

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM**

MINUTE of the MEETING of the  
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM held in The  
Memorial Hall, Leithen Road, Innerleithen on  
6 March 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors W. Archibald, S. Bell, C. Bhatia, N. Buckingham, G. Garvie, G. Logan.  
Community Councillors C. Lewin, B. McCrow, S. Horsburgh, W. Raine, A.  
Stewart, J. Taylor, G. Tulloch.

In Attendance:- Clerk to the Council, Democratic Services Officer (K. Mason).

Members of the Public:- Approximately 60.

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**MINUTE**

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 26 November 2012.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

2. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of 26 November 2012, Community Councillor Lewin referred to bus services in the Broughton area and explained that there were problems with lack of connection and timings and asked if this problem was experienced by other Community Councils in the adjoining areas. Councillor Archibald advised that he had received, from the Council's Passenger Transport Manager, a note of a meeting which had taken place recently, which he had attended together with representatives from West Linton, Lamancha, Skirling, and Carlops Community Councils. No representative from Upper Tweed Community Council had been present. A note from the Passenger Transport Manager suggested that a meeting be arranged between Mr Lewin and the community transport organisation in Peebles. Mr Lewin explained that a meeting had to have a wider scope in particular to cover extended timetables. Mr Tulloch advised that the recent meeting with the Passenger Transport Manager had been one of a positive nature when connection routes to Peebles, Dumfries and Edinburgh had been discussed in length, but the Broughton/Upper Tweed area had not been discussed in detail.

**DECISION**

**AGREED that Mr Lewin liaise with other Community Councils in the area and revert to the Tweeddale West Members who would then liaise with the Passenger Transport Manager to take forward the issues raised.**

3. Community Councillor McCrow in referring to the "Gap Site", High Street, Innerleithen advised that he was pleased that the Chief Executive of Eildon Housing Association was considering building three 1 bedroom flats there. He hoped the proposals would receive support.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

4. Community Councillor McCrow in referring to Dirt Pot Corner said he thought funding was in the budget and it would be good to keep the funding secure. Councillor Bell was supportive of this, indicating it was important to solve the problem and funding remained in the Council's Capital Budget for work at Dirt Pot Corner.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

## **OPEN QUESTIONS**

5. Mr P. Faris referred to the book bug sessions which were no longer running in Innerleithen Library. There had been a complaint made to the Community Council, and he had raised this with Ian Brown the Council's Cultural Services Manager. Mr Faris advised he was disappointed to note that a decision had been made and nothing could be done about it. Councillor Garvie explained that Innerleithen Library would be closed for 9 weeks for refurbishment. St Ronan's Primary School had offered to facilitate the book bug sessions and this was being explored by the Cultural Services Manager and Councillor V. Davidson, Portfolio holder.

## **DECISION NOTED.**

6. Ms Annela McKenna, Secretary of Tweeddale Access Panel, expressed concerns at the problems encountered by disabled people in Peebles High Street. She referred to potholes and problems experienced by blind people because of the hazards of shop furniture sited on pavements. She advised that the Council had been supportive and J. Hedley, SB Local Area Manager, Tweeddale, had agreed to monitor the situation regularly. Councillor Bhatia was a member of the Tweeddale Access Panel and explained that local Members would be spending a day using wheelchairs and wearing visual impairment glasses to understand the experiences of disabled people. Although appreciative of the need for shopkeepers to place "A" boards etc. on the payments, she hoped that both people with a disability and shopkeepers could be accommodated in an appropriate manner. Councillor Bell suggested that discussions take place with the SB Local Area Manager to examine the problems in Peebles and also in Innerleithen and West Linton. Community Councillor Stewart advised that Peebles Community Council had made representations to both the Local Authority and the Police about the problem; the Police were reluctant to approach shopkeepers about street furniture; he considered that the matter needed to be seriously addressed and he would be happy to chair a meeting and would liaise with the SB Local Area Manager.

## **DECISION**

**NOTED that Community Councillor Stewart would liaise with the SB Local Area Manager to take forward the issues raised.**

7. A member of the public referred to the new walkway between Innerleithen and Peebles and the access to all arrangements. As horse riders also had access to the walkway problems were being experienced with horse manure which was getting worse. Cyclists, young people and wheelchair users were experiencing difficulties when using the path. Community Councillor McCrow explained there were teething problems and the British Horse Society had been contacted for guidance. It was proposed to build mounting blocks along the pathway to enable riders to dismount to clear manure off the walkway. Councillor Bhatia explained she had been involved with the walkway project since its inception and the proposal had always been for the walkway to be of multi-use. She explained there was no legislation for horse riders to clean up manure and suggested a round the table discussion take place with all users. Councillor Garvie referred to powers which could be undertaken by Council Management Rules and the Civic Government Scotland Act but suggested the most appropriate way forward would be for the community to decide on how to manage the walkway. Councillor Logan suggested that the Tweeddale East Councillors together with Community Councillor McCrow meet to discuss the position.

## **DECISION**

**AGREED that the Tweeddale East Councillors together with Community Councillor McCrow meet to discuss the position.**

### **POLICE REPORT**

8. The Chairman advised there would be no Police report as Inspector Wynne had been called away and had to give his apology for the meeting.

### **DECISION NOTED.**

### **BUDGET 2013/14**

9. The Chief Financial Officer, David Robertson, was in attendance to give a presentation on the Scottish Borders Council Budget 2013/18. Handouts were circulated and Mr Robertson outlined the main headlines of the financial strategy which formed the 5 year revenue and 10 year capital plan. The Council would continue to invest in business transformation, service reviews and efficiency projects to deliver long term financial and service benefits. There would be investment in infrastructure with a £191m capital programme. The Council would maximise income while keeping fees and charges to service users at an affordable level and Council tax would be frozen at 2007/08 levels for the sixth successive year. Unallocated reserves of £5.6m for 2013/14 would be maintained in line with the assessed risk register. The presentation went on to look at the Council's funding, the highest proportion of which was Revenue Support Grant from the government. However the number of households at January 2013 had increase by over 300 giving an increase in the income from Council Tax. With regard to the Revenue Budget proposals Mr Robertson outlined the budget pressures and how it was proposed these would be funded, further details being given about the Council's transformation projects, business efficiencies and rationalisations. The presentation then moved on to look at the Capital Budget Proposals 2013/23 where the Council had approved a programme of £191m over the next 10 years. Mr Robertson summarised the proposed capital projects, details of which were included in the document circulated.

### **DECISION NOTED the presentation.**

### **AIMUP, INNERLEITHEN**

10. Mr Gordon Donald was in attendance to give a presentation on Action for the Innerleithen Mechanical Uplift (AIMUp). The remit of AIMUp was to sustain and develop the community from growing off-road cycling and tourism by building an uplift and activity and education centre at Innerleithen for the benefit of the local community. He referred to options appraisal and project planning and advised that an NFLS community ballot had taken place in 2012 with a 66% turnout and with 91.2% in favour of the proposals. Phase 1 was now complete. He advised that AIMUp's application to lease part of Traquair and Elibank Forest had been agreed in principle by the Director of Forestry Commission Scotland. The site layout incorporated footpaths, bike trails, new habitat – ponds, toboggan ride, uplift system, and additional planning. The base station would consist of a café, retail, toilets, showers, children's play area and parking for cards, disabled and coaches. Mr Donald answered questions relating to the benefits the project would have for Innerleithen and advised that the plans incorporated a path link to the town. He further advised that a Transport Consultant had been involved in the project, in particular in relation to the roads infrastructure. Councillor Bell noted that the Group needed help to secure "anchor" funding from the Government in 2013 and the formation of a Project Team to take matters forward.

### **DECISION NOTED and THANKED Mr Donald for his interesting and informative presentation.**

### **DOVECOT COURT, PEEBLES**

11. The Director of Social Work – Mr Andrew Lowe, Jane Robertson - Project Manager - Social Work, Mr N. Istephan - Chief Executive and Fiona Rowan of Eildon Housing Association were in attendance to give a presentation on the new extra care housing development at Dovecot Court, Peebles. In presenting background information, it was noted that a decision had been taken to replace Dunwhinny Lodge, the residential care home in Peebles which had opened

in the 1960's, with a specially designed extra care housing development at Dovecot Road, Peebles because Dunwhinny Lodge was no longer fit for purpose. The extra care housing development was built by Eildon Housing Association and it encompassed specialist housing with care service which had been developed in partnership with the Council. Residents and staff from Dunwhinny Lodge had now moved into the development. The extra care housing offered self contained flats specially designed to support older people to live as independently as possible in their own homes and support was provided by an on-site staff team who were available 24 hours a day. The key principles of the housing development covered (a) the promotion of independence allowing older people to live as independently as possible, (b) empowering older people to have access to care and support services without having to move into a care home; and (c) allowing older people to have access to specially designed accommodation which facilitated access to high levels of care and support. The development comprised a four storey building with two internal lifts, secure access to the front and rear of the building, 37 self contained, wheelchair accessible, two bedroom flats each with living room, kitchen and bathroom with level access shower. In response to a question raised about occupancy levels it was noted that 32 units were currently occupied and it was anticipated that occupancy of the remaining five would be taken up soon. The Director of Social Work, in answering a question about the costs associated with living in the development, referred to care packages which were in place, explaining these were sometimes cheaper than other options available. It was noted that arrangements would be made for an official opening of the development

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED and THANKED the Director of Social Work, Jane Robertson, Project Manager - Social Work, Mr N. Istephan, Chief Executive and Fiona Rowan of Eildon Housing Association for their interesting and informative presentation.**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO PEEBLES TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

12. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Director of Environment and Infrastructure outlining various options available to amend the existing Pay Parking Controls in Peebles together with proposals for a way forward to review the controls. In light of recently published town centre footfall surveys, Tweeddale Ward Members had requested a review of the parking controls in Peebles car parks and in particular those currently controlled by the Pay and Display Parking Scheme. As a consequence, the Director of Environment and Infrastructure had been asked to prepare the report outlining the available options and to recommend a way forward. Councillor Garvie advised that previously car parking charges in Peebles were unsuccessful and the present arrangements seemed to work well, and following representations received he had concluded there was no need for any change to the current arrangements. Mr McGrath and Mr MacDonald, shopkeepers in Peebles, were present at the meeting and explained their reasons for being against the recommendations in the report. Councillor Bell considered that the long term parking issues had to be dealt with, and although he had not seen evidence that increasing charges would drive people away, he was aware that increased charges might mean that more people would park in the side streets.

#### **VOTE**

*Councillor Garvie, seconded by Councillor Buckingham, moved that no further action be taken.*

*Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Logan, moved as an amendment that the recommendations in the report be approved.*

*On a show of hands Members voted as follows:-*

*Motion - 3 votes*

*Amendment - 3 votes*

*The Chairman then exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was accordingly carried.*

13. The forum considered membership of the Sub-Group of the Tweeddale Area Forum and agreed that Councillors Bell, Buckingham, Logan and Community Councillor Stewart be appointed to form a Sub-Group.

**DECISION**

(a) **NOTED** the various options available to control off-street parking.

(b) **DECIDED:-**

(i) to continue investigation by undertaking a parking survey; and

(ii) to form a sub-group of the Tweeddale Area Forum and, in light of the findings of a parking survey, discuss the various options and recommend a preferred option at a later meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum.

(c) **AGREED** that Councillors Bell, Buckingham, Logan and Community Councillor Stewart be appointed to form the Sub-Group.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

14. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 8 May 2013, venue to be confirmed.

**DECISION**

**AGREED** that the next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum would be held on Wednesday 8 May 2013.

**URGENT BUSINESS**

15. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the items dealt with in the following paragraphs should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to keep Members informed.

**SCOTTISH BORDERS WALKING FESTIVAL**

16. The Chairman advised that Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Clovenfords would be home to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Borders Walking Festival, taking place in the first week of September 2013.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

**SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE**

17. The Chairman advised that Scottish Natural Heritage was holding a reception at the MacDonald Cardrona Hotel on 20 March 2013 from 6.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. This would give Members an opportunity to have informal discussions with Scottish Natural Heritage staff on areas of mutual interest.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

*The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.*

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM**  
**PARKING SUB-COMMITTEE**

MINUTE of the MEETING of the  
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM, PARKING  
SUB-COMMITTEE held in the Burgh  
Chamber, Chambers Institution, High Street,  
Peebles, on 14 March 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors S. Bell (Chairman) , N. Buckingham, G. Logan, Community Councillor  
A. Stewart.  
Also Present:- Councillor W Archibald.  
In Attendance:- Team Leader – Road Safety/Traffic Management, Democratic Services Officer (K.  
Mason).

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**CHAIRMAN**

1. Councillor S. Bell was appointed Chairman of the Working Group.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**MEMBER**

Councillor Buckingham joined the meeting.

**PURPOSE OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

2. Members discussed the purpose of the Sub-Committee in light of the evidence that 2 of 3 car parks in Peebles, where charges were made, were full or nearly full for about 70% of the time, and agreed to look at options for recommendation to the Tweeddale Area Forum with a view to providing reasonable provision for users car parking and promoting the well being of the town.
3. It was noted that there were different types of people using the car parks – (a) tourists and visitors; (b) those visiting from surrounding areas for the purposes of shopping, banking etc, (c) those commuting to Edinburgh; and (d) shopkeepers, residents etc, The Team Leader Road Safety/Traffic Management gave information relating to a parking survey which had been carried out in Melrose. During discussions which took place it was agreed that the following would be undertaken:-
  - Design a survey
  - Carry out the survey
  - Evaluate the Results
  - Recommend action to the Tweeddale Area Forum

It was proposed that the car parking study should be carried out during May 2013 within the four car parks (Greenside, Swimming Pool, Edinburgh Road and Kingsmeadows) and in the High Street, Northgate, Eastgate and Old Town areas of Peebles.

The Team Leader was asked to provide a position statement on bus parking together with a proposal for action.

**DECISION  
AGREED that**

- (a) the Team Leader would email Members of the Sub-Committee a draft questionnaire together with times for carrying out the survey before the next meeting of the Sub-Group; and
- (b) the Team Leader would provide a position statement on bus parking together with a proposal for action for consideration by the Sub-Group at the next meeting.

#### **CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 4. Discussions took place in relation to the co-option of Members to the Sub-Committee and agreed that Councillor Archibald and one local shopkeeper be invited to join the Sub-Committee. Councillor Bell undertook to liaise with Mr McGrath and Mr MacDonald (who had been present at the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum of 6 March 2013) in relation to the appointment of a local shopkeeper to the Sub-Committee.

#### **DECISION**

##### **AGREED that**

- (a) Councillor Archibald be appointed as a Member of the Sub Committee; and
- (b) Councillor Bell liaise with Mr McGrath and Mr MacDonald relating to the appointment of a shopkeeper to the Sub-Committee.

#### **VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 5. Discussions took place as to whether Co-opted Members of the Sub-Committee be given voting rights, Members of the Sub-Committee were in favour of this and the Democratic Services Officer undertook to determine if this was appropriate.

#### **Afternote**

**AGREED that it be remitted to the Tweeddale Area Forum to determine whether voting rights should be given to Co-opted Sub-Committee Members.**

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 6. The Sub-Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on 25 April 2013 at 2.00 p.m. within Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells.

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED that the next meeting would be held on 25 April 2013 at 2.00 p.m.**

*The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm.*

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## **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2012**

**Report by Director of Environment and Infrastructure**

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### **TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM**

**8 May 2013**

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#### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 **This report proposes to amend the existing speed limit orders in Cardrona and West Linton to take account of a recent region-wide Speed Limit Review.**
- 1.2 In 2012 a Speed Limit Review was carried out throughout the region by officers from the Council and the Police. The review was carried out in accordance with Government guidance. The resulting recommendations seek to reduce speed limits on parts of the network covered by the national speed limit, or a speed limit higher than that deemed appropriate.
- 1.3 A total of 12 lengths of road were agreed to be recommended to be subject to adjusted statutory speed limit. Two of these sites are in the Tweeddale area, at Cardrona and West Linton. All the sections of road in question are currently subject to the National Speed Limit.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Tweeddale Area Forum approves the amendment to The Scottish Borders Council (The Borders Regional Council) (Restricted Roads Order) 1985 to allow:**
  - a) **The extension of the 30mph speed limit in Cardrona; and**
  - b) **The extension of the 30mph speed limit in West Linton.**

**These are detailed in the plans in Appendix A and the relevant extracts from the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Appendix B.**



### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In accordance with Government guidance, speed limits should seek to reinforce people's assessment of what is a safe speed to travel. Scottish Borders Council has a statutory duty to set local speed limits in situations where local needs and considerations deem it necessary for drivers to adopt a speed which is different from the national speed limit.
- 3.2 A Scottish Borders wide Speed Limit Review was carried out in 2012, to consider the representations which have been made (generally seeking lower speeds) or on sites which officers had identified as warranting investigation. Following careful consideration, two sites within the Tweeddale area were identified as justifying an amendment. These were at Cardrona and West Linton. Details of the recommendations are outlined in the following paragraph.
- 3.3 The Speed Limit Review concluded in the following recommendations:-
- a) Cardrona - the extension of a 30mph speed limit:
    - from a point west of the roundabout forming the junction between the B7088 and Cardrona Way to the existing 30mph limit on Cardona Way;
    - the B7062 (locally known as the *Back Road*) from a point coincident with the westernmost lighting column to coincident with the existing village nameplate on the eastern (westbound) approach; and
    - the link road between the roundabout forming the junction between the B7088 and Cardrona Way and the B7062 (Back Road).
  - b) West Linton - Extension of the existing 30mph speed limit on the C86 to a point coincident with the southernmost residential property boundary.

Both as per drawings in Appendix A.

- 3.4 As with all Traffic Regulation Orders, the Council has to undertake a two stage consultation process. Firstly there is a statutory consultation with bodies that have a direct interest such as emergency services, freight and public transport representatives and community councils. Following that process, the proposal requires to be advertised locally (local press and on-street notices) to allow others the opportunity to comment.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 14/1/2013 to 11/2/2013. The only body to make specific comments as part of the statutory consultation was Innerleithen and District Community Council (IDCC). Their response also stated that it was representative of Cardrona Village. Councillor Stuart Bell also commented on the proposal for Cardrona. Their comments are discussed in the following two paragraphs.
- 3.6 IDCC's response advised that there was a petition being gathered seeking a 2 year pilot scheme including:-
- a 20mph speed limit throughout the village;
  - a 20mph limit from the A72 to the B7062; and
  - a 30mph speed limit along the length of the village on the Back Road.

At the time of writing, Scottish Borders Council has not been presented with the petition.

- 3.7 Specific to the proposals, IDCC make the following points:
- a) there is an inconsistency in retaining the National Speed Limit from the A72 to the east side of the bridge stating that it would cause driver confusion and require excessive sign provision;
  - b) The 30mph speed limit should extend further on eastern and western ends on the B7062;
  - c) Additional signage is required indicating presence of shared access;
  - d) Consideration should be given to provision of a pedestrian crossing; and
  - e) There should be electronic speed indicator devices and, depending on level of non-compliance, Police should undertake random speed checks.
- 3.8 The first two points outlined in Paragraph 3.6 have been raised previously and are not affected by the proposals set out in this report. The third point is reiterated in Paragraph 3.7.
- 3.9 Each of the points outlined in Paragraph 3.7 is addressed below:-
- a) SBC would state that the proposals, as they stand, introduce a consistency in that 30mph speed limits are restricted to built-up areas. The length of the B7088 between the A72 and the village is not built-up and would not be credible as a 30mph speed limit. It would lead to a high level of non-compliance and, as such, would be unlikely to be supported by the Police. It would also dilute the effectiveness of those 30mph speed limits which are more appropriately placed. Signing requirements would actually be less onerous as there would be no need for repeated signs as would be the case if the limit was extended to the A72;
  - b) The 30mph speed limit is proposed to be extended to the final lighting column on the B7062 western approach to the village. This is generally accepted to be the start of the village although there may be residential properties beyond this point. On the B7062 eastern approach to the village, the proposed speed limit covers all existing frontage development;
  - c) An appropriate level of signage will be provided as part of the proposals in question and as part of the Peebles – Innerleithen Cycle Route;
  - d) It is unlikely that volume of traffic or crossing demand would justify a formal pedestrian crossing. However, an assessment will be carried out in accordance with *Assessment of Pedestrian Crossings 1/95* in the summer months when demand is likely to be at its peak; and
  - e) SBC would not provide electronic speed indicator devices (or any other speed reduction measures) unless there was evidence of a speeding issue. Should the proposal be approved, a speed monitor exercise would be undertaken, the results of which would, as a matter of course, be shared with the Police and inform an appropriate course of action.

3.10 Councillor Bell, although broadly in favour of the proposal, felt that the limit should extend further along the B7062 in an easterly direction as there are footways which emerge onto The B7062 and there is a children's play park.

3.11 The response to Councillor Bell's concerns is similar to that in relation to the second point made by IDCC. Frontage development governs the requirement for a 30mph speed limit. It gives credibility to the limit engendering widespread compliance. There is no access from the play park on to Back Road.

## **4 IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Financial**

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relate solely to the provision of new, or relocation of existing, signage. Approximate costs are as follows:-

- (a) West Linton £500; and
- (b) Cardrona £2,000.

The cost would be borne by the Aids to Movement budget.

### **4.2 Risk and Mitigations**

- (a) This risk of not proceeding with the recommendations is that drivers progress along the section of road at speeds inappropriate to the conditions increasing risk of injury should an accident occur.
- (b) The risk of proceeding with the introduction of the speed limit in Cardrona is that an errant vehicle may strike the sign post holding the sign necessary to indicate the start and end of the restriction. This risk will be mitigated by appropriate choice of pole diameter which would collapse with reasonable force.
- (c) There is no additional risk of proceeding with the extension of the existing speed limit in West Linton as the sign post will simply be relocated.

### **4.3 Equalities**

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

### **4.4 Acting Sustainably**

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

### **4.5 Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

### **4.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

## 5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Audit and Risk, the Clerk to the Council and Head of Strategic Policy have been consulted and comments received have been incorporated in the report.

### Approved by

**Director of Environment & Infrastructure Signature .....**

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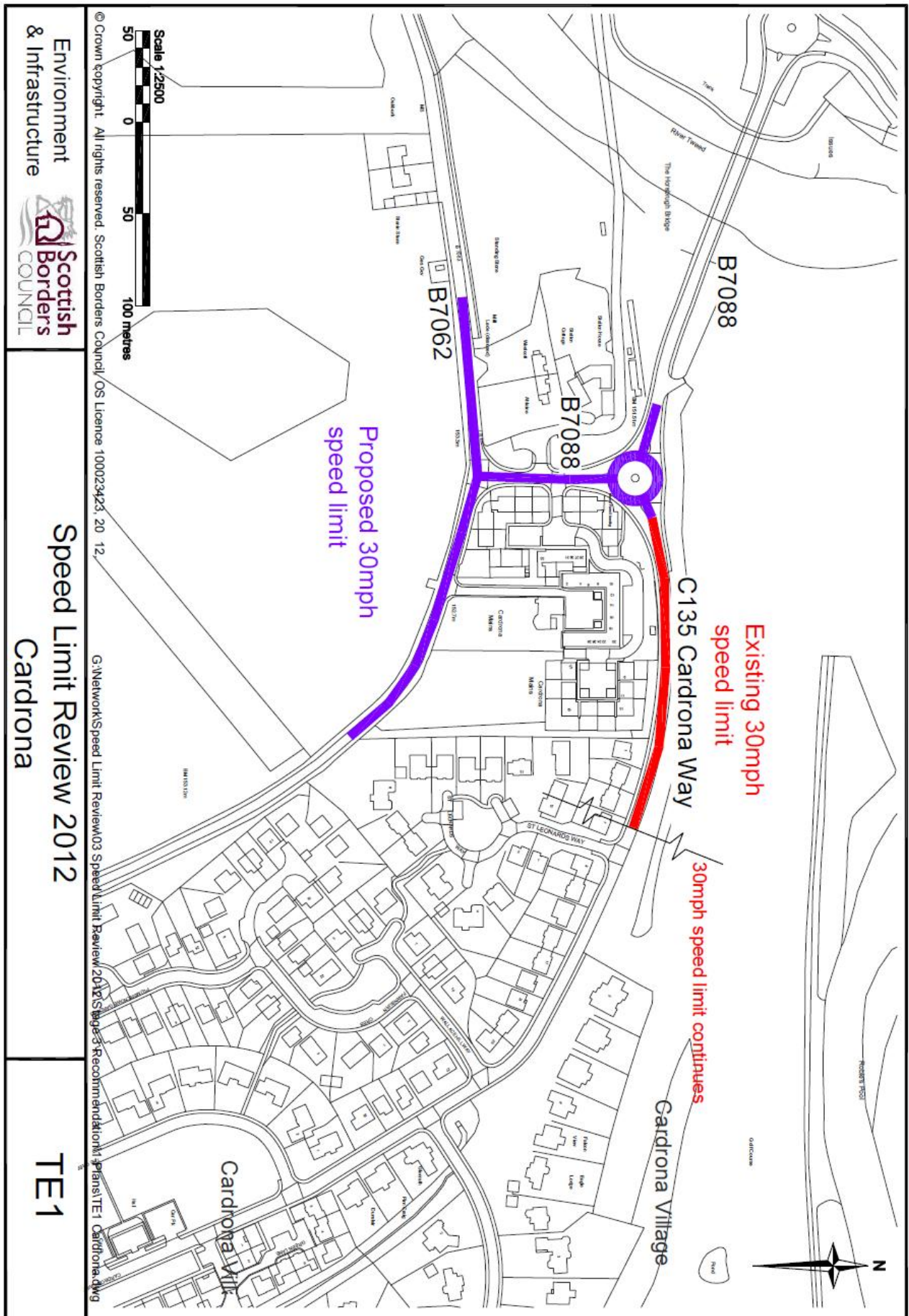
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**Background Papers:** None

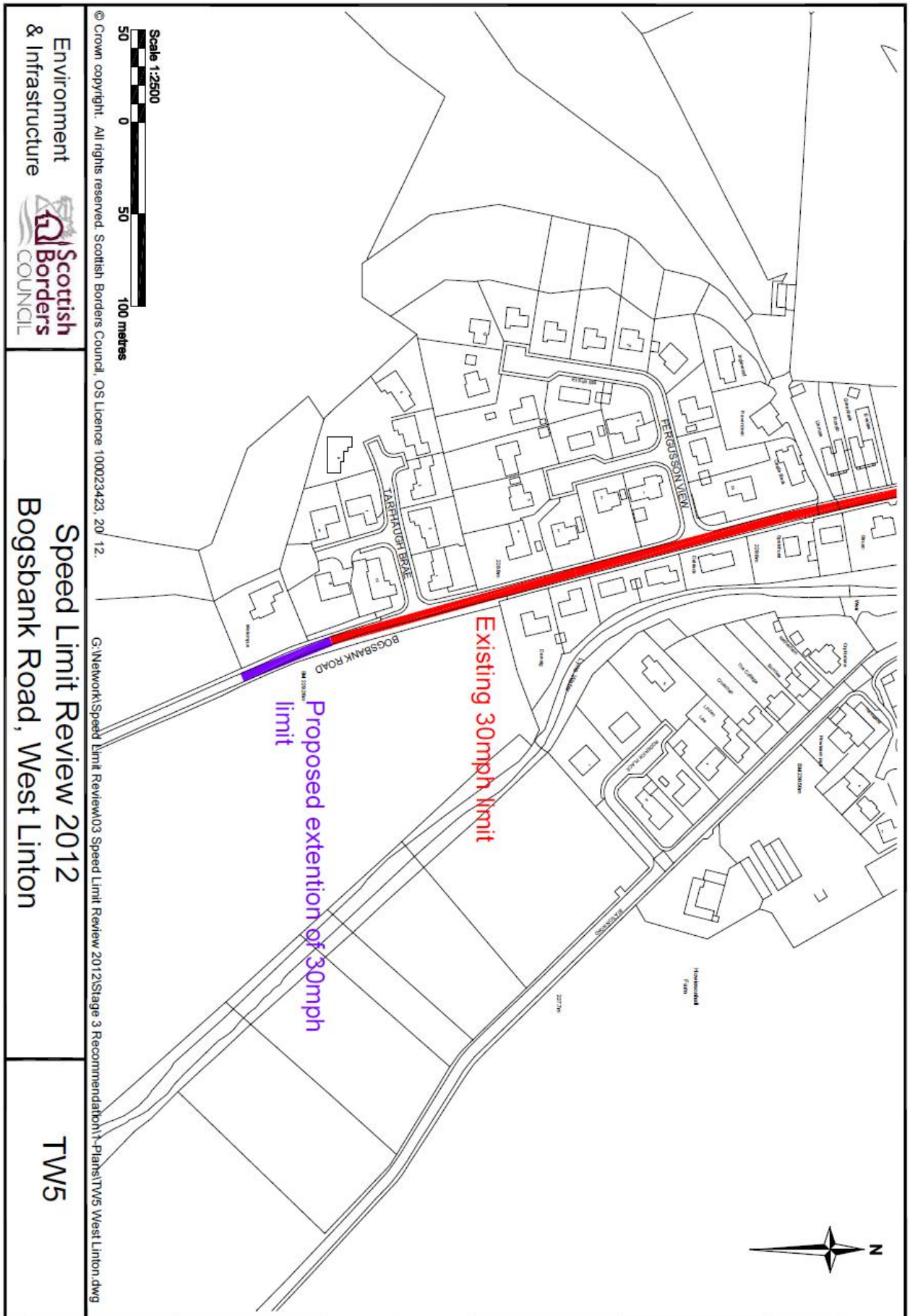
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**Scottish Borders COUNCIL**

**Speed Limit Review 2012**  
 Boggsbank Road, West Linton

**TW5**

## Appendix B

### **THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL (THE BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCIL)(RESTRICTED ROADS ORDER 1985)**

#### CARDRONA

- (a) That length of the B7088 from its junction with the B7062 north and west to a point 50m west of the roundabout with the C135 Cardrona Way including the roundabout.
- (b) That length of the B7062 from a point 162 metres or thereby east of its eastern kerbline with the B7088 westward for a distance of 260 metres or thereby.

#### WEST LINTON

- (b) That length of the C4 Bogsbank Road from its junction with the B7059 Station Road to a point 101 metres or thereby south of its junction with the D115/1 Tarfhaugh Brae.

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**MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S ROADS ASSET –  
TWEEDDALE AREA**

**Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure**

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**TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM**

**08 MAY 2013**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the proposed allocation of additional Capital funding identified to carry out resurfacing works in the Tweeddale Area.**
- 1.2 The Council agreed on 28 March 2013 to consult with Area Forums over the allocation of an additional £1.14m of Capital funding for road surfacing works. ANNEX D of that report indicated those schemes which officers have identified as a priority, together with those previously identified by local members as priority areas.
- 1.3 Officers require the Tweeddale Area Forum to make a decision on which schemes are included within the sum allocated to the Tweeddale Area of £75,000. Where the Area Forum request an additional scheme to be included in the programme they will have to also make a decision on which scheme can be removed from ANNEX A.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 I recommend that the Tweeddale Area Forum:-**
  - (a) Agrees to the list as presented in ANNEX A, or**
  - (b) Amend the list in ANNEX A to add schemes which members consider are of higher priority in terms of Area Forum requests, and subtract schemes which members consider are of lower priority in terms of Area Forum requests.**



### 3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The report, 'Management of the Council's Roads Asset' to Council on 28 March 2013, provided:

- an assessment of the current state of the Council's roads asset,
- the approach taken to roads asset management
- a programme of revenue and capital road works for 2013/14 and a request for further funding.

3.2 The Roads Condition Indicator (RCI) is a critical indicator of how the carriageway element of the Roads asset is performing. The recent results for Scottish Borders Council show a worsening of road condition with around 40% of the network requiring investigation or maintenance treatment.

RCI is the sum of the Red and Amber classification, expressed as a percentage of the total length of carriageway. The recent RCI results for Scottish Borders Council are shown below. An increasing RCI equates to a worsening of condition of the road carriageway.

Road Condition Indicator (2 year average)				
	2008-10	2009-11	2010-12	2011-13
TOTAL	38.1%	39.2%	40.2%	41.7%
A	25.3%	25.7%	26.5%	28.9%
B	39.1%	38.1%	38.6%	38.1%
C	36.5%	38%	39.5%	37.7%
U/C	43.9%	46.2%	47.2%	57.3%

Source - SCOTS Web site 21 February 2013

This information, roads of Red and Amber classification, together with site specific surveys, is then used by road Asset Managers to prioritise the planned works programmes for the following year.

3.3 The base budgets available to manage the whole road network in 2013/14 are £3.81m Revenue and £2.180m Capital. As a result of recent severe weather and the need for remedial repairs, officers have reviewed the condition of roads asset, and concluded that additional resources were required. Members approved an addition of £2.072m to manage road assets in 2013/14.

3.4 The Council agreed on 28 March 2013 to consult with Area Forums over the allocation of an additional £1.14m of Capital funding for road surfacing works. ANNEX D of that report indicated those schemes which officers have identified, together with those previously identified by local members as priority areas.

- 3.5 This allocation of additional funds will deliver much needed improvement to the road network. The allocation of £75,000 to the Tweeddale Area will allow for schemes to be brought forward in high profile areas at the same time as recognising the agreed priority assessment model used in promoting road treatment schemes detailed in ANNEX A. Investment will also look to stabilise the increasing trend in RCI.
- 3.6 Officers require the Tweeddale Area Forum to make a decision on which schemes are included within the sum allocated to the Tweeddale Area of £75,000. Where the Area Forum request an additional scheme to be included in the programme they will have to also make a decision on which scheme can be removed from ANNEX A.
- 3.7 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetables and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.

## **4 IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Financial**

A budget of £75,000 is available for additional road resurfacing and surfacing works in the Tweeddale area in 2013/14.

ANNEX A lists the proposed programme identified by officers together with reserve schemes.

### **4.2 Risk and Mitigations**

There is a risk that if the additional allocation capital funding is not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement in the overall condition of the road network

### **4.3 Equalities**

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

### **4.4 Acting Sustainably**

There are no significant affects anticipated on acting sustainably to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

### **4.5 Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

### **4.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes which are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

## 5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Audit and Risk, the Head of Strategic Policy and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments will be reported at the meeting.

### Approved by

**Director of Environment and Infrastructure**

**Signature .....**

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**ANNEX A**

# Programme of Additional Capital Works

## Programme of Additional Capital Works - Tweeddale Area

Location	Description	Estimate	
DP45/1 The Mount, Peebles	Carriageway Surfacing	£20,000	
DI13/1 Hall Street, Innerleithen	Carriageway Surfacing	£30,000	
D18/1 Cloich	Carriageway Surfacing	£25,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£75,000</b>	
Reserve			
C2 Falla Toll	Carriageway Surfacing	£15,000	
DP25/1 George Terrace, Peebles	Carriageway Surfacing	£30,000	