Worker, Community Learning and Development Services, SBC.</p>
	<p>(c) Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament</p> <p>Introduction to the new MSYPs for Scottish Borders MSYP Election</p>
	<p>(d) Community Police Update:</p> <p>Alison Granger, Community Sergeant, Police Scotland.</p>
4.	Section 2: Community Empowerment and Community Funding
	<p>(a) Cheviot Funding Table 2023/24 (Pages 21 - 22)</p> <p>Overview from SBC Communities & Partnership Team</p>
	<p>(b) Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 23 - 28)</p> <p>NSF recommendations to be presented by the Cheviot assessment panel on the</p>

	<p>following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CFA000206 Lothian Hall</i> • <i>CFA000207 Borders Youth Theatre</i> • <i>CFA000204 Springwood Retirement Village</i>
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) AOB
	(b) Additional Information Document (Pages 29 - 32)
	(c) Date of Next Meeting Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 27 March 2024 at 6.30 p.m.
	(d) Meeting Evaluation

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
CHIEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the
CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP
held on Wednesday, 22 November
2023 at 6.30 pm. Via Microsoft
Teams.

Present: - Councillors S. Hamilton, E. Robson, S. Scott, T. Weatherston, together with Representatives of the following Community Councils and Partner Organisations: -

John Taylor - Jedburgh Community Council
Graham Hayward – Jedburgh Community Council
Gavin Horsburgh – Kelso Community Council
Charles Strang – St Boswells, Mertoun and Community Council
Dean Weatherston - Chair of Cheviot Assessment Panel
Alison Grainger – Police Scotland
Katy Jackson – SOSE
Fiona Benton – The Bridge
Susan Oliver – Headteacher, Jedburgh Campus
Yvonne O’Hara – SBHA
Annette Patterson – Newtown St Boswells

Apologies: - Councillor P. Brown
Councillor S. Mountford
Jill Lothian – Kelso High School
Louise Rawlins – CLDS Worker
Hazel Woodsell – Kelso Heritage
Carol Spalton - Crailing Nisbet and Eckford Community Council
Clare Starla-Nicoll – Heiton & Roxburgh CC
David Watson – Ednam, Stichill and Berrymoss
Gus Russell – Kelso Community Council
Pam Rigby – Youth Engagement Officer
Patricia Watt – Sprouston Community Council
Carol Tugman – Social Security Scotland
Colin Taylor - Kelso North and Ednam Parish
J. Steele - Jedburgh Community Trust
Andrew Findlay - Interest Link Borders

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

1.0 **VICE CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Weatherston - Vice Chair, chaired the meeting.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

2.0 **WELCOME**

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

3.0 **FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2023**

- 3.1 At the last Area Partnership, there was a question raised about the return of traffic wardens to the Kelso area. Traffic wardens were previously employed by Police Scotland who had the enforcement powers in the Scottish Borders. It would be a decision for Police Scotland if they reinstated traffic wardens. Council officers do not have any enforcement powers for on- street parking as there is not decriminalised parking in the Scottish Borders. Police officers can, and do, issue parking tickets and the CAT team are asked to enforce parking at the request of Members in areas causing problems. Parking in Kelso does come up and the Police have asked for some double yellow line to be repainted to assist with this. If this is something the Community feel strongly about then it would be encouraged to raise the matter with elected members and include it within the place making process. Perhaps there are some space or traffic management schemes that could be implemented. Dumfries and Galloway were undertaking a consultation on parking enforcement, and worth having a look.

SECTION 1: SERVICE & PARTNER UPDATE AND CONSULTATIONS

4.0 **TIME FOR CHANGE**

The Chair welcomed John McLaren - Employee Director; Andrew Carter – Director of HR and Carol Graham from NHS Borders to the meeting to discuss a Time for Change, a wide ranging conversation with communities to share the challenges they were facing with workforce and finance, and the impact pressures were having on the services they provided. It was explained that the scale of the challenges faced in planning and delivering health services to meet need were unprecedented and a balance had to be found between the delivery of safe, quality care within the financial and human resources available to the NHS. There were significant workforce challenges for NHS Borders, with a smaller working age population (45% vs 65% nationally) operating across a large rural area and national shortages of specialist workforce in many areas. The financial deficit had continued to increase over the past few years due to growth in demand and changes in the cost of healthcare and an overspend of £26 million by March 2024 was projected. Under the four suggested discussion headings: Services In the Community; Community Bed Based Services; Acute Hospital Services; and Mental Health Services there had been an audit of provision, public feedback, achievements and areas of focus. The planned public conversations were to be a means to discuss further how to start doing things differently.

- 4.1 The review would feed into a wider national discussion on the future of NHS services and would overlap with the Lothians and South of Scotland. In relation to pandemic planning, it was acknowledged that there was currently not enough capacity in the system and there were lessons to be learned from the outcome of the Covid-19 inquiry. The need for the consultation process to be accessible for all was highlighted and it was envisaged that this 3-year plan was to inform much longer-term plans into the future and a Borders specific plan was needed.

DECISION NOTED.

5.0 **POLICE REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Alison Grainger to the meeting to give an update on policing in the Cheviot Area. Sergeant Grainger advised that resources remained unchanged from the previous update. She reported that speed checks had been carried out in Roxburgh, Ancrum, Crailing and Heiton and the pop-up Bob had also been

deployed at Crailing and Heiton. Parking continued to be an issue and parking tickets were being issued. The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit were working with the police in terms of Youth patrols and detecting and reducing vandalism within the area. In terms of people congregating in Jedburgh Square on Court days, Police were out patrolling and those Officers attending Court to give evidence were also patrolling the area. A shop watch network had been established in Kelso to try and alleviate thefts from small business, which appeared to be on the increase. In terms of Crime Prevention, White Ribbons would be worn between 25 November and 10 December to highlight the Violence Against Women Campaign. Double yellow lines had been requested for Bridge Street to try and reduce parking on side of road.

DECISION NOTED.

6.0 RELATIONAL MENTORING SERVICE: THE WISE GROUP

The Chairman welcomed Katy Leigh from The Wise Group. Katy explained that The Wise Group was a leading social enterprise working to lift people out of poverty, and been in existence for over 40 years, although it was new to the Borders. As an enterprise, they build bridges to opportunity for the most vulnerable in society, through mentoring support, employment, skills, and energy advice. Customers were supported everyday into jobs, to enable people out of fuel poverty, and help people coming out of prison to build a better future. The work was varied, and underlying everything was a passion and commitment for social justice and a fairer society for all. In the past year demand for fuel vouchers at HES in SC&C had more than doubled to 2,860, which illustrated the astounding rate at which the COL crisis had increased poverty in communities. These numbers were purely from Home Energy Scotland and only for Strathclyde and Central belt and did not take into account the other organisations who could make applications to the FBF.

Renfrewshire 900
Glasgow City 827
North Lanarkshire 589
South Lanarkshire 322
Inverclyde 222

- 6.1 Families affected by fuel poverty were typically affected by other forms of poverty too. In terms of fuel poverty in Central Scotland, 87% of people were only able to access one voucher and, in many cases, people returned asking for more support. 65 requests for a voucher were denied in the second half of the last financial year due to the household reaching the limit for fuel voucher support, which was during the awful winter last year. We need to step in when someone requires quick help through a fuel voucher and address the other factors contributing to their circumstances, the cycle could be interrupted and lift this household out of poverty. The maximum number of vouchers is three for most customers trying to access help through fuel vouchers and having worked with HES the past few years, it is evident the difference the advice and support makes to the families who are supported, however many of the customers needed support for other factors contributing to their struggles which were outwith the role of energy advisor.
- 6.2 The Relational Mentoring Service was fully funded by the Scottish Government and covered 6 key areas in Scotland. The service would be based on a wide range of face to face holistic approaches which would be tailored to the needs, not only for the individual but for the whole family unit. The relational mentors would work in Communities providing support to the most vulnerable households where fuel insecurity funding eligibility applied. The Wise Group's aim was to have £100 mil of social value going back into communities through our relational mentoring services. **Progression:** A belief between mentor and mentee that positive change was possible and could be facilitated through mentoring. This does not mean that progression was on a linear, upward trajectory, but can be in constant flux. **Communication:** Clear communication in both directions facilitates mentoring and effective communication channels maintained.

Relationship-based: Mentoring between one person, or group of people, and another person or group of people. Relational mentoring, which was voluntary for the customer was a face to face two way relationship based either in the family home or in a setting suitable and comfortable for the customer. The presentation concluded with an explanation of the eligibility criteria and referral process, for more information contact katy_leigh@thewisegroup.co.uk

**DECISION
NOTED.**

7.0 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Pam Rigby, Youth Engagement Worker for SBC regularly attended the Area Partnership meetings but was unable to attend and Emma Husband, Community Engagement Officer gave the update.

7.1 Three young people aged between 11 and 22 from the Cheviot Area had signed up to be part of the coproduction team that would research and write the SBC and Partners Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy. Sessions with the 20 young people from across the Borders would start on Tuesday the 5th of December and it was hoped that the strategy would be launched no later than summer 2024.

7.2 Youth engagement with the Cheviot Funding Assessment Panel had fluctuated and recruitment for a new person to join Alex on the board was underway, after Grace had to step down. It was hoped that the replacement would be in place by the January Assessment Panel meeting.

7.3 It was reported that problems had been encountered with the Scottish Youth Parliament elections. Due to a malfunction on the Young Scot voting platform, the voting process had to be stopped. This was due to the platform not recognising mobile devices (i.e. not counting the votes). It had been decided that all previous votes would be cancelled, and the process would be started from scratch, as this was seen as the only fairest option available. Discussions are underway to get this back up and running for December and failing that January 2024. The problem only applied to the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency as the other was uncontested. There were three candidates for the election, one of whom was from Cheviot area. It was hoped that the successful candidates would attend the area partnership meeting in the new year.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

8.0 SECTION 2: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY FUNDING

8.1 Cheviot Funding Tables 2023/24

There had been circulated copies of the Cheviot Funding for 2023/2024 which detailed the funding available together with information on the allocation of the Neighbourhood Support Fund in 2023/24. The opening balance at 1 April 2023 was £46,383. 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 £192,112.69. Following the previous Cheviot Area Partnership Meeting, all funding recommendations were supported totalling £40,771.30 leaving a balance of £19,057.06 and applications assessed and awaiting decision totalled £5,019.18.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

Neighbourhood Support Fund

8.2 It was noted that, since the last meeting of the Panel, the two young people, R. Flint and E. Chalmers had decided to step down from the panel due to other commitments and they

were thanked for their input during the time they were on panel. Pam Rigby, Youth Engagement Officer was working with another two young people interested in joining the panel. Mr Harry Tomczyk had joined the panel since the last meeting. There had been 3 applications received for the Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund totalling 5,019.18. There had been circulated copies of a report which provided a brief description of each application received and a recommendation on the sum to be awarded to each project. As previously reported, projects with a mean score of 80+ in terms of their ability to deliver, clear evidence of need, potential impact, use of public money, innovation and sustainability and therefore would be recommended for approval and those were detailed below:-

8.3 Jedburgh Community Council

An application had been received from Jedburgh Community Council in the sum of £2,500 to support the costs of electrical testing, erection and dismantling of the Town Christmas lights.

8.4 Kelso Writers Club

An application had been submitted by Kelso Writers Club in the sum of £262.62 to engage local schools in a writing competition. The winning authors would have their stories published in an anthology, together, with stories from Kelso Writers.

8.5 Pinnaclehill Park Orchard Association

An application had been submitted by the Pinnaclehill park Orchard Association in the sum of £2,256.56 to establish an orchard in a 600m² piece of land in Kelso. The area would include a picnic table and benches to enable community members to meet and enjoy the outside space.

8.6 It was reported that the outstanding posts had been marketed through SBC Comms and E. Husband had shared amongst contacts, as well as reaching out to local community members.

Remaining positions: -

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

DECISION

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

- **Jedburgh Community Council**
- **Kelso Writers Club**
- **Pinnaclehill Park Orchard Association**

(b) **NOTED**

- (i) **that approval for the Pinnaclehill Park Orchard Association was subject to confirmation of the landowner’s permission; and**
- (ii) **that approval for Jedburgh Community Council was subject to confirmation that information had been received from Neighbourhood Services.**

(iii) **The timetable for future meetings as follows: -**

Application Deadline	Assessment Panel	Area Partnership
13 December 2023	10 January 2024	31 January 2024
14 February 2024	06 March 2024	27 March 2024

SECTION 3: PLACE MAKING

- 9.0 The Community Engagement Officer explained that within Cheviot, there were 10 communities interested in Place Making, and increase of one since the last meeting. There was no major update since the last meeting, other than communities starting to request support from the consultancy framework to support their capacities.

Place Making Consultancy Framework:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b8af497ec5d0471597354de63ff05fe4>

- 9.1 The first engagement event for the Jedburgh Town Team was scheduled for Tuesday, 28th November 2023, where there would be open session in the Jedburgh Abbey from 11-3pm and again from 5-7pm. This was an opportunity for the community to have their say on what's important within Jedburgh and also to hear what the Town Team were doing and what the plans were for going forward.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

SECTION 4: Other

10.0 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.**

11.0 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, 27 March 2024

The next meeting would be held on **Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 6.30 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams.

12.0 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 8.20 p.m.

Children and Teenagers' Neighbourhood Plan for Jedburgh: Project Overview and Methodology

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

APiC has received match funding from Paths for All to engage with children and teenagers in the development of **20 Minute Neighbourhood Strategies** for five places across Scotland.

The 20-minute neighbourhood concept seeks to better align spatial planning with transport planning (transport infrastructure) and community planning, to make it easier for people to walk, cycle and use public transport to meet their day-to-day needs. However, as a group, **children and teenagers** typically face the most significant barriers to making sustainable travel choices. Therefore, bespoke engagement with children and teenagers to create their interpretation of their 20-minute neighbourhood will allow decision-makers to understand the critical barriers to movement and prioritise key actions to support opportunities for active and sustainable travel in the long term.

PROJECT ENGAGEMENT:

APiC specialises in children and teenager engagement, working frequently with schools across Scotland. APiC is working closely with the Scottish Borders Council to engage with children and teenagers living in Jedburgh to create a Children and Teenagers Neighbourhood Plan of Jedburgh.

The engagement will be two-phase, seeking to achieve the following three outcomes:

1. Facilitate **high-quality discussion and trustful dialogue** around their local neighbourhood, drawing out gender and age-specific needs and experiences as well as those shared by all.
2. Discuss with participants the **best ways to involve their cohort** in future stages of design and development of local plans and proposals.
3. Co-facilitate with Local Authority colleagues, to provide on-the-ground mentorship and guidance on meaningful involvement of young people in placemaking.

The project will primarily involve creating a children and teenager's map of the local area from their perspectives (**experiential mapping**) and working with them to identify local opportunities for improvement. Following this, APiC will work with the participants to **co-design an engagement and delivery strategy** for the long-term ambitions for local improvements.

The next stage will involve organising a stakeholder engagement event where some of the children and teenagers involved in creating the plan will present their ideas to the Local Authority and will work together to identify potential opportunities to make their priorities for action happen.

The experiential mapping stage of the project will take place over two days on the **26-27th September**, and the stakeholder engagement will take place in December.

Additionally, APiC will be consolidating the outputs from all 5 projects into a "How to engage with Children and Teenagers on 20-minute neighbourhoods" strategy which shall inform the development of a broader 20-minute neighbourhood engagement both within the local place and also for use nationwide.

Outputs

The key deliverables for Scottish Borders Council will be an overall report documenting:

1. A **children and teenagers 20-minute neighbourhood plan** which is informed by experiential maps of the area (an example of an experiential map can be seen in Annex 1), both gender-specific and overall needs, thoughts, and ideas. Children and young people will be encouraged to come up with ideas for implementation and may create physical and digital models using Minecraft and other tools.
2. **Plan of Action and Implementation** - APiC will stay committed in a flexible way within and beyond the project to look at routes to support on-the-ground action in line with children's and teenagers' ambitions.
3. A co-produced "**How to engage Children and Teenagers in 20-minute neighbourhoods**" **guide, and a supporting Policy Map** to support long-term engagement and implementation by different stakeholders into the future.

The Jedburgh Children and Teenagers Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Introduction

At the end of September 2023, A Place in Childhood worked with children and young people to create a **Neighbourhood plan for Jedburgh, Scottish Borders**. The purpose of the engagement was to establish an understanding of what children and young people felt about their place, what they needed, and what would be their priorities for change. This plan contributes to part of a wider Children and Teenagers' 20-minute neighbourhood project funded by [Paths for All's Smarter Choices, Smart Places programme](#) and match funded by participating Local Authorities and their associated partners.

The project seeks to create 5 Children and Teenager 20-minute neighbourhood plans across Scotland, for use by decision-makers to inform and prioritise interventions that deliver cohesive places and reduce unsustainable travel.

The purpose of the engagement was:

- To develop an informed understanding of what young people like and dislike about Jedburgh;
- Understand how they move around and through Jedburgh;
- Identify any barriers to movement; and
- Identify opportunities to improve the neighbourhood.

APiC worked with approximately 40 local children and teenagers from Jedburgh Grammar primaries and secondary classes and all participants were aged between 6-16.

The second stage of this project is this 1.5 hour Showcase Event and workshop at Jedburgh Grammar in Winter 2023 (anticipated December).

Some of the children and teenagers involved in the project will present their plans to key stakeholders in the Council and beyond, who influence them to make some of the priorities identified in the plan happen.

APiC will support the pupils who wish to present their plan to the stakeholders and facilitate discussions between pupils and adults to explore potential opportunities. This stage aims to support everyone in understanding what priorities children and teenagers have for their place and see if there is "low-hanging fruit" or other priorities that align with long-term council ambitions for the Jedburgh area. It also aligns with incorporation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into Scots Law and will support pupils in understanding how change can happen (including why some changes might not be easy or possible).

This document outlines each of the two plans created so far by children and teenagers and the overarching priorities identified by the engagements to date and identifies potential links to your work areas. **It is important to note at this stage that the plans are in draft as participating pupils are finalising their content through consultation with the wider student body therefore the content may be subject to amendments.**

Following the Showcase Event, the plans will be consolidated into one document which can contribute to multiple departmental and third-party decisions relating to place, community, and economic development.

Key Overarching Themes Across the Children and Teenagers' Priorities for Change and relevant stakeholders

Below is a summary of the priorities grouped into themes, with some initial Council and Community stakeholders who we felt would be beneficial to attend the Showcase Event. This is not an exhaustive list and should serve as the beginning of a conversation about who we want to invite to the Showcase event.

Environmental Priorities

- Protecting and enhancing nature at all opportunities across the town
- Treating Each Other and our Environment Well
- More Local Recycling and Reusing of Materials
- **Key stakeholders to invite include:** Towns Team, Open/Greenspace and Park Management, Town Planning

Community-based Priorities

- Opportunities to grow food.
- More town events and community events and better promotion of opportunities available.
- Improving access for everyone to play opportunities, with special attention required on the play and hanging out needs of teenagers.
- More Activities and Events at the Town Hall
- Greater Community Police Presence
- Improve Access to Drs Appointments
- **Key stakeholders to include:** Towns Team, Community Planning, Open/Greenspace, Education, School Estates, Early Learning and Childcare, Community Policing

Transport-based Priorities

- Extend the Borders Railway to Jedburgh
- **Key stakeholders to include:** Towns Team, Transport, Roads, Active Travel

Housing-based Priorities

- More Housing Options for People with Disabilities and Large Families
- **Key stakeholders to include:** Towns Team, Housing, Care Policy, Town Planning

Participation Priorities

- Setup a Youth Council / Assembly to present the views of Young People across the Scottish Borders
- Redevelop the Old Jedburgh Grammar School Site with Young People's Input
- **Key stakeholders to include:** Towns Team, Community Development, Councillors, Town Planning, Policy teams

Play and Recreation-based Priorities

- More Opportunities for Older Children (age 10+) and Young People to Have Fun
- More Local Facilities for Young People
- **Key stakeholders to include:** Towns Team, Community Development, Community Council, Councillors

Local Facilities

- More Help for Small Businesses
- Increase the Number of Shops, Cafes, and another supermarket in Jedburgh
- Encourage Volunteering and Increase Job Opportunities for Young People
- **Key stakeholders to include:** Towns Team, Community Development, Economic Development, Town Planning, Estates, Community Councils, Councillors

Jedburgh Grammar Primary Pupils: Experiential Maps and Priorities Lists

Jedburgh Children: What we think of the local area

Key What's Important / Good? What's Missing / Could be Better? Things to Change

Key

- What's Important / Good?** (Green)
- What's Missing / Could be Better?** (Light Green)
- Things to Change** (Pink)

What's Important / Good?

- We really like Jedburgh. It's a good size for us, we have quite a lot of freedom to explore (as long as we know how to be safe) from the age of 8-10, and we know a lot of people here. We think it's about the right size.
- We love all the nature in Jedburgh, and want it to be protected.
- The Jedburgh is lovely. A couple of us like biscuits there the most and it was really successful.
- The War Memorial is really important for our community and remembering people who fought for us.
- The Castle Jail is really cool and we enjoy visiting. We didn't have time to visit it on our work, but we recommend that everyone goes!

What's Missing / Could be Better?

- We would like for there to be more bins (with nets to stop birds and insects getting in), and for people to not litter in the town. It's disrespectful.
- We would like for it to be easier to get to other places on the bus or the train.
- We don't like it when adults scare children.
- The Castle Jail is really cool and we enjoy visiting. We didn't have time to visit it on our work, but we recommend that everyone goes!

Things to Change

- We don't like it when adults scare children.
- There should be more things to do in the town.
- There should be more things to do in the town.

Photos:

- St Andrew's Church
- Jedburgh Chocolate House
- St Andrew's Church (exterior)
- St Andrew's Church (interior)
- St Andrew's Church (tower)
- St Andrew's Church (ruins)
- St Andrew's Church (tower)
- St Andrew's Church (tower)
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Overall we feel that Jedburgh is a good place to live and go to school in. There are lots of important tourist sites, and the area is really beautiful. It also feels quite safe, as long as we're careful about where we go and who we speak to. Taking everything we looked at on our walk and from talking about how Jedburgh could be a better place to live, we feel that there are a few things which could be done to make it even better.

We then decided which we thought were the most important, and these became our priorities. You can read these below in the rough order of importance. We might need to talk about and vote on these a little bit more to make sure they're in the right order!

OUR PRIORITIES:

- **Protect and Increase our Nature** - We love all the trees, water, and animals around. We don't want that to change, and we would quite like some more trees, bird houses, and potentially a dog park too.
- **Treating Each Other and our Environment Well** - We need people to throw away and / or recycle their litter to protect our environment. We think more bins would help with this. We also need people to respect each other more by not breaking things, graffitiing, or making other people feel scared (e.g. jumping out at them). A public water fountain could also reduce plastic waste and help people's health, as long as we could make sure it couldn't be tampered with (some of us worry that it could be poisoned and become unsafe).
- **More Opportunities for Older Children (age 10+) and Young People to Have Fun** - Jed Fun Park is great, but it is mostly for younger children. High Park is also fantastic, but there's not so much for teenagers to do there. We also think the school playground could have more things to swing and climb on for upper primary age pupils. The opportunity to play basketball more often would also be great.
- **More Activities and Events at the Town Hall** - We love the events in Jedburgh, and getting to see shows and festivals at the town hall. We think it could be used more, and would make the town more popular for people to visit.
- **Increase the Number of Shops, Cafes, and another Supermarket in Jedburgh** - We think it would be good to have more places to go in the town, so we don't have to go elsewhere to shop for things like clothes. Places that are affordable and friendly to young people to eat at would be really welcome. At the same time, Jedburgh is quite small, so we don't think it needs to be lots more shops, and they don't need to be in the town centre.

- **More Places and Opportunities to Grow Food** - We think we think we could grow more local food and sell it locally. This could also include local beehives for honey (as long as we made the beehives really safe and didn't have them too close to the town centre where people wander around). We could also make more local materials such as wool and leather and create a local tartan. Some of us would also like to learn about responsible local fishing (though some people want to fish for interest, and not for food).
- **Extend the Borders Railway to Jedburgh** - We would find it really helpful to get a train to Edinburgh rather than a bus and a train, as this takes a really long time. We used to also have a direct bus to Edinburgh, but now there's the train to Tweedbank we don't anymore. This is a big issue for people who don't have cars.
- **More Local Food Growing Space** - Many of us already grow and raise food at home, but we think that there could be more opportunities for growing, as we have a lot of greenspace.
- **Consider Generating Local Electricity** - Some of us think there could be opportunities for more local wind and solar power.

Jedburgh Grammar Secondary Pupils: Experiential Maps and Priorities Lists

Jedburgh Teenagers: What we think of the local area

Key	What's Important / Good?	What's Missing / Could be Better?	Things to Change	
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It's the centre of the town, lively and vibrant, located in the Town Square. However, there's not a huge amount of green space in the town centre.

My class of twelve have had a fabulous history and English outdoor lesson in this. The park is also ideal for dog walking.

This school has been around for a long time but it's still got a modern feel. It's a really nice school and we're all very proud to be here. It's a really nice school.

We really enjoy the views around Jedburgh, and particularly the Jed Water.

We love Rugby. We love to play. We love to play with our friends. We love to play with our friends.

The Minnie is a bit part of our history, and it's really nice to see it. We like to see it.

Jedburgh can feel a bit less safe for girls, especially after dark.

While some of us want more chain shops and cafes, we also appreciate the small businesses in the area and some of us feel strongly that they should get more support to stay open.

We would like more opportunities as young people to work directly with the Council.

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There aren't affordable or teen-centred clothes shops in Jedburgh.

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Some covered seating spaces in the Co-op Garden would be good for when it rains.

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Overall we feel that Jedburgh is a good place to live and go to school in. There are lots of important tourist sites, and the area is really beautiful. However, taking everything we looked at on our walk and from talking about how Jedburgh could be a better place to live, we feel that there are a few things which could be done to improve the area.

We then decided which we thought were the most important, and these became our priorities. You can read these below in the rough order of importance. We might need to talk about and vote on these a little bit more to make sure they're in the right order!

OUR PRIORITIES:

- **Setup a Youth Council / Assembly to present the views of Young People across the Scottish Borders** - We want to be more included in the local decision-making that happens, and to represent our views more directly. We think there could be a mechanism setup that draws from all schools. For example, we're concerned that the skatepark has been talked about for a long time, but never seems to happen.
- **Encourage Volunteering and Increase Job Opportunities for Young People** - We think there is good opportunity to make Jedburgh a more positive environment for young people, and for us to be involved in direct action. More job opportunities would also increase our ability to stay in the town as we get older.
- **More Local Facilities for Young People** - We think there could be more places for young people to exercise and get support to do so. For example, larger gyms that can support our specific needs, exercise classes aimed at our age group, and weightlifting support for people who are new to it. Cycle trails and lanes across the area, a nice youth-friendly cafe to hangout in (especially in Winter), shops that appeal to teenagers (such as clothes and sports shops), more entertainment options (such as events space or a cinema), and having the school pitches unlocked at weekends and during holidays would increase the amount that young people get out and about.
- **Cheaper Food Options** - A lot of places to eat in Jedburgh are expensive so young and vulnerable people can't eat out very much, and need to travel to try and get cheaper food (which is also expensive and difficult without a car). An example might be to attract a budget supermarket in, such as Lidl (though not all of us agree a big brand is the solution).
- **More Housing Options for People with Disabilities and Large Families** - Some people don't have housing that meets their needs, and it has a big impact on people's quality of life.
- **Redevelop the Old Jedburgh Grammar School Site with Young People's Input** - We think it's a fantastic opportunity to improve local facilities, and we have lots of ideas.

- **Build to Benefit the Community** - ask local people what would improve the town, and work together to make sure everyone gets what they need.
- **More Help for Small Businesses** - Many of us like that Jedburgh has lots of local businesses, and we're worried that they don't get as much support as they could from the council to stay running.
- **More Local Food Growing Space** - Many of us already grow and raise food at home, but we think that there could be more opportunities for growing, as we have a lot of greenspace.
- **More Local Recycling and Reusing of Materials** - This is important as we transition to a greener future.
- **Greater Community Police Presence** - Jedburgh is pretty safe, but when there are police in one area of the borders, they're not in the other places. Knowing that there are some more police around helps us feel safe.
- **Improve Access to Drs Appointments** - Many people have to wait a long time to see a GP, and we think it should be easier.

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Cheviot Funding 2023/24

31 January 2024

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2023/24	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2023	£ 46,383.00
Plus NSF 22/23 Underspend	£ 19,070.12
Plus LBF2 Returned Funds	£ 15,073.36
Total available	£ 80,526.48
Less:	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2023	£ 47,418.48
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 8,316.03
Sub-total	£ 55,734.51
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 24,791.97

NSF applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 24,791.97

Other sources of grant funding - Cheviot			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 16,675.00	£ 16,525.00	£ 150.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,470.00	£ 7,935.00	£ 2,535.00
Village Halls (inc. Secretariat fee paid to the Bridge)	£ 9,140.00	£ -	£ 9,140.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 73,320.00	£ 63,009.00	£ 10,311.00
Common Good (Jedburgh)	£ 76,000.00	£ 56,500.00	£ 19,500.00
Common Good (Kelso)	£ 2,500.00	£ -	£ 2,500.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 126.05	£ 79.88	£ 46.17
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 3,557.56	£ 611.83	£ 2,945.73
Totals	£ 191,788.61	£ 144,660.71	£ 47,127.90

Summary of NSF applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	16/04/2023	NSF	Jedburgh and District Community News Group	£ 998.00	Web Development for 'Jed Eye'	Awarded
2	16/04/2023	NSF	Ancrum Community Council	£ 630.00	Community Garden Development	Awarded
3	23/07/23	NSF	Kelso Football Club	£ 5,000.00	Changing Room Development	Awarded
4	31/07/23	NSF	Abundant Borders	£ 3,593.00	Accessible Planting and Outdoor Cooking	Awarded
5	04/08/23	NSF	Jedburgh tourism Alliance	£ 3,947.00	Jedburgh Tourism Leaflet	Awarded
6	05/08/23	NSF	Kelso in Bloom	£ 4,500.00	Flower Bed Planting	Awarded
7	05/08/23	NSF	St Boswells Village Hall	£ 5,000.00	Solar Panel Installation	Awarded
8	07/08/23	NSF	St Boswells Christmas Lights Group	£ 5,000.00	Christmas Lights	Awarded
9	07/08/23	NSF	Kelso Orchard Tennis Club	£ 4,000.00	Free Tennis for Juniors	Awarded
10	09/08/23	NSF	Visit Kelso	£ 3,761.30	IT Equipment	Awarded
11	09/08/23	NSF	Morebattle Community Shop	£ 2,470.00	Retractable Awnings	Awarded
12	09/08/23	NSF	ASSET	£ 3,500.00	Community Tent	Awarded
13	05/10/23	NSF	Jedburgh Community Council	£ 2,500.00	Jedburgh Christmas Lights	Awarded
14	15/10/23	NSF	Kelso Writers Club	£ 262.62	Kelso Area Schools Competition 2024	Awarded
15	17/10/23	NSF	Pinnaclehill Park Orchard Association	£ 2,256.56	Pinnaclehill Park Orchard Project	Awarded
16	11/12/23	NSF	Springwood Retirement Village Residents Assoc.	£ 1,339.03	Springwood Monthly Meet & Mingle	Assessed
17	12/12/23	NSF	Lothian Hall	£ 5,877.00	Lothian Hall refurbishment and relaunch	Assessed
18	13/12/23	NSF	Borders Youth Theatre	£ 1,100.00	Who is Lavinia Derwent Arts performance	Assessed
Total				£ 55,734.51		

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

MINUTES of Meeting of CHEVIOT NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday the 10th January 2024 at 6pm.

Present: - D. Weatherston (Chair)
G. Hayward
G. Horsburgh
H. Tomczyk

In Attendance: - Community Co-ordinator (G Jardine),
Community Engagement Officer (H. Lacon)

1. WELCOME

Chair, D. Weatherston welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Cheviot Assessment Panel.

2. OUTCOME OF ASSESSMENT PANEL RECCOMENDATIONS TO CAP

With the new financial year, the opening balance of the fund was £46,383 and carry forward of £15,073.36.

At the previous CAP meeting, all funding recommendations were supported totalling £14,037.88

The applications for this round of the Cheviot NSF totalled £8,316.03.

DISCUSSION OF CHEVIOT ASSESSMENT PANEL RECRUITMENT

Panel members asked for confirmation on who is eligible to sit on the assessment panel. Officers confirmed there are eight member places as follows:

1. Jedburgh Community Councillor
2. Jedburgh District Community Councillor – Vacant
3. Kelso Community Councillor
4. Kelso District Community Councillor – Vacant
5. Jedburgh & District Public Member – Vacant
6. Jedburgh and District Public Member – Vacant

7. Kelso and District Public Member – Position becoming vacant at end of fiscal year.
8. Kelso and District Public Member

Public members can be anyone over the age of 16 who live within the Cheviot Area. The public members from both areas can be community councillors if their community council place is already filled.

The panel discussed how best to promote the opportunity to attract new members and encourage district Community Councils to nominate a panel member.

Jedburgh District can nominate one member from either of the following Community Councils: Ancrum; Crailing, Eckford & Nisbet; Jed Valley; Lanton; Maxton & Mertoun; Oxnam Water; St Boswell's.

Kelso District can nominate one member from either of the following Community Councils: Ednam, Stichill & Berry Moss; Floors, Makerstoun, Nenthorn and Smailholm; Heiton and Roxburgh; Kalewater; Sprouston; Yetholm.

This will be discussed further at the next Area Partnership on 31st January 2024.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PROJECT ASSESSMENTS

- CFA000204 Springwood Retirement Village
- CFA000206 Lothian Hall
- CFA000207 Borders Youth Theatre

CFA000204 Springwood Retirement Village

An application was submitted for £1,339.03 to support with costs to host monthly coffee mornings. The group were looking to source items such as crockery as well as raffle prizes and resources for advertising these events. The group are very active in the community and have over 90 attendees. Due to these numbers, they have not advertised outside the retirement community however anyone who would like to come along would be welcome.

DECISION NOTED that- The group are very active in their community and have had a lot of support for previous events held. It was noted that many residents are unable to drive so having access to a social activity within walking distance was vital. The panel agreed to recommend this project for funding

however it was felt that the element of the £100 for raffle prizes should not be awarded. The recommended total for awarding would therefore be **£1,239.03**

CFA000206 Lothian Hall

An application was submitted for £5,877 to support with the refurbishments of Lothian Hall as well as a relaunch event. The group were looking to give the hall a refreshed look by repainting with the hopes that this would create a more welcoming space for community members to use. They would like to use the space to host weddings and parties and by hosting a relaunch they were hoping to achieve more bookings. They are looking for support to purchase wine glasses and table runners and hire a ceilidh band for the relaunch.

DECISION NOTED that- The refurbishment and paint works could not be supported as they have already been completed. The NSF does not fund in retrospect, so this element was not eligible for consideration. Therefore the panel concluded that they would recommend supporting the costs of the relaunch event but not the refurbishment, totalling **£420**.

CFA000207 Borders Youth Theatre

An application was submitted for £1,100 to support with the cost of running a performance piece in Jedburgh entitled ‘Who is Lavinia Derwent’. Lavinia Derwent was born in Jedburgh and is the author of children’s stories. Workshops in the local primary school and community will also be delivered as part of this project. The group are looking for support with the costs to hire writers for the production as well as rent costs and support with admin.

DECISION NOTED that- The Cheviot NSF does not support staffing costs within its criteria. This was discussed and BYT were contacted to provide clarity on the staffing element and they confirmed that they were subcontracting their writers. The panel agreed this was a worthwhile project that brought many benefits and opportunities to its young people therefore it was agreed to fund the application for the full amount of **£1,100**.

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

Entering this Cheviot Assessment Panel, the panel were presented with 3 applications totalling £8,316.03. Following the panel’s recommendations, funding approved totals £2,759.03.

1. DECISIONS AND REPORT TO AREA PARTNERSHIP

CFA000204 Springwood Retirement Village	£1,239.03	Recommended to award in-part
CFA000206 Lothian Hall	£420.00	Recommended to award in-part
CFA000207 Borders Youth Theatre	£1,100	Recommended to award

6. REVIEW OF DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Application Deadline	Assessment Panel	Area Partnership
14 February 2024	06 March 2024	27 March 2024

7. AOB

Signed

Dean Weatherston
Chair

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Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up

Placemaking 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.

Read more: [Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Our financial plans support the delivery of our strategic ambitions, as set out in the Council Plan. An updated Council Plan will be presented with the Council's financial plans in February 2024. We expect the updated Council Plan to continue with the themes of the existing Council Plan. These provide a strong framework for identifying our priorities. The themes are: Clean, green future
Fulfilling our potential Strong inclusive economy,...

[Budget Survey 2024/25](#)

Closes January 31st

Scottish Government Current Consultations

Democracy Matters

Somebody, somewhere is making decisions on your behalf. Democracy Matters conversations have already started to explore whether far more of these decisions could be made by communities themselves. This is a key and connected part of the wider Local Governance Review which is looking across all of Scotland's vital public services to consider how power and resources should be shared between national and local government.

Read more: [Democracy Matters - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Strategic environmental assessment of agricultural tenancies, small landholdings and land use tenancy proposals - consultation

Food Conversations

The latest Food Conversation meeting took place on 17 November where a number of items were discussed. One of the items discussed was a food consultation to access up information on how people are accessing food and identify any challenges they are experiencing. The consultation will shortly be circulated and will be promoted to local organisations and groups. The Food Conversation

meetings are open to any community group or organisation who has an interest in the delivery of food support and long term food access in Scottish Borders. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know.

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](#)

For details on existing Borderlands Towns Place Making progress visit [Place Programme \(arcgis.com\)](#)

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/>

[Grants Online](#)

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

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

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](http://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/advice