Minutes of the Meeting of Kelso Community Council on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7:00 in Kelso Town Hall



PRESENT: Councillors Owen Adams, Peter Cooper, Christine Hamilton, Gavin Horsburgh (Provost), James McCombie, Colin McGrath, Toni Oliver, Shirley Redgrave, Paul Roberts and Gus Russell and Scottish Borders Councillors Simon Mountford and Euan Robson **IN ATTENDANCE** Paul Owenson and Gary Chisholm (Police Scotland), Claire Fletcher (Visit Kelso), Place Making (Jess Houghton), Jack Moffat, Harry Paxton, Niamh Proud and Michelle Crisp (Kelso High School pupils), Louise Rawlins (SBC) Kelso Skate Park Lights project, members of the public Lynne and Tom Weatherspoon **APOLOGIES:** Councillors James Boulton and Gail Watson and SBC Councillor Tom Weatherston and Sharon Johnston (Secretary)

- Please note questions to either the Scottish Borders Councillors or Kelso Community Councillors need to be submitted in writing to the Secretary seven days prior to meeting.
- Councillors to make a declaration of interest prior to discussion.
- All correspondence to be circulated via the Secretary.
- All Councillors and attendees to act in a courteous manner and direct questions through the Chairperson.

#### <u>Welcome</u>

The Provost welcomed Councillors to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to the public and representatives from Kelso High School who were attending to give a presentation on their project Kelso Skate Park Lighting, supported by Louise Rawlins and Jess Houghton SBC Placemaking.

#### Police Matters

The Provost welcomed Paul Owenson and Gary Chisholm from Police Scotland and advised the Police Report had been circulated.

Councillor Russell commented there were four assaults reported in February and wondered whether this showed an increase over previous months. Paul Owenson advised in his opinion this was not excessive. The Provost commented he had been contacted by a member of the public who had witnessed youths openly damaging property in Shedden Park. The Provost had been in contact with the member of the public who advised they had not reported the incident to the Police. The Provost urged everyone to always report incidents directly to the Police at the time it was witnessed by dealing 101 or 999 and if the Police were in attendance in the town they could investigate and accurate data could be recorded.

Paul advised the Police to patrol the town for parking issues, resources permitted.

In response to a question on whether the CCTV cameras picked up any details regarding the vandalised windows at Patterson paint shop, Paul advised all cameras were operational.

The Provost thanked Police Scotland for their attendance.

### Visit Kelso

Claire Fletcher on behalf of Visit Kelso gave the following report.

Visit Kelso would like to congratulate the Community Larder committee on all their hard work and the successful opening of this project and wish them good luck for the future.

Our Facebook page has now reached 8,500 followers which is an increase of 200 since the last KCC meeting.

As well as general Facebook posts we are using awareness days to promote the town and its community: International Women's Day and World Book day are great examples.

We are also currently looking at ways to improve the website.

Claire advised Visit Kelso were holding a committee meeting on 15 March 2023.

The Provost thanked Claire for attending.

### Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 were approved by the Council, proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor McGrath.

#### Matters arising from the minutes

- Kelso Community Food Larder The Provost advised that the Community Larder had been officially opened on 27 February and placed on record his thanks to Councillors McCombie, Redgrave, Roberts and Russell for all their hard work and in particular thanks to Ali Russell for her vision and commitment. Councillor Roberts commented that the opening event had been well attended and to date over 300 kilos of food had been prevented from going to landfill. He reiterated that this was a community food larder and not a foodbank and everyone was welcome to access this. Councillor Roberts thanked the local supermarkets for their supply of surplus food and advised that members of the public were welcome to make donations of home-grown produce but due to health and safety reasons this could not include ready-made meals made by the public. If anyone wishes to donate home-grown produce they should contact Councillor Roberts.
- Battlefields Trip The Provost advised the council that he had 37 members of the public who had confirmed their interest in the Battlefields trip and had paid a deposit. He reminded members that the trip was scheduled for the 16-20 October and it cost £470.00
- Scottish Water Top-Up Tap The Provost advised that he had circulated a photo of the proposed top up tap and its location which had been generally supported by Councillors and that the next stage would be a planning application.
- Community Cinema Councillor Cooper informed the council that no volunteers had come forward to act as a trustee and therefore the future of the Cinema was in jeopardy.

# Presentation on Skate Park Lights project by Kelso High School

The Provost welcomed members of Kelso High School with support from Louise Rawlins (SBC) who were in attendance to give a presentation on the Skate Park Lights project.

They advised they were attending tonight to ask the Community Council to give support to their planning application. A copy of their presentation has been circulated to Councillors.

The Provost, SBC and Community Councillors thanked the pupils for their informative presentation and offered support to their project.

It was agreed by all that this is an excellent project and would be of benefit to the youths of Kelso and will hopefully reduce vandalism. Councillor Cooper commented that residents supported the project in principle, but concerns had been raised by residents at Kerfield Court and Sutherland Gardens regarding parking. Councillor Adams queried whether those using the skate park were of driving age and, after a short discussion, it was noted that there were sufficient skaters of that age group to make this a concern. It was agreed that people using cars should be directed to park at Woodside Park.

To take this project forward the Community Council asked to have sight of the planning application prior to its submission, which was conditional on their approval.

The pupils thanked Ali Hay and Councillor Hamilton's involvement in the project.

The Provost thanked the pupils and Louise Rawlins for attending.

## Presentation on Placemaking

Jess Houghton (SBC) was in attendance to give a presentation on Placemaking. This highlighted

- What was meant by "place" which is the physical environment and social environment, and how they interact with each other.
- What is placemaking? a Multi-faceted approach to planning, designing and managing public spaces, focused on the local community's assets, aspirations and potential and intended to create public spaces that improve the community's health, happiness and well-being
- Local Place Plans are community-led plans, which set out community aspirations and proposals for the development and use of land
- Chance for members of the community to voice their own ideas and aspirations about the places they live, work and play in
- People in communities develop a plan for their "place" which should be led by the community and involve everyone.
- Local examples were highlighted e.g. formation of Development Trusts and Kelso Abbey Community Orchard.

The Provost advised he and Councillors Cooper, Hamilton and Russell would be attending a workshop tomorrow at Jedburgh – identified as part of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.

Jess advised that certain criteria needed to be met -

- Be prepared by a Community Body
- Be a proposal as to the development or use of land
- Fulfil the legal requirements set out in the 1997 Act and the 2021 Regulations (i.e. pay regard to the existing Local Development Plan for the area, the National Planning Framework and the Locality Plan all of which we can provide support and guidance on should Kelso decide to prepare a plan)

The Provost thanked Jess Houghton for attending

### **Questions from the public**

Member of the public Lynne Weatherspoon attended to ask for an update on the planning application 23/00325/FUL - Ancroft Tractors Ltd Spylaw Road Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8DN – change of use. SBC Councillor Robson commented that he was unable to comment on an "Enforcement matter". The Provost and Councillors advised they were sympathetic to Lynne's situation and thanked her for raising her valid concerns and the Council would have a full discussion before making a decision.

### Kelso in Bloom

The Provost advised the KIB committee were meeting next week and would bring a report back to the Council.

#### Tweed Valley Railway Campaign and KCC Railway Committee

A report had been circulated and there were no questions from the meeting. Councillor Russell gave the following update –

- Councillor Russell and SBC Councillor Robson had met with Professor Roy Sandbach, a respected business leader from the North East who was interested in supporting the project.
- The Borders Railway Campaign were looking at establishing a group to speed up the feasibility study on the proposed extension of the Borders Railway to Hawick and on to Carlisle. Funding has been committed by the UK and Scottish Governments but has not yet been provided. The aim of the Tweed Valley Railway campaign is to have any such study recognise that a further benefit of the extension of the Borders Railway is that it would enable a future extension to the East Coast mainline at Berwick-upon-Tweed passing through Kelso and other settlements in between.
- They had organised a meeting with Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP for Berwickupon-Tweed on 17 March.

#### Secretary's Report

Correspondence, consultations, planning, traffic regulations etc. had been circulated and a summary is attached to the minutes.

Councillor Redgrave advised that the annual insurance renewal had been received and she would submit it before the end of the month.

Councillor Redgrave advised she would be preparing the Council's annual accounts and asked Councillors to submit any expenses.

## Provost Report

- Coronation of HM King Charles III The Provost advised it was unlikely that the Community Council would be able to hold a celebration and party in the park due to funding from SBC being capped at £500. Also he had approached several local bands and all of them were already booked for the Bank Holiday weekend. The Provost advised the best option may be for housing estates to organise their own celebrations. Councillors discussed the possibility of watching the coronation on big screens. Councillor McGrath undertook to speak to the Race course.
- Time capsule The Provost advised that SBC would lift the time capsule on Friday 28 April and it would be taken inside the town hall to examine its contents. It was hoped the contents would be undamaged and then could be put on display. He commented that Hazel Woodsell and Christine Henderson were still trying to establish what was placed in the time capsule from documentary records. A new waterproof time capsule would be purchased.
- Old Parish Church celebration of 250 years of worship on Sunday 26 March 2023 the Provost had submitted a response.
- Kelso Scouts coffee morning the Provost had attended this event and chosen a design for a new badge.
- Public phone box Horsemarket the Provost had been in touch with BT who are responsible for its maintenance. He will advise BT that the phone box had been vandalised and had broken windows. He advised BT they were unable to divulge how many calls were made from it.

#### Walking Festival 2023

Councillor Redgrave gave the following update -

- Currently working on the website and hope this will be launched in the next few weeks.
- Working with Visit Kelso on a social media campaign
- Will be applying for a grant from Charity Begins at Home
- Finalising social programme
- Will be asking the local traders to "sponsor a walk" for £25.00

## **Consultations**

There were no consultations

## Scottish Borders Community Council Network

Councillor McGrath advised that the next meeting would take place on the 22 March and would give an update at the next meeting. Items to be discussed include the possibility of holding a Community Council Conference.

Councillor McGrath advised he was on a Government working party to implement the Community Empowerment Act and hoped this would be concluded by the end of the year.

Councillor McGrath advised he fully supported the introduction of Placemaking

#### Scottish Borders Council Report

SBC Councillor Euan Robson reported on several items of concern to the Community Council that had been raised at recent meetings.

<u>Parking</u> – there will be some welcome alterations to the Knowes Car Park. For a long time we have been campaigning that the width of the spaces are not wide enough, however, It has been established that the current parking bays are 4 inches narrower than the standard width, therefore, sometime after April the current lines will be removed and repainted and the spaces widened. SBC Councillor advised he thought that a small number of bays would probably be lost if they were resized. However more drivers might choose to use the car park as he had encountered some reluctance among a few to use the car park in case of damage to their vehicles. It might be possible to carry out the work in the next financial year if agreement could be reached as to the revised format and finance was available.

<u>Litterbins</u> – SBC has taken on board feedback regarding the location of the three additional litterbins and these will be placed in situ, hopefully by next week, (beside Rennie Bridge, running shelter in Shedden Park and along the path opposite Borders Ice Rink that leads to the Coop).

<u>Retaining wall</u> - the ownership of the retaining wall up Pipewell Brae on the Broomlands' side had been referred to officers who were researching the position but this might take some time to resolve

<u>Resurfacing</u> – SBC are also currently costing the resurfacing of Berrymoss Court - as this is in extreme disrepair - but hopefully will learn more soon.

<u>CCTV</u> – this is now provided in Shedden Park - overlooking the new playpark - this will be used for safety issues but also to deter vandals. It is understood that it has already worked in tracing suspected vandals from an earlier incident. There is no update on the provision of CCTV on the Town Hall as it raises conservation area issues.

<u>Shedden Park Toilets</u> – This is to be addressed after the SBC budget is in place.

<u>Hunter Bridge</u> – a noise created by traffic had been reported from under Hunter Bridge and this will be investigated.

<u>Yellow lines</u> – yellow lines will be refreshed and would be included in the list of work for the forthcoming financial year. It was noted that applying lines to setts is more complicated than

painting lines on asphalt. The Provost asked for consideration to be given to applying double yellow lines on Bridge Street.

<u>Berrymoss Court</u> - the ownership of the roadways at Berrymoss Court had been researched and nearly all were adopted. A site visit with engineers was being arranged to assess the damage and the costs of repairs and to see if these could be placed in future years' maintenance programmes

<u>Bridge Street singage</u> - the only no parking signs that could be installed on Bridge Street were the standard approved ones but there was a lack of poles to which they could easily be attached.

<u>20 MPH sign Hunter Bridge</u> – the speed limit sign between Hunter Bridge and the Shedden Park / Rosebank Cemetery roundabout is located very close to the roundabout. Consideration is being given to moving it further back to slow motorists approaching the roundabout.

In response to Councillor Adams, Councillor Robson said that he would have the low gullies inspected in Orchard Park with a view to their being raised and repaired.

#### **Consideration of Licensing applications**

The Community Council were asked to comment on a licensing application on behalf of Cove Communities Venture for Springwood Riverside Park.

The premises is currently a disused building on the Springwood Riverside Village/Caravan Park, with the proposal being to create a new community facility, with café/bar for the benefit of all those on site. The facility will consist of a reception area, office, laundry, bar and lounge areas, TV room, toilet facilities, as well as a large external seating area. The proposal being to sell alcohol on an On- and Off-Licence basis.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the application in principle but to restrict the opening time to 11.00pm

#### **Consideration of planning applications**

Planning applications had been circulated to the council for consideration.

**Planning 23/00250/FUL -** Extension to dwellinghouse - 12 Barony Park Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8DJ. The Community Council supported this application.

**Planning 23/00256/FUL -** Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse -Menard Poynder Place Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7EH. The Community Council supported this application.

**Planning23/00302/FUL** - Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse - East Corner Broompark Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7SN. The Community Council supported this application.

**Planning 23/00035/FUL** - Erection of boundary fence (retrospective) - Balgownie 6 Broompark Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7SN. The Community Council could not make a decision on this retrospective application as it is not clear what is going on here. We do not see how the road and pavements are accessed. There is no indication of a drive or gate to Broompark. The potential concern - if there is no car access - would be that it would stop cars being parked off street. Can we request photos please? Both this and a previous retrospective fence applications are quite obtrusive, and have replaced more natural, hedged boundaries that were there before which is softer visibly, and of course provides a bit of natural habitat.

**Planning 23/00332/ADV** - Installation of illuminated signage (retrospective) - 35 Horsemarket Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7HE. The Community Council had a lengthy discussion regarding this retrospective planning permission and unanimously agreed that they strongly object to it. This is based on the following comments/observations -

- The sign is considerably larger than the three separate signs of Lemon & Thyme. The lighting is also set higher and comprises a single strip light rather than separate lamps. The nature of the sign is very urban.
- It immediately sticks out as being different to the other signage in town and looks inappropriate in our townscape, especially in the conservation area.
- If planning permission had been applied in the correct way, rather than retrospectively, we could have offered some input and feedback before they went to the expense of purchasing and erecting the sign.
- It does not sit comfortably within the conservation area of a rural town and, if permission had been sought before it was installed, feedback could have been provided to allow adjustments.

**Planning 23/00325/FUL** - Ancroft Tractors Ltd Spylaw Road Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8DN. The Kelso Community Council supports the change of use of class 10 as we believe this would allow for the provision of education - but do not support the change of use to mixed use as this would not be in line with the current use of industrial units. Spylaw Road is protected as an industrial site - and would be detrimental to the town centre with future businesses opening retail outlets within an industrial setting.

The business in question is classed on the Scottish Assessor's Association as workshop and would fall in line with the business request of class 10 and not retail and a retail "shop" would go against within an industrial unit.

**Planning 23/00250/FUL** - Extension to dwellinghouse | 12 Barony Park Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8DJ. The Community Council supported this application. However one comment was raised – would the two mature trees be lost and does SBC require any replanting?

**Planning 22/01994/FUL** - The Stable Block Oven Wynd Kelso Scottish Borders - Change of use, second floor extension and alterations to form 4no flats. The Stable Block Oven Wynd Kelso Scottish Borders. The Community Council strongly supported and welcomed this application.

**Planning 22/01995/LBC** The Stable Block Oven Wynd Kelso Scottish Borders - Alterations and second floor extension to form 4 no flats - The Stable Block Oven Wynd Kelso Scottish Borders. The Community Council strongly supported and welcomed this application.

**Planning 22/01903/AMC** – demolition of shed and erection of dwellinghouse Rosebank Cemetery, Kelso. The Council noted the refusal by SBC.

## Any other business

Councillor McGrath advised that a small contingent from Kelso, Washington State USA were planning to visit Kelso on Thursday 6 April 2023. He will provide further details when known.

The Provost advised that he would be inviting Friends of Kelso Library to the April meeting.

The Provost advised that the Declaration of the 2023 Laddie would take place on Friday 21 April and an invitation would be sent.

In response to a question from Councillor Oliver, SBC Councillor Robson commented that he had checked on the frequency of when the bins at Ferneyhill Cemetery were emptied and he confirmed this happened weekly, however, if the bins were full then members of the public should report it to SBC and they will arrange for them to be emptied.

Councillor Oliver commented that the fisherman on the boat outside the Fishing Museum looked like it had been vandalised.

The Provost thanked the public, Kelso Community Councillors and SBC representatives for attending and closed the meeting.

The next Kelso Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 April 2023.

	KELSO COMMUNITY COUNCIL	
	CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS/CONSULTATIONS – FEB / MAR 2	23
Date	Event/Correspondence	Venue and comments
15.01.23	Approved Jan 23 minutes to be posted	For information
	Planning applications – replacement windows applications by SBHA on Coalmarket and Roxburgh Street.	For comments
	News Release: Budget proposals to maintain services and deliver all major projects, despite rising costs	For information
	Budget Communication	For information
	News release: Council supports adult social care recruitment campaign	For information
12.01.23	QME Fish Fridays and Sunday lunches in March	For information
	Invitation to Old Parish Church to attend their 250 years' service of celebration - which will be held on Sunday 26th March at 3pm	Confirm attendance
16.02.23	BBC Scotland political TV Programme filming in Kelso next week	For information
	Kelso Mens Shed request for PAT Testing volunteers	For information
	High Wind Warnings from the met office - and more information	For information and FB
17.02.23	Place-Making Discussion - Wednesday 15th March at Jedburgh Town Hall from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.	For information and attendance
20/02/23	Public Protection Committee supports Adult Support and Protection Awareness Day	For information
21.02.23	Scottish Water top up tap	For information
	Traffic Kelso Square - No Waiting - 12th May 2023	For information
	News Release: Latest plans for flood management in Borders set out	For information
	Planning 100 Abbotseat Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7LP - 22/00679/FUL and 23/00005	For information
	Damaged light in Shedden Park	For information
22.02.23	Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Framework 2023-2026	For information and comments by 31.03.23
	Local People Leading	For information
	Open University research survey	For information and please respond if you wish.
24.02.23	Road Closure - B6364 Main Street, Stichill - 14th March 2023	For information
	News Release: Consultation opens on plans for 2023 Jim Clark Rally	For information
	King's Coronation Fund	and comment For information
		and agenda item

	News Release: Budget which maintains services and delivers all major	For information
	projects agreed Alzheimer's Scotland - What's on Guide for March and other groups & activities	For information
	News release: Inspectorate confirms progress continues to be made at St Ronan's Residential Care Home	For information
27.02.23	Community Larder opening	For information
	Message for Men's Sheds   Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Framework 2023-2026	For information
	Community Council Insurance Renewal 2023/24	Treasurer to action
	A7/A6091 Carriageway Resurfacing and Ironwork Reinstatement Works	For information
02.03.23	Facebook comment - an attack on a dog walker yesterday morning up the top of the bypass at the trees and the attacker tried to snatch the dog! Police are aware!	For information
	Charity Begins At Home – applications open for funding – KIB, KWF to apply	For information
	Planning 23/00250/FUL   Extension to dwellinghouse   12 Barony Park Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8DJ	For comments
	23/00256/FUL   Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse   Menard Poynder Place Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7EHs	For comment
	23/00302/FUL   Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse   East Corner Broompark Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7SN	For comments
	Hope and Home for Children quiz	For FB
	Planning Ancroft Tractors Ltd Spylaw Road Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8DN,,Ref. No: 23/00325/FUL	For comments
02.02.23	Planning 23/00035/FUL   Erection of boundary fence (retrospective)   Balgownie 6 Broompark Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7SN	For comments
	Police Scotland report	Agenda item
	Accounts Commission councillor newsletter March 2023	and comments For information
	Accounts Commission councilior newsletter March 2023	For information
03.03.23	SEPA 2023 Opinion Survey	For information
	RNID - Volunteer Recruitment	For information
	Kelso Community Council March update for proposed Dunside wind farm development	For information
	Notice to Community Councils - Application for Grant of 'Provisional' Premises Licence - The Roxburgh, Springwood Riverside Park, Kelso	Agenda item
	Road Closure - High Street, Town Yetholm - 20th March 2023	For information
	Julie Dunkley to your Facebook Page Kelso Community Council	
	News release: Call for sites issued as part of proposals to develop suitable Gypsy/Traveller accommodation	For information
07.03.23	Agenda Pack - Community Planning Strategic Board - 9 March 2023	For information
	Webinar Series: Essential briefings on the EU Settlement Scheme	For information

	23/00332/ADV   Installation of illuminated signage (retrospective)   35 Horsemarket Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 7HE	For comments
	Ancroft Tractors Ltd Spylaw Road Kelso Scottish Borders TD5 8DN,,Ref. No: 23/00325/FUL	For comments
09.03.23	Papers for March meeting circulated	For information
	22/01994/FUL – Oven Wynd - Change of use, second floor extension and alterations to form 4no flats. The Stable Block Oven Wynd Kelso Scottish Borders	For comment
	22/01995/LBC – Oven Wynd - Alterations and second floor extension to form 4 no flats - The Stable Block Oven Wynd Kelso Scottish Borders	For comment
13.03.23	22/01903/AMC   Demolition of shed and erection of dwellinghouse (approval of all matters specified in planning permission 20/00874/PPP)   Land North West Of Rosebank Cemetery Lodge Shedden Park Road Kelso Scottish Borders	For information

#### ADD PRESENTATION FROM KELSO HIGH SCHOOL

Tweed Valley Railway Campaign Update for Councils - March 2023

### Morpeth Town Hall public meeting - SENRUG

Our Treasurer and Secretary received a very warm, encouraging and enthusiastic welcome from a well-attended public meeting in Morpeth on 9<sup>th</sup> March. The presentation and Q&A session took place in the week in which the Secretary of State for Transport <u>announced</u> the re-opening of the Northumberland Line to passengers in summer 2024. The campaign by the South East Northumberland Rail User Group, SENRUG, has been pivotal in this line re-opening and they continue to be wonderful supporters and mentors for our own campaign. The suggestions included:

- pushing for a tighter time-frame than the provisional 2040 opening adopted by the TRVC mangagement committee;
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- promoting the benefits of railways opening up active travel;
- seeking input from the key population centres on "what would it mean if you had a railway?";
- analysing existing daily travel movements along the proposed route;
- seeking input about the benefits to tourism, especially walking, from railway re-openings in coastal areas of outstanding natural beauty (such as the <u>Okehampton</u> line in Devon and the proposed changes to services in <u>Cornwall</u>);
- and exploring the best phasing of the extension of the Borders Railway to Hawick and Carlisle and the building of the Tweed Valley Railway.

Questions were asked about the location of stations; the extent to which the railway might follow the original line; the timeline until opening; where to link with the East Coast Mainline; when the extension of the Borders Railway to Hawick would be completed; how the extended Borders Railway would address the collapse of the Whitrope Tunnel and the dismantled rail infrastructure through Hawick; and where the junction with the Borders Railway would be. These suggestions and questions will be factored into our campaign.

## Funding for 2023/24 – Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund

The Treasurer has submitted an application for grant funding to the Scottish Borders Council's Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund. This fund's forerunner, the Cheviot Community Fund, generously provided the first year's grant for the campaign which was crucial to our set-up. This second application would fund more opportunities to engage with the public both in person (e.g. at shows, markets, supermarkets, events), through the website and on social media. A decision from the Cheviot Area Partnership is expected on 29 March.

## **Facebook presence**

The number of followers on <u>Facebook</u> has grown six-fold since we engaged the services of an external consultant.

info@tweedvalleyrailway.co.uk www.tweedvalleyrailway.co.uk https://www.instagram.com/thetweedvalleyrailwaycampaign/ - for photographs