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## SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE  
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Church Hall,  
Leithen Road, Innerleithen on Wednesday, 6  
February 2019 at 7.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, S. Haslam, E. Small  
together with 30 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community  
Councils and members of the public

Apologies:- Councillors K. Chapman

In Attendance:- Service Director Customer and Communities, Locality Development Co-  
ordinator (C. Banks), Locality Development Co-ordinator (G. Jardine),  
Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Neighbourhood Area Manager  
(Tweeddale), Neighbourhood Assistant Area Manager, Democratic Services  
Team Leader

### 1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership. He advised that he was changing the agenda order and that the item on Small Schemes and Quality of Life Funding would be taken first.

### 2. **SMALL SCHEMES/QUALITY OF LIFE**

The Neighbourhood Area Manager tabled a paper at the meeting listing nine schemes recommended for funding from both the Small Schemes and the Quality of Life Budgets. He outlined each of the Schemes which would use the remaining Quality of Life Budget and leave £4,278 in the Small Schemes Budget. Councillor Bell proposed that as Councillors had not received prior notification of these schemes that approval be continued until the next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership Councillors in March and this was agreed. In response to a question, Mr Hedley explained how schemes could be submitted via Councillors. The omission of a scheme submitted for Newlands would be investigated.

### 3. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 7 NOVEMBER 2018**

The Minute of the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 7 November 2018 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion attached as an appendix to the Minute and this was noted.

### 4. **DRAFT TWEEDDALE LOCALITY PLAN**

4.1 The Chairman introduced Jenni Craig, Service Director Customer and Communities. She explained that the aim of the plan was to reflect the priorities and needs of Tweeddale people and this draft had been prepared taking account of the feedback provided at all the previous themed meetings. There were 4 themes within the plan and the top priority for Tweeddale under each theme had been identified and the views of those present were being sought to check that the plan had what people wanted.

4.2 Colin Banks explained how the evening would work. There was a facilitator at each table and each table would discuss one of the themes for 20 minutes with the facilitators moving round.

4.3 There followed some very constructive discussion and a copy of the main points raised are appended to the Minute.

5. **LOCALITY BID FUND UPDATE**

Colin Banks advised that flyers had been placed on each table and applications could be submitted until the end of the month. He was happy to assist any group with their application. The Chairman commented on the changes to the criteria and encouraged people to apply.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

Laurie Hayworth asked if it was possible to show all responses to the Local Development Plan on the Planning Portal as it would be helpful to see the comments made by others. Councillor Bell advised he would take this up with the appropriate officer.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership was scheduled for Wednesday, 27 March 2019. The venue would be West Linton Primary School. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

***The meeting concluded at 8.49 pm***

<b>Draft Locality Plan – Economy, Skills &amp; Learning</b>		
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Success</b> What would success look like? (Measures)	<b>Partnership</b> How can we work in partnership together?
<p><b>To improve transport networks and connections within Tweeddale</b></p> <p>Change to: To improve and develop transport networks, connections and options to, from and within Tweeddale</p> <p>Strong/important links with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work, Jobs</li> <li>• Health, Leisure (incl. facilities)</li> <li>• Education, Training</li> <li>• Youth</li> </ul> <p>This priority is an enabler, it facilitates by attracting the right opportunities and emerging industries.</p> <p>Investment vs Subsidy</p> <p>In the absence of rail ... invest in roads</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Higher proportion of people satisfied</li> <li>- Different model / provision of transport (routes, vehicles, passes – extend bus pass validity e.g. youth or rural communities, Friday afternoons or evenings)</li> <li>- Move away from traditional model of bus service provision</li> <li>- Fully accessible</li> <li>- Good cycleways / Rickshaws</li> <li>- Better cycle networks</li> <li>- Reduction in residents feeling socially isolated</li> <li>- More young people staying</li> <li>- A change in the age and wage profile</li> <li>- Better rural bus services/networks</li> <li>- Provision of car share (e.g. Uber app)</li> <li>- Bus/Taxi ticket</li> <li>- Rail/Taxi ticket</li> <li>- Park &amp; Rail Service?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of historic changes (to transport network)</li> <li>- Run pilot schemes</li> <li>- Look at examples/best practice elsewhere (Highlands and Islands have a local taxi model)</li> <li>- Cost comparisons of transport models</li> </ul> <p>Key stakeholders/partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community councils</li> <li>- Bus companies, and other existing transport providers</li> <li>- Taxi operators</li> <li>- Council passenger transport</li> <li>- Community buses (Tweed Wheels), and other social enterprise providers</li> <li>- South of Scotland Enterprise Agency</li> <li>- Scottish Enterprise</li> <li>- Chambers of Commerce</li> </ul> <p>Requires discussion, perhaps at a national level Communities could prioritise where the subsidy should go More openness and transparency Innovative options to be considered Learn from communities</p>
<p><b>Review the availability and suitability of business premises</b></p> <p>Calvary park now almost full</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stronger involvement of the community in Local Development Plan</li> </ul>	<p>Key stakeholders/partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Councils</li> <li>- Land owners</li> <li>- Businesses</li> </ul>
<p><b>Develop commercial / industrial sites and premises to encourage new business to the area</b></p> <p>In the right areas of need Businesses moving from their garage/home to proper premises</p> <p>Potentially in more rural areas?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seeing more micro-businesses becoming SMEs (e.g. March Street Mills, Cycling Innovation Centre)</li> <li>- Evident in Local Development Plan</li> <li>- Protected sites</li> </ul>	<p>Key stakeholders/partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning</li> </ul> <p>Requires better communication between site/land owners and those looking for sites</p>
<p><b>To provide an “Enterprise Hub” for start-ups and growth of businesses</b></p> <p>Change to: To provide an “Enterprise and/or Community Hub” for start-ups and growth of businesses</p> <p>Ideally on the High Street May require changes of use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More pop up shops</li> <li>- Uptake in seed funding / support</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Enhance marketing and promotion of the Tweeddale tourism offer</b></p> <p>Biking, specifically the Innerleithen development</p> <p>Needs better links to transport</p>	<p>Reverse ...</p> <p>Increase packages and offers, provide Tourism Noticeboards</p> <p>Accommodation – More and longer stays</p>	<p>Make the most of opportunities around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- South of Scotland Enterprise Agency</li> <li>- Borderlands</li> <li>- City Deal</li> </ul>
<p><b>Improve broadband and mobile coverage</b></p> <p>Reduces the load on transport provision</p>	<p>All types of business and communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education + Learning</li> <li>- Tourism</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Develop stronger links with colleges, schools and businesses to create a joint approach to education and upskilling the workforce</b></p> <p>Together with job creation</p> <p>What about those that school hasn't worked for?</p>		<p>Developing the Young Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pilot Project of 12 students studying hospitality have gone into Crickleton Hotel, taking over every Tuesday morning</li> <li>- Should be shouting about our successes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase practical skills and knowledge for primary and early secondary school children &amp; young people</b></p> <p>Focus on vocational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uptake of new skills</li> <li>- More accreditation</li> </ul>	<p>Important for local businesses to recognise</p>
<p><b>Create a mentoring model within the community to build knowledge, skills and confidence</b></p>		
<p><b>Increase training opportunities for local trades</b></p>		

<b>Draft Locality Plan – Environment &amp; Place</b>		
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Success</b> What would success look like? (Measures)	<b>Partnership</b> How can we work in partnership together?
<b>Ensure that Tweeddale residents have access to affordable and appropriate housing, and the environment is clean and safe</b>	<p>Better signage to local amenities so people know what is on offer in the local area</p> <p>Fuel bills in Tweeddale will reduce if homes are more efficient</p> <p>Information will be available on what actions people can take to maintain their homes and make them efficient</p> <p>The number of young people leaving/staying in the area will be measured to help assess the impact housing and the environment has on young people</p> <p>Housing companies/HAs will contribute to the development of local infrastructure and amenities when houses are built in an area to ensure local need is met</p> <p>SBC needs to measure what the housing need is amongst people with dementia, disabled people, older people and affordable housing to ensure planning is based on accurate information</p>	<p>Create a grant scheme where Has/SBC offers a part contribution to improve peoples' houses- 50/50 split between HAs/SBC and local residents. Same offer could be made for internal and external improvements.</p>
<b>Improve the provision of suitable local housing (sheltered, extra care, for those with disabilities, care homes etc) by developing a range of flexible accommodation for communities at every age and stage of life</b>	<p>Current housing stock would be adapted where possible rather than building new stock</p> <p>Housing associations have good two way communication systems in place for both tenants and those looking to secure a tenancy</p> <p>Community Development Trusts and community councils use the Community Empowerment Act to purchase/obtain land for housing development</p> <p>Local housing provision and support is in place for young people to reduce / prevent the need for young people to have to go in to emergency housing in another town where they have no family and no support network.</p>	
<b>Tackle fuel poverty</b>	<p>Continued support for people to be energy efficient and access grants to help people tackle fuel poverty</p> <p>Ensure information is available to local residents on local / national funded insulation schemes</p>	
<b>Identify opportunities where green space and access to green space can be improved and local access to growing projects can be developed</b>	<p>Expand current network of multi-use pathways (which have been a success) and ensure access and condition of pathways are maintained</p> <p>Improved community projects connections ( joint work between growing projects and men's sheds for example)</p> <p>Offer support for community groups and trusts to identify green spaces that could be utilised and provide support in obtaining relevant insurances etc</p>	<p>Strengthen networks and improve local communication</p>
<b>De-cluttering and environmental improvement campaigns are undertaken</b>	<p>Glass needs to be collected from rural areas as people can't always travel to use bottle banks</p>	

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in key streets/areas within Tweeddale locality		

<b>Draft Locality Plan – Health, Care &amp; Wellbeing</b>		
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Success</b> What would success look like? (Measures)	<b>Partnership</b> How can we work in partnership together?
<b>To improve the availability, accessibility and connections to services for people living in rural areas and towns across the Tweeddale area to reduce loneliness and social isolation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decrease in people presenting to GPs and hospitals</li> <li>- More people staying at home longer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build on the Mens Sheds – there is data available that could brought into the plan. Consider the model that South Lanarkshire have for a ‘Mobile Mens Shed’</li> <li>- Develop key groups that people would like to use – mental health &amp; wellbeing (these don’t need a lot of resource)</li> <li>- Build on the work that the Churches are doing</li> <li>- Develop further What Matters Hubs</li> <li>- Schools/Community Schools – should do more to involve and welcome the wider community – schools are community assets</li> <li>- Communication should be a key focus and a plan should be developed around this.</li> <li>- Increase the opportunities to use digital technology.</li> <li>- Need an on-line resource for events and activities and this should tied in with the What Matters Hubs</li> <li>- Build on the Rickshaws – cycling without age – viewed as a huge success.</li> <li>- Build on coffee mornings and lunch clubs</li> </ul>
<b>Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop an independence measure</li> <li>- Shorter hospital stays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing more hospital to home support and services</li> </ul>
<b>Increase the range of care and support options available (across the locality) to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build on the child fostering model but for older people</li> <li>- Develop intergenerational solutions</li> </ul>
<b>Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase in affordable and accessible housing</li> <li>- Increase in assisted living in the right place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some key existing plans and pieces of work are already driving this forward.</li> <li>- There is a lack of clarity of joined up future vision for housing in Tweeddale – this should be a focus</li> </ul>
<b>Improve support for unpaid carers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Higher proportion of people knowing about Attendance Allowance</li> <li>- Respite is really important and emergency backup</li> <li>- Wider choice organisations that can provide support/help</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can we identify young carers in school?</li> <li>- Raise awareness in the community and in professions of the importance of identifying carers.</li> <li>- Opportunity to develop a creative solution around support.</li> </ul>

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<b>Improve transport networks and connections to allow access to services</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Need to develop local solutions</li><li>- There is a willingness to work collectively together (Health, Third Sector etc) but funding is the barrier</li><li>- Need a modern, accessible, shared approach to transport – build on tweed Wheels.</li><li>- Look at social prescribing and social enterprise- must be sustainable</li></ul>
<b>Develop intergenerational community hubs</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Schools/Community Schools – should do more to involve and welcome the wider community – schools are community assets</li></ul>
<b>Other points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Should be clearer that loneliness and social isolation is not just older people</li><li>- Early intervention is key and some focus should be on preventative services</li><li>- Culture &amp; social is important – not clear from the priorities</li><li>- The key priority needs to reflect an improvement in health and wellbeing.</li></ul>		

<b>Draft Locality Plan – Safer Communities</b>		
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Success</b> What would success look like? (Measures)	<b>Partnership</b> How can we work in partnership together?
<b>Community connections need to be further developed to share information and activities across the Tweeddale Area</b>	Communities/ CC's able to feed in to the CAT Tweeddale W4 Facebook page- Number of shares/ likes? Better sharing of good practice Improved visibility of community activities and community operated transport Increased use of social media Increased use of community/shop noticeboards	All should post positive experiences Strong cc leadership Use community Facebook pages to circulate information - the modern neighbourhood watch
<b>Increase support to individuals to help them be active members of their community</b>	Attendance at community meetings Production of community toolkit/"how to" guide	SBC/CLD/CAN/Live Borders/ Open doors programme
<b>Reduce anti-social behaviour</b>	Increased funding to communities to fund opportunities Sign up to speed watch Greater use of variable speed limits Improved street signage More people/opportunities for young people to engage with/in Street lighting Reduction in drug use Increase in early intervention activities	All (communities and agencies) need to work together  Families/ schools (look at pilots being undertaken elsewhere e.g. Broughton HS, Edinburgh)
<b>Have stronger links to the SBC Community Action Team with a particular focus on road safety</b>	Those who know how to feed in to CAT Increased use of 'Your speed is...' sign Increased CCTV	Communities/ police  Mapping of CCTV camera (public and private)
<b>Tweeddale is a safe place to live, people feel safe in their homes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> century neighbourhood watch- what would it look like? Sign up to SB alert Increase in resilient community groups	Communities/ Police Scotland/ Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

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<b>Support for young people</b>	Education of youngsters Reduction in vandalism/hospital admissions/police callouts Reduction in the number of victims	
<b>Street lighting</b>		
<b>Increased visibility of police officers</b>	Increase in the number of people identifying that police are visible in their area	Police Scotland