

## **Report of Community Fund Assessment Panel for Eildon Area Partnership Meeting at 6pm on Thursday 23rd September**

This paper sets out the Recommendations of the EAP Assessment Panel for consideration by the EAP.

Outlined below are a brief description of the application and the panel's recommendations and also a little feedback related to each application.

### **CF2122-EIL-08 Selkirk Regeneration - £5,220**

#### **Aim of the project;**

***Publication of 150 books on the return of fishing rights property to the rightful owners. The Selkirk anglers can now fish at a reasonable cost as in the past. The book describes in detail how that was done***

#### **Comments;**

- Application didn't demonstrate broad community benefit
- It wasn't clear as to what the identified need for this project was
- Would have been useful to engage with education as part of a wider programme
- Fascinating history that needs to be preserved
- May have been useful as an e-book

While the panel found the history of this project fascinating, the group felt that it didn't clearly the evidence of need and wider community access to this resource. **Recommendation not to fund**

### **CF2122-EIL-09 Bird Garden Scotland - £3,960**

#### **Aim of the project;**

***The group wish to purchase outdoor seating. This will enable visitors to use the space effectively in terms of Covid considerations. It will also allow those with low mobility and similar challenges to not only use this recreational greenspace but to do so safely and comfortably. The group wish to purchase 10 picnic tables which will allow visitors to sit, have some refreshment. This area will become the community hub. It will also be a place for the casual visitor to have a low-cost life experience.***

#### **Panel comments;**

- Good project that looks to encourage tourism to this area
- The proposal would be inclusive and would allow further access to the site
- There is an obvious benefit to the community

The panel felt that this was a strong application, the Panel **recommend to fully fund this project**

**CF2122-EIL-10 St Marys Loch Sailing Club - £15,000**

***Aim of the project;***

*We are seeking funding to support the purchase of a new club safety boat which will be a key enabler and part of our 5 year strategy.*

*The new boat will enable the group to deliver,,,, \**

- *"Try Sailing taster days" for the Borders Community \**
- *Beginner Kids courses*
- *8 Years + Kids training camp*
- *Adult training camp*
- *Provide RYA power boat training / qualifications in the Borders \**
- *Provide RYA sailing training / qualifications for all ages in the Borders*

**Panel comments;**

- This is a well-established group and they have a strong vision as part of their 5 year strategy
- Acknowledge that a number of people are now staying at home and undertaking local activities
- Sailing has become a popular activity and will continue to grow
- This means that more people will be on the loch and greater demand to provide safety support.
- The panel would be keen to make sure that there is wider community access to the activities on the loch and that there are opportunities for free or taster sessions.

The panel are encouraged by the increase use at St Marys Loch and the opportunities that may be available for members from the Eildon community to access these activities. The panel feel that due to the increase usage of the loch and the opportunity that an extra safety boat may bring the **Panel recommend to fund this project.**

**CF2122-EIL-11 Newstead Village Community Trust - £13,758**

***The aim of the project;***

*Hire professional support to work with and help to develop a community action plan for newstead*

Panel comments;

**Panel feel that they don't have all the information required to provide an accurate assessment and would like to follow up with the group**

The panel would require more information as to the community need, involvement of the community with this project and also on how the group would take forward any findings with the community. **Therefore the panel recommend that this application is deferred until the Area Partnership meeting in November.** This would allow time for sufficient follow up questions.

**CF2122-EIL-12 Yoga Frog - £1,500**

**The aim of the project;**

*To deliver 3 blocks of 5 FREE yoga sessions for free to the community, focusing on stress relief and well-being*

***Panels Comments:***

***Not clear as to what the community need is for this activity***

***Would like the application to be clearer as to who could access the free sessions and how these individuals would be targeted and supported to attend.***

***Yoga would provide positive wellbeing support to individuals***

Due to being unaware of who would access the free sessions and what would be in place to support individuals after these sessions the Panel's recommendation is to **not fund this project.**