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TWEEDDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 2017

A MEETING of the TWEEDDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE will be held in the **THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE, PEEBLES COMMUNITY CENTRE (DRILL HALL), WALKERSHAUGH PEEBLES** on WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2017 at **7.00 pm**

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

23 August 2017

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 4) Minute of Meeting held on 14 June 2017 to be noted and signed by the Chairman. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
5.	Local Development Plan - Public Events and Workshops Briefing by the Lead Officer Plans and Research on events and workshops relating to the preparation of the new Local Development Plan.	10 mins
6.	Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Partnership Presentation by Chief Social Work Officer.	20 mins
7.	Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life (Pages 5 - 8) Consider report by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
8.	Police Scotland Update by Inspector T. Hodges.	5 mins
9.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Pages 9 - 10) Update by Station Manager S. Mitchell. (Copy attached)	5 mins
10.	Update on Locality Committee and Participative Budgeting Update by the Chairman and discussion.	15 mins

11.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
12.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides Are Urgent	

NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam, E. Small, Community Councillors Campbell, Howard, Lewin, Parker, Taylor and Tulloch

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE

MINUTE of the MEETING of the
TWEEDDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE held
in Council Offices, Rosetta Road, Peebles on
14 June 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

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 & 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 meeting 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.

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

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure

TWEEDDALE LOCALITY FORUM

30 August 2017

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Locality Forum.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Tweeddale Members:- Renovate the surface of ground adjacent to the A72 leading from the Innerleithen west along the A72 to Caerlee corner steps, £9,365; Replacement/installation of 28 street name plate signs, 2 speed awareness signs and 3 information signs throughout Tweeddale, £1,650.
- 1.3 The Following Quality of Life Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Tweeddale Members:- Supply and install anti slip strips along the boardwalk at Alexandra Park, Walkerburn, £3,654; Contribute to improvements to the football pitch and surrounds at Whitestone Park, Peebles, £8,000.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Tweeddale Locality Committee:-**
 - (a) **approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation**
 - (i) **Renovate the surface adjacent to the A72 from Innerleithen to Caerlee Corner £9,365**
 - (ii) **Replace/install 31 Street Name plates/ Speed awareness/sports facilities signs throughout Tweeddale £1,650**
 - (b) **Approves the following Quality of Life Schemes for Implementation**
 - (i) **Supply and install anti slip strips along the boardwalk at Alexandra Park, Walkerburn £3,654**
 - (ii) **Contribute to improvements to the football pitch and surrounds at Whitestone Park, Peebles £8,000; and**
 - (c) **Agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure to agree to proposals for Quality of Life or Small Schemes, subject to consultation with and majority approval by the Tweeddale members**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Tweeddale area:

- (a) Renovation of the surface adjacent to the A72 heading west from Innerleithen to Peebles, to the point where it meets the steps at Caerlee corner. This request has been promoted by the Community Council and has been developing for some considerable time. This project would see the existing rough surface removed to a depth, a subbase installed and topped with whin dust to create a more even and consistent surface for people to walk on £9,365.
- (b) This proposal is to replace 26 worn/missing street name plates throughout Tweeddale, 2 driver awareness signs at Walkerburn and 3 signs in Peebles advising people of the location of the rugby facilities at Haylodge park and The Gytes £1,650.
- (c) To supply and install anti slip strips to the boardwalk at Alexandra Park, Walkerburn. This scheme is supported by the Community Council and follows from some engagement on a possible solution led by elected members £3,654.
- (d) This initiative responds to issues which emerged during the consideration for development of a 3G pitch in Peebles. Representatives of Peebles Rovers have been engaging with Officers and exploring options, developing solutions to the problems that Peebles Rovers face in complying with the requirements of their league and have arrived at an agreed set of proposals which the club and their league are content with. These proposals include the installation of pitch perimeter fencing (part permanent and part temporary), replacement of existing goals with compliant and moveable posts/nets, provision of a pitch marker to enable the club to mark their pitches to suit their needs. The total project costs are estimated at £10,000. The amount of financial support being requested is £8,000. The club will be fund raising to generate the remaining £2,000 required to deliver all the aspects of the project.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

(a)

	Quality of Life	Small Schemes	Total
2017/18 Budget	20,000	34,702	54,702
Total Budget	20,000	34,702	54,702
Committed Previously	0	0	0
Proposed per Report	11,654	11,015	24,669
Remaining Balance	8,346	23,687	30,033

- (b) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Tweeddale area in 2017/18. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £23,687.
- (c) In addition a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Tweeddale area in 2017/18. If the above schemes are approved, there will be a remaining budget of £6,346.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If these budgets are not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

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

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 3.1.

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 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There is no change to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR and the Clerk to the Council are being consulted and any comments received will be incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Martin Joyce
Service Director Assets and Infrastructure

Signature

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Background Papers: None

Previous Minute Reference: None

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SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
 Working together for a safer Scotland

Tweeddale Locality Committee 30th August 2017
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Tweeddale Locality Committee on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity since the last forum meeting on 14th June 2017.

Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 for the Scottish Borders five priorities are identified;

1. Reduction of Dwelling Fires
2. Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting (Not including Dwellings)
4. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
5. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions.

Response & Resilience activity in the Tweeddale West Ward

Area Details

The following details relate to Tweeddale West Ward.

In the area selected 0% of its approximately 11 datazones are classed as being among the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland.

From 01/06/2017 to 21/08/2017 there have been:

- 47 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 0 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires

For the 7 Incident KPIs

- 3 Deliberate Fires
- 6 Accidental Fires
- 0 Fatal and non-fatal fire casualties
- 2 Non-domestic fires
- 7 Special Service Incidents
- 0 RTC Casualties
- 25 False Alarms

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Response & Resilience activity in the Tweeddale East Ward

Area Details

The following details relate to Tweeddale East Ward.

In the area selected 0% of its approximately 10 datazones are classed as being among the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland.

From 01/06/2017 to 21/08/2017 there have been:

- 16 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 0 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 0 Accidental Dwelling Fires

For the 7 Incident KPIs

- 1 Deliberate Fires
- 3 Accidental Fires
- 0 Fatal and non-fatal fire casualties
- 0 Non-domestic fires
- 3 Special Service Incidents
- 0 RTC Casualties
- 8 False Alarms

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