

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
KELSO COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of MEETING of the KELSO COMMON
GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE held in
COMMITTEE ROOM 4, Council Headquarters,
Newtown St Boswells on Thursday, 31 January
2019 at 9.15 a.m.

Present:- Councillors T. Weatherston, E. Robson.
Apologies:- Councillor S. Mountford, Community Councillor D. Weatherston, Capital and
Investments Manager.
In Attendance:- Solicitor (Karen Scrymgeour), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).
Members of the Public:- 0

1.0 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Cheviot Youth Rural Youth Club Initiative

- 1.1 There had been circulated copies of an application for Financial Assistance from Cheviot Youth requesting £900 towards the purchase of capital items i.e. art materials, pool table, board games etc. for Yetholm and Stichill Youth Clubs. Cheviot Youth worked with children and young people aged 8 to 25 years to help and support them develop skills, gain experience, access opportunities for personal growth and provide challenges that test and inspire. The application explained that the Youth Clubs had been established through the Cheviot Youth Rural Youth Club initiative and was initially being supported by the Scottish Borders Accessibility Funding. It was the intention of Cheviot Youth and both communities to look at sustaining this level of funding through their own efforts as this particular funding stream was due to come to an end.
- 1.2 Prior to the meeting the question had been raised about what area the Kelso Common Good Sub-Committee covered and the advice received from the Legal Representative was that it covered the Burgh of Kelso. The Burgh would largely cover just the town of Kelso and would not extend to Stichill or Yetholm. The question for the Common Good Sub-Committee was whether the people of the Burgh would benefit from the grant.
- 1.3 In light of this information the Sub-Committee agreed to refuse the application for funding and to signpost Cheviot Youth to other sources of funding.

DECISION
AGREED:-

- (a) that while it supported the work of Cheviot Youth it could not grant funding to the Rural Youth Clubs of Stichill and Yetholm and the application be refused.
- (b) that Cheviot Youth be signposted to other sources of funding i.e. Quality of Life.

The meeting closed at 9.25 a.m.