

## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Eildon*

*Ref. No.: CF2021-EIL-19*

*Organisation Name: Newtown & Eildon Community Council*

*Funding Requested: £3,068.97*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Community Council		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£4,179.12		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Community Fund grant (Dog Friendly Newtown) - £1,507.00 Community Council funds - £1,125.00 Christmas lights funds - £1,097.12 Path maintenance grant - £450.00			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
<b>SBC Funds received</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>What used for?</b>
Community Fund	2020/21	£1,507	Dog friendly Newtown
Community Fund	2018/19	£588	Laptop
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
<b>Project brief</b>	<p>NECC would like funding to cover the cost of 6 gazebos. The gazebos will mainly be used to host various stalls at the Newtown St Boswells craft fair, which is held after a parade to celebrate the switching on of the village lights and Christmas tree.</p> <p>The gazebos would also be used for community fundraising events all year around.</p> <p>At the moment, no events are currently taking place because of COVID-19 restrictions but the gazebos are still required for some community help projects that NECC would like to implement.</p>

	The gazebos would be stored in the resilience shed along with the large Christmas lights.	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	ASAP	
Total Expenditure (£)	£3,409.96	
Community Fund Request (£)	£3,068.97	
10% organisation contribution	£340.99	
Any Other Contribution?	N/A	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input 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	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:	

<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	
<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>it has been requested by members of the community that it would be useful to have a selection of outdoor stalls during and after the Christmas lights turn on event.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights team had various events planned for 2020/2021 but COVID-19 restrictions meant that they were cancelled. These events were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car boot sales – gazebos would be used for the community council hub for stewards, entrance fees and stalls</li> <li>Newtown in Bloom flower sales (twice a year)</li> <li>Newtown Primary School PTA – two outdoor fairs</li> <li>Dog friendly Newtown events</li> </ul> <p>The group also have a large number of second hand clothing that they would like to distribute amongst the community. The gazebos would also allow a large stock of free clothing to be displayed safely outdoors and collected by members of the community who may find themselves in need.</p>

	<p>The group have also been in discussion with the local sports team who would also be keen to use the gazebos for their events.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The Christmas parade is a popular event in Newtown St Boswells and will more than likely prove to be more popular than usual in Christmas 2021 should COVID-19 restrictions be significantly relaxed in 9 months. Being able to purchase 6 gazebos would allow NECC to create opportunities for sellers to showcase the range of quality products they have available for purchase and for the public to engage with members of their local community.</p> <p>The gazebos would be made available to other community groups within the village and surrounding area</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Newtown &amp; Eildon community members are very forthcoming in volunteering for fundraisers and events held in the village. NECC have a bank of 10 named individuals who are always ready to assist in whatever is necessary and always get more volunteers than required. These community members are ready to support the additional work necessary when building and dismantling gazebos.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>No other funding has been secured.</p> <p>The group usually undertake regular fundraising throughout this year, they have been restricted in this as a result of Covid-19.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>NECC would be able to provide photographs from the events, comments from social media feedback, and survey the uses for events, foodbank and email these back.</p> <p>The gazebos will be reused regularly the years following this initial project. Some of the projects planned in the future are fundraising events which should assist with any maintenance going forward as well as any funds raised from community groups wishing to hire them.</p> <p>The group would be willing to rent out the Gazebos to other groups or ask for a donation. This will help support any required maintenance of the Gazebos, if required.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

## SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund.

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

*We would seek the group to particularly report on:*

- The number of occasions on which the gazebos were used throughout the year
- The number of stallholders who used the gazebos at the Christmas event
- Anecdotal feedback from community members
- Photographs of events that made use of the gazebos