

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL**

NOTES of Meeting of CHEVIOT
COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT
PANEL held via Microsoft Teams on
Tuesday, 6 September, 2022 at 7pm

Present:- N McIlwraith, G Hayward, G Horsburgh, P Jeary, D
Weatherston
In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G Jardine)

Apologies:- B Burton

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Apologies were noted and the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

It was noted that Citizens Advice Bureau had withdrawn their application to the Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund due to them being unsuccessful in their Berwickshire Neighbourhood Support Fund application for the same project.

3a. OVERVIEW REVIEW OF MARKS

The Chair commented that this had been a strong round of applications and that there had been consistency with the panel members' assessment of the applications. This was attributed to increased familiarity with the application process and assessment role.

3b. KELSO SCOUT GROUP

An application from Kelso Scout Group requesting £2,500 was received for the purchase of 3 Troop tents to enable large groups of Scout members camping. Currently the Scouts only has a small number of hike tents available suitable for 2-3 Scouts and are not of good quality.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500.

3c. ANCRUM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An application from Ancrum & District Historical Society requesting £2,500 was received to fund the purchase of four interpretation boards which will be displayed on the village green, the graveyard, the Mantle Walls and the Old Ancrum Bridge. The boards are intended to increase knowledge and access to the local heritage of Ancrum.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500 with any appropriate additional terms and conditions from relevant SBC departments regarding the placement and installation of the boards.

3d. JEDBURGH TOURISM ALLIANCE

G Hayward declared an interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion.

An application from Jedburgh Tourism Alliance requesting £2,500 was received for an upgrade of the Jedburgh Town website (jedburgh.org.uk) to provide clearer and more accessible links.

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500.

3e. STABLE LIFE

An application from Stable Life requesting £2,500 was received for core project running costs to deliver an equine assisted therapy / learning programme for 100 young people across Scottish Borders (11 young people from Cheviot).

DECISION NOTED that:-

It was agreed to recommend that Cheviot Area Partnership awards a grant of £2,500

3i DECISIONS AND REPORT TO AREA PARTNERSHIP

The panel commented on the quality and standard of the applications and a desire to see the number of applications increase.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concern was raised that there is a misunderstanding amongst some community groups with regards to the fund's criteria. An example was provided of a community group who is under the impression that they wouldn't be able to apply for funding for one off community events as they wouldn't be considered a community 'project'. The panel would like to request the Area Partnership's permission to adapt fund promotions and paperwork to make it clear one off events can be supported.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25th October 2022, 7pm

The meeting concluded at 7:40pm