

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM

MINUTE of the MEETING of the TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM held in Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on 18 December 2014 at 9.00 a.m.

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald (Chairman), S. Bell, K. Cockburn, G. Garvie, G. Logan.
Apologies:- Councillor C. Bhatia.

Community Councillors W. Raine, A. Stewart, G. Tulloch.
Inspector A. Hodges (Police Scotland).

In Attendance:- Chief Financial Officer, SBC Neighbourhood Area Manager (Tweeddale) (J. Hedley), Senior Manager – Business Strategy and Resources (J. McDonald) Democratic Services Officer (K. Mason).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

NEWLANDS OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM QUALITY OF LIFE FUND

2. With reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of Meeting of 3 December 2014, there had been re-circulated copies of a letter dated 24 November 2014 from Andrew Weild, Chair, Newlands and Kirkurd Playgroup and Out of School Club Committee requesting financial assistance in the sum of £1,800 from the Quality of Life fund as a one off emergency contribution. A business plan for April 2014 – March 2015 was also circulated. Mr Weild and another representative from Newlands Out of School Club were present and they answered Members' questions. The Senior Manager – Business Strategy and Resources advised that the Council supported the work of out of school clubs but expressed concerns that a precedent might be established if funds were released.

DECISION

AGREED to grant Newlands Out of School Club £1,500 from the Quality of Life Fund, on the understanding that this would be taken into account if there was a wider review of funding out of school clubs.

QUALITY OF LIFE

3. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to Quality of Life, subject to consultation with and approval by all six members of the Tweeddale Area Forum via email. The report further explained that to enable the timely delivery of projects funded by available Quality of Life Budgets, delegated authority was required for the remainder of the 2014/15 financial year. Members discussed the report and agreed that the following words in the recommendation "approval by all six members of the Tweeddale Area Forum via email", be amended to "approval by the majority of the members of the Tweeddale Area Forum via email" and agreed that the recommendation be amended.

DECISION

AGREED to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services, to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to Quality of Life, subject to consultation with and approval by the majority of the members of the Tweeddale Area Forum via email.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 a.m.