

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE AREA LOCALITY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE
AREA LOCALITY COMMITTEE held in
Council Offices, Rosetta Road, Peebles on
Wednesday, 14 June 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam, E. Small, Community Councillors L. Hayworth, G. Parker, G. Thornton, G. Tulloch.

Apologies:- Community Councillor C. Lewin.

In Attendance:- Neighbourhood Area Manager (Tweeddale), Mr. S. Mitchell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Democratic Services Team Leader.

Members of the Public:- 4

1. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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. The presentation on the Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Partnership had been deferred to a future meeting. The Open Forum item and Localities Committee would be taken as one item.

2. **VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Tatler, seconded by Councillor Anderson, moved that Councillor Bell be appointed as Vice Chairman and this was unanimously approved.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Bell be appointed as the Vice Chairman.

3. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 1 March 2017.

DECISION

NOTED.

4. **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

There had been circulated copies of the Scottish Fire & Rescue report on activity in the Tweeddale Area since the last meeting on 1 March 2017. Station Manager Stephen Mitchell was present at the meeting and highlighted the main points in his report which included:-

- Working with partners within Scottish Borders Council on a project to adapt the HFSV to incorporate unintentional harm in the home.
- Seven pupils from Peebles High School undertook a 6 days over 6 weeks development programme focused on Leadership and Wellbeing. An additional outcome of the programme was the delivery of a Resilience Day, planned and delivered by S3 pupils, which involved multiagency participation. It was hoped this would become part of the curriculum moving forward.

- All stations would be engaging communities with the Summer Thematic Action Plan. Targeting Road Safety, summer fire safety, deliberate fire setting, antisocial behaviour, water safety.
- Pupils from Peebles High School recently attended a “Drivewise” road safety event at Charterhall airfield near Duns, sponsored by John Cleland and supported by SFRS, Police Scotland and IAM Roadsmart.
- All Tweeddale RDS Stations were involved in a successful multi pump exercise at a Chemical Production site in Walkerburn on the 25th March to test operational preparedness.
- All stations were participating in the British Heart Foundation initiative- “Call Push Rescue”.
- Unwanted fire signals were being addressed by phased intervention actions which identified premises which were producing ‘false alarms’, providing guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence.

Mr. Mitchell answered Members questions and asked that any comments on The Scottish Borders Local Fire and Rescue Plan be submitted as soon as possible.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

5. POLICE SCOTLAND

It was noted that members had recently met with Inspector Hodges so he was not in attendance.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

6. OVERVIEW OF TWEEDDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Mr Hedley, Neighbourhood Area Manager Tweeddale gave Members a presentation on the work carried out by his team within the Tweeddale Area. Mr Hedley answered Members questions on a range of items including the deployment of resources, the number of operatives available to him, the measurement of the effectiveness of the services and the report on the dog fouling pilot. The Chairman thanked him for his presentation.

**DECISION
AGREED that the presentation slides be circulated for information.**

7. LOCALITIES COMMITTEE – FUTURE REMIT

The Chairman advised that the future operation of the Committee was being considered with a view to devolving more decisions to a local level against the background of the Community Empowerment legislation. He asked those present, including the members of the public, for their views on how they would like to see the Committee develop. During the ensuing discussion the following points were raised:-

- Identify what is important to each community
- Avoid duplication of work already being carried out by other Committees/Groups
- Meaningful involvement in the development of the Local Plan
- Find ways to engage more effectively with the public including with young people
- Proper understanding by the public of the powers which the Committee had
- The importance of partnership working to avoid duplication of effort
- Involvement of Health, Education and the 3rd Sector
- The promotion of Tweeddale as an area within the Council
- Better attendance by Community Council representatives
- Influence Council policy – policy making from bottom up

- Ensure people feel involved
- Widen membership of the Committee
- Hold meetings more frequently

The Chairman advised that over the summer further work would be undertaken and community councils would be contacted to obtain their views. He thanked those present for their input

DECISION

AGREED that the points made be fed into the consultation process for the future operation of Locality Committees.

8. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**
No matters were raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.