

## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Berwickshire*

*Ref. No.: CF1920/BER/3*

*Organisation Name: Connect Berwickshire Youth Project*

*Funding Requested: £6,099*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Company Limited by Guarantee		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£91,368 (31 October 2017)		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Yes, includes existing assets and for ongoing salaries.			
Has the applicant applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
	2019-20	£15,500	Provision of Generic Youth Work
Localities Bid Fund - Rd 1	2018-19	£6,000	New activities in the Summer 2018 and transport provision
	2018-19	£15,500	Provision of Generic Youth Work
	2017-18	£17,500	Provision of Generic Youth Work

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	The SBC funding will provide support towards premises costs including a complete redecoration of the facilities, a contribution towards rent and the cost of essential new software for updating financial systems.
Project Start Date: 01/07/2019	
Total Expenditure (£)	£28,532 (includes salaries)
Community Fund Request (£)	£6,099 (specific to redecoration, rent and software)

10% Match-funding	£10,000 (incl. subs and fees)	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	£3,000	Confirmed
	£2,500	Confirmed
	£2,500	Confirmed
	£2,500	Confirmed (till June 2019, then pending)
	£1,950	Pending
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>The last redecoration was done seven years ago by staff volunteering their holiday time. A professional redecoration is now required.</p> <p>An upgrade of financial software is needed to help manage costs more effectively and reduce the amount spent on Accountancy.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>Not only will a facelift brighten the premises, it will also give the children, young people, staff and volunteers a sense of pride in their space.</p> <p>The upgraded financial software will help in making the organisation run more effectively and efficiently across Berwickshire.</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	<p>Connect started up as a service requested by local people, in response to young people's needs. This support was further shown in successfully gaining the public vote in the first round of the Localities Bid Fund.</p> <p>Both the Community Council and the Community Trust in Coldstream are very supportive of their work, with the latter hosting Connect in their Community Centre premises.</p> <p>The children and young people will be involved in choosing the colour schemes etc. of the redecoration.</p>
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	<p>The total cost of the expenditure is £28,532 with numerous contributions from other funders, for example BBC Children in Need and the Big Lottery.</p> <p>A substantial amount is being contributed by Connect through the After School Club and Holiday Club subs and fees.</p>

<p>What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>The redecoration is a one-off project cost that should last many years with good care from the group.</p> <p>The financial software upgrade will be an annual fee that will in future be covered by the reduced spend on Accountancy.</p> <p>Connect actively look to secure other funding sources to cover rent each year.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes, although final decision on which redecoration supplier yet to be made.</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

**SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend to approve to the maximum value of £6,099. If the final quote for redecoration is under the requested amount the award will be adjusted accordingly.