SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL

MINUTES of Meeting of CHEVIOT NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday the 10th January 2024 at 6pm.

Present: - D. Weatherston (Chair)

G. Hayward G. Horsburgh H. Tomczyk

In Attendance: - Community Co-ordinator (G Jardine),

Community Engagement Officer (H. Lacon)

1. WELCOME

Chair, D. Weatherston welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Cheviot Assessment Panel.

2. OUTCOME OF ASSESSMENT PANEL RECCOMENDATIONS TO CAP

With the new financial year, the opening balance of the fund was £46,383 and carry forward of £15,073.36.

At the previous CAP meeting, all funding recommendations were supported totalling £14,037.88

The applications for this round of the Cheviot NSF totalled £8,316.03.

DISCUSSION OF CHEVIOT ASSESSMENT PANEL RECRUITMENT

Panel members asked for confirmation on who is eligible to sit on the assessment panel. Officers confirmed there are eight member places as follows:

- 1. Jedburgh Community Councillor
- 2. Jedburgh District Community Councillor Vacant
- 3. Kelso Community Councillor
- 4. Kelso District Community Councillor Vacant
- 5. Jedburgh & District Public Member Vacant
- 6. Jedburgh and District Public Member Vacant

- 7. Kelso and District Public Member Position becoming vacant at end of fiscal year.
- 8. Kelso and District Public Member

Public members can be anyone over the age of 16 who live within the Cheviot Area. The public members from both areas can be community councillors if their community council place is already filled.

The panel discussed how best to promote the opportunity to attract new members and encourage district Community Councils to nominate a panel member.

Jedburgh District can nominate one member from either of the following Community Councils: Ancrum; Crailing, Eckford & Nisbet; Jed Valley; Lanton; Maxton & Mertoun; Oxnam Water; St Boswell's.

Kelso District can nominate one member from either of the following Community Councils: Ednam, Stichill & Berrymoss; Floors, Makerstoun, Nenthorn and Smailholm; Heiton and Roxburgh; Kalewater; Sprouston; Yetholm.

This will be discussed further at the next Area Partnership on 31st January 2024.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PROJECT ASSESSMENTS

- CFA000204 Springwood Retirement Village
- CFA000206 Lothian Hall
- CFA000207 Borders Youth Theatre

CFA000204 Springwood Retirement Village

An application was submitted for £1,339.03 to support with costs to host monthly coffee mornings. The group were looking to source items such as crockery as well as raffle prizes and resources for advertising these events. The group are very active in the community and have over 90 attendees. Due to these numbers, they have not advertised outside the retirement community however anyone who would like to come along would be welcome.

DECISION NOTED that- The group are very active in their community and have had a lot of support for previous events held. It was noted that many residents are unable to drive so having access to a social activity within walking distance was vital. The panel agreed to recommend this project for funding

however it was felt that the element of the £100 for raffle prizes should not be awarded. The recommended total for awarding would therefore be £1,239.03

CFA000206 Lothian Hall

An application was submitted for £5,877 to support with the refurbishments of Lothian Hall as well as a relaunch event. The group were looking to give the hall a refreshed look by repainting with the hopes that this would create a more welcoming space for community members to use. They would like to use the space to host weddings and parties and by hosting a relaunch they were hoping to achieve more bookings. They are looking for support to purchase wine glasses and table runners and hire a ceilidh band for the relaunch.

DECIDION NOTED that- The refurbishment and paint works could not be supported as they have already been completed. The NSF does not fund in retrospect, so this element was not eligible for consideration. Therefore the panel concluded that they would recommend supporting the costs of the relaunch event but not the refurbishment, totalling £420.

CFA000207 Borders Youth Theatre

An application was submitted for £1,100 to support with the cost of running a performance piece in Jedburgh entitled 'Who is Lavinia Derwent'. Lavinia Derwent was born in Jedburgh and is the author of children's stories. Workshops in the local primary school and community will also be delivered as part of this project. The group are looking for support with the costs to hire writers for the production as well as rent costs and support with admin.

DECISION NOTED that- The Cheviot NSF does not support staffing costs within its criteria. This was discussed and BYT were contacted to provide clarity on the staffing element and they confirmed that they were subcontracting their writers. The panel agreed this was a worthwhile project that brought many benefits and opportunities to its young people therefore it was agreed to fund the application for the full amount of £1,100.

5. REVIEW OF FUNDING AVAILABLE AND CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT FUNDING ROUND

Entering this Cheviot Assessment Panel, the panel were presented with 3 applications totalling £8,316.03. Following the panel's recommendations, funding approved totals £2,759.03.

1. DECISIONS AND REPORT TO AREA PARTNERSHIP

CFA000204 Springwood Retirement Village	£1,239.03	Recommended to award in-part
CFA000206 Lothian Hall	£420.00	Recommended to award in-part
CFA000207 Borders Youth Theatre	£1,100	Recommended to award

6. REVIEW OF DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Application Deadline	Assessment Panel	Area Partnership
14 February 2024	06 March 2024	27 March 2024

7. AOB

Signed

Dean Weatherston Chair