

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TWEEDDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE

NOTE of Informal Meeting of the
TWEEDDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE held
in the Council Chamber, Council
Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells on
Wednesday, 4 October 2017 at 1.15 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam,
E. Small

In Attendance:- Communities & Partnership Manager, Democratic Services Team Leader

1. TWEEDDALE LOCALITY BID FUND

- 1.1 The Chairman advised Members that in advance of the Bid Fund being launched on 15 October guidance required to be given with regard to the allocation of the £91,416.20 for the Tweeddale Area. Members were asked to consider if the fund should be split by theme, if additional promotion should be undertaken to encourage applications and the dates for future meetings of the Committee.
- 1.2 Members discussed splitting the money by theme but agreed that a good geographic spread was more important and concern was expressed regarding the potential for smaller communities being disadvantaged during the voting process. The Communities and Partnership Manager suggested that the budget be limited for the first round of funding bids and following discussion it was agreed that this be set at £30,000 and that it not be divided by theme at this stage. It was noted that any unallocated funding would roll over to the second round.
- 1.3 Members noted the publicity plans which were already in place and agreed that they would not undertake additional publicity for the first round of bids but this would be reviewed before the second round. However, they did wish to hold a public event in January where applicants would be invited to give a short presentation and there would be an opportunity for public voting. The Communities and Partnership Manager advised that a Sharepoint site for Locality Committee Chairmen would be set up so that applications received could be viewed. The closing date for applications was 1 December 2017 and an Assessment Panel would be convened before Christmas.
- 1.4 Members agreed that future meetings be held as follows:-
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| 1 November 2017 | - | St. Ronan's Primary School, Innerleithen |
| 10 January 2018 | - | McFarlane Church Hall, Peebles |
| 7 March 2018 | - | West Linton Primary School |

DECISION

AGREED that, subject to ratification on 1 November 2017:-

- (a) a budget of £30,000 be set for the first round;**
- (b) the funds not be split by theme at this stage;**
- (c) that no additional publicity be undertaken for the first round but this be reviewed before round 2;**
- (d) a public presentation and voting event be held in January 2018; and**

(e) meetings be held as listed at 1.4 above.

The meeting concluded at 1.45 pm