

2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Walkerburn Bowling and Petanque Club					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-TW-03					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	Immediately Funds Available			Project end date	September 2021	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£7,278.89
Current bank balance	£19,721.61
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£9,721.61
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£10,000</p> <p>The club still incurs necessary costs for greens maintenance (c£2000 per year), water and electricity rates and various other costs needed for the upkeep of buildings and equipment. The committee therefore decided that it would be prudent to keep a reserve fund in an 'instant withdrawal' savings account as a precautionary measure. There is also a possibility that the club will have to pay an additional bill for £3394 as a result of a hidden water leak that was discovered earlier in the year.</p>

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
--------------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------

Comment:

Note: Petanque (boules) - outdoor game where two opposing teams throw metallic spheres towards a small wooden sphere.

The club would like to open the club up to more members and improve the disabled facilities. The petanque area has been expanded and is now more user friendly, but better disabled access is needed - especially for wheelchair users. The Club need to build a level walkway from the clubhouse to the street and to have a better pathway for wheelchairs to negotiate. They would also like to create a children's practice area and build a better retaining wall alongside the road. The current wall is in a state of disrepair.

The club hope to use this funding to create a children's practice area and to build a better retaining wall alongside the road. The club provide healthy, outdoor amenities which will be available to the whole community. They note that when Covid guidelines permit, the clubhouse, kitchen area and catering facilities will be well used as they were prior to the lockdown.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
--------------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------

Comment:

There are twenty eight adult Bowls full members and five juniors and thirty six Petanque full members. In addition, several occasional members and casual visitors have enjoyed the facilities.

During the Covid restrictions, the outdoor nature of both games has meant that people can participate safely.

The membership is fully inclusive and open to everyone and the club fees have been set much lower than most other similar clubs to encourage this. Annual membership is £20 for adults and £5 for Juniors, college students and unemployed people. The group are able to support those that don't have the financial means to participate.

Membership is not required to use either the indoor or outdoor facilities. A small rental charge is made to non-members in order to cover costs. The club insists that the current safety procedures are followed and disinfectant sprays, hand-washing etc. is available. Everyone who visits the club has to sign in and leave contact details.

There is currently petanque games three times a week and these act as friendly socials and are always well attended. It is the aim of the club to improve these facilities, allowing them to be more accessible and to cater for greater demand.

It has been noted at these sessions the importance that this has had on both the physical and mental wellbeing of those that are participating. As a result of being open and being

outside the group has attracted members from Peebles, Cardrona and Innerleithen as well as Walkerburn. Passers-by are welcome to watch or to drop in and enjoy a tea or coffee. This has also helped to foster a healthy community spirit.

Every member has a key to the clubhouse and grounds and a number of couples and families regularly turn up to play each other at times that suit them. The facilities are big enough so that the green is never over-crowded.

As well as the Bowls, the Petanque section is able to play all year round as it is played on an all-weather surface. Petanque is a mixed gender sport and it is easy for older people and disabled people to take up as a sport.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High **Medium** **Low**

Comment:

As the more severe restrictions have gradually eased, the club have had a greater number of people using the facilities - many of them either taking up bowls and petanque again or learning to enjoy a new sport. It is apparent that many older members, many of whom live alone, have benefitted a lot from using the club. After the new improvements are completed, it will give better access to the clubhouse and grounds and the landscaping will provide safer and more pleasant surroundings

The group have taken advice from Planning, Architects and the Fire Service to ensure that their proposals benefit disabled members. For example, toilet facilities and access/exit doors all comply with current standards.

Wheel chair users can easily enter the playing and spectating areas. While the clubhouse is a welcoming and accessible environment access to the clubhouse is not satisfactory as the existing walkway running level from the clubhouse to the road is inadequate at present. However, part of the Community Grant will be used to bring this up to the necessary standards, with a non-slip solid base and strong safety rails.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£4,850
10% organisation contribution	£485
Request to BBBB	£4,365

Item of expenditure	Cost
Retaining Wall (25 mtrs)	£3,000
Level Access Path to Road (5 mtrs)	£1,000
Paving Entrance – Assist Wheelchair Users	£500
Landscaping/Flower Beds	£350
	£4,850

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
26/12/2020	Business Closure Fund	£16,000
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	<p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application scores medium as they have evidenced the impact that an improved area will have for current members and also in their support to encourage new members.</p> <p>It has been a well-used facility during lockdown and improved facilities will provide improved accessibility.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</p> <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals that have accessed the facility • The number of new members, including those with limited mobility • Anecdotal feedback to the impact on the new facilities