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Tweeddale
Area Partnership

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 27 August 2019
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Location: The Hall, St. Ronan's Primary School, St. Ronan's Road, Innerleithen

AGENDA

Doors open 6.30 pm for tea and coffee – meeting starts at 7.00 pm

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Locality Bid Fund 1 Update from Julie's Kitchen Garden Project. (15 mins)
3.	Feedback from Meeting on 12 June 2019 (Pages 3 - 6) Copy Minute from meeting on 12 June 2019. (Copy attached.)
4.	Tweeddale Locality Plan (Pages 7 - 22) (a) Economy, Skills & Learning: transport networks and connections within Tweeddale – update on Scottish Borders Transport Conference from Timothy Stephenson, Passenger Transport Manager, SBC, and options going forward (30 mins) (b) Discussion re potential options/solutions/actions (45 mins)
5.	Tweeddale Interim Community Fund (Pages 23 - 32) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Interim Community Fund overview map○ Internal & external funding maps for Tweeddale○ Tweedsmuir Community Company Application○ Walkerburn Bowling & Petanque Club (fast track application £275 – approved)
6.	Future Agenda Items Suggestions/Proposals.
7.	Open Forum Opportunity to raise local matters.
8.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday, 5 November 2019 – venue to be agreed

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MINUTE of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held at Peebles High
School on Wednesday, 12 June 2019 at 7.00
pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam, E. Small and 52 Partner representatives, Community Councillors, officers and members of the public.

In Attendance:- Service Director Customer and Communities, Communities and Partnership Manager, Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Neighbourhood Operations Manager, Democratic Services Team Leader.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman, Councillor Tatler, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership and outlined the programme for the evening.

2. **INSPIRE LEARNING**

Inspire Learning Consultant, Andrew Jewell, was in attendance to give a presentation on the Inspire Learning Programme being implemented by Scottish Borders Council, which would transform teaching and learning in schools to the benefit of all pupils and teachers. A key part of the Digital Learning Strategy, the programme was a £16m investment in a world-class digital learning environment for all pupils. It included plans for Apple iPads to be provided to all P6-S6 pupils and shared devices at a ratio of one for every five P1-P5 pupils. Mr Jewell, gave a practical demonstrate of how the iPads could be used in the classroom. Volunteers were invited to join in a mock classroom interactive exercise using the iPads provided on the tables. Mr Jewell explained how teachers could maintain control through the facility to lock and unlock the iPads and demonstrated how they would be able to view any iPad in the class, project work onto a screen and provide instant feedback. The iPads allowed teachers and parents to view live examples of pupils work and provide useful and timely feedback. In response to questions regarding the upskilling of teachers, Mr Jewell advised that it was essential that teachers felt supported and highlighted the various types of support and training which would be available. Mr Fagan, Depute Headteacher at Peebles High School advised that there would be ring-fenced development time to ensure that teachers were fully prepared. Questions on why iPads were chosen and the ability of school infrastructure including the ability of the Wi-Fi to cope were also answered.

3. **PROVISION OF OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPACES**

3.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Assets & Infrastructure setting out guidance and recommendations for the Tweeddale Area for future investment in Public Play facilities and proposals for the removal of obsolete play areas. The proposals referred to were agreed as part of the Council's 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan and updated within the Capital Investment Plan of 2019/20. The Neighbourhood Operations Manager, Jason Hedley, was in attendance at the meeting to present the report and to ask for feedback from communities on the proposals. Mr Hedley explained that the 2019/20 Capital Investment Plan had funding of £5.036m for investment within Outdoor Community Spaces over the next 10 years. This presented a tremendous asset for communities, but also brought a maintenance burden, for which no additional revenue resources were being provided. As part of the original investment

within the 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan, it was simultaneously agreed by Council to review the distribution of play equipment provision across play parks in the Borders, which could:

- inform decision making around future investment in communities; and
- guide the rationalisation of obsolete play facilities which were deemed no longer fit for purpose, ensuring a cost neutral impact on established budgets with the service.

The removal of obsolete facilities was required to ensure there was a cost neutral impact on established budgets within the service.

3.2 Mr Hedley explained that the Scottish Borders currently had 243 play parks, including those located within schools, ranging from smaller local areas for play (LAPs) to strategic destination play parks. In comparison with other Local Authorities in Scotland who had similar characteristics, the Scottish Borders had significantly more play parks per head of population than the average; however, the average play value of the facilities (i.e. quality of provision) was significantly lower than the national average. In recent years a more significant level of investment in play across the Scottish Borders had been delivered through the Council's capital programme supplemented by a range of different opportunities that have been realised by community led initiatives. These were shown in an appendix to the report and included, most recently, facilities in Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick and in the Public Park, Galashiels. The strategy was to now provide further additional high quality facilities in a range of other locations across the region. Alongside these strategic sites, the Council was committed to reviewing the wider network to ensure that local play provision continued to best serve communities. The review had considered Play Value (a standard assessment based on Fields in Trust criteria); In-house inspection; and proximity to other similar or better facilities. As a result of the assessment, 74 play parks had been identified as meeting the criteria for being decommissioned, of which eleven were within the Tweeddale area and listed in the report.

3.3 Mr Hedley responded to questions and noted feedback from those present at the meeting and advised that he was happy to have further discussions with community councils. Councillor Bell proposed that the report be accepted subject to the requirement that the relevant officers engage with the communities to be affected and this was supported.

4. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 27 MARCH 2019**

The Minute of the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 27 March 2019 had been circulated and the Chairman highlighted the main points raised.

5. **RURAL TRANSPORT: AREA PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**

The Communities and Partnership Manager, Shona Smith advised that a Rural Transport Conference was being held at Council Headquarters on 28 June. It was appreciated that not everyone would be able to attend so those present were to take part in a round table discussion so that their views and any specific rural related issues and priorities identified could be raised at the conference on behalf of the Tweeddale Area Partnership. A template to aid the discussion and on which points could be recorded were provided. Flyers for the conference were also placed on each table and Ms Smith encouraged people to register to attend.

6. **OFF STREET PARKING IN PEEBLES**

The Chairman proposed that a group be set up to review the current off street parking arrangements in Peebles and that if other Members supported this proposal a draft remit would be brought for approval to the next Area Partnership meeting. Members discussed the suggestion with input from those present and agreed that this proposal be considered further after Members had the opportunity to reflect on the outcome of the previous review and information relating to the number of parking spaces, the pattern of usage and the income gathered.

7. **NOMINATIONS FOR SBC ELECTED MEMBER FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

Nominations were invited for an Elected Member from the Tweeddale Area to join the Community Council Scheme Working Group. Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Anderson, nominated Councillor Haslam and this was unanimously approved.

8. **TWEEDDALE COMMUNITY FUND 2019-20 APPLICATIONS**

8.1 An explanation of the SBC's Community Fund application process was included on the tables. This was a fund available to community and voluntary groups to help support community activity. Grants of up to £5k for non-constituted group and £10k for constituted groups were available. In exceptional cases up to £30k was available for constituted groups. Applications submitted to SBC were assessed by the Communities and Partnership team and if they met the fund criteria, would go forward to Area Partnership meetings with an Officer recommendation. Assessments would be included in future agenda papers and those who attended the Area Partnership meetings would be asked if they agreed with the recommendation made by the SBC Officer. It was noted that where consensus could not be reached the Chairman would have the casting vote.

8.2 **Tweedlove Trails**

An application from Tweedlove Trails for funding of £4500 had been circulated. This funding had been requested to fund a range of activities including a Pump Track and a Demo Fun Loop at the Transcend Bike Festival 2019 for younger people on a free or subsidised level. Those present agreed to support the application and that the funding be provided.

9. **SMALL SCHEME PROJECTS**

9.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Assets & Infrastructure seeking approval from Members for delegated powers for future applications for small schemes projects. Members agreed that they would not grant such delegation and that all projects should be brought to Area Partnership meetings for approval, as had been the practice during the current Council term.

9.2 A list of projects was circulated and the Assistant Neighbourhoods Manager, Neil Pringle, provided details of each of the proposals and answered Members questions. The projects detailed in the table below were approved.

Location	Proposal	Estimated cost
Broughton	Broughton in Bloom have requested an outside tap at the Public Toilets – for their use when watering their bedding plants etc.	£385.00
Innerleithen	Several requests for a further 8 bollards on various locations on Innerleithen Peebles Road, Innerleithen. 6 outside the Bank of Scotland cash machine and continuing the line at the West end of the street, also 2 just past the butchers.	£1800.00 x 6 at Bank £600.00 x 2 outside the Butchers
Clovenfords	Caddonfoot Church - A mini screed measuring 7m x 3.2m from the main A707 road up the Church driveway, which would take in the cluster of potholes.	£1770.00
Innerleithen	Supply materials and fix in place benches/seats in 2 bus stops in Innerleithen.	Approx. £350 per seat
Innerleithen	Paint railings at east end of high street, Innerleithen including section on bridge.	£1488.00
Peebles	Railings on Edinburgh Road, There is about 27M of railing that area unsafe and not fit for purpose. Repair and paint railings.	£2,167.44

St Ronan's	Mark yellow lines on the Netball Pitch at St Ronan's PS	£450.00
Peebles	Drop kerb – Resident at 11 Drovers Way. EH45 9BN. A request for a drop-kerb on their drive on the basis that his daughter uses a wheelchair and it is difficult to bump over it. They currently use their neighbour's path and drive to get on the main road at the top of their cul-de-sac.	£3,200 (subject to attempts to reduce cost)
Newlands Cemetery	Purchase supply and the delivery of 25 tonne of 6mm whin chips to the drive at Newlands Cemetery. Volunteers will spread the chips.	£675.00

10. **OPEN FORUM**

With reference to paragraph 7.2 of the Minute of 27 March 2019, Councillor Anderson advised that PC Marker had provided information regarding the types of speed gun. There was a wide interest amongst Community Councils in the Tweeddale Area.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No matters were raised.

12. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the proposed dates were unsuitable for certain Community Councils and it was agreed that the dates be reviewed.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 pm

Transport Planning

Timothy Stephenson
Passenger Transport Manager
Scottish Borders Council

Background

- ▶ Subsidise local bus services (LBS) costs £1.5m per annum (move 1m travellers)
- ▶ Local bus services are not a statutory requirement - they are discretionary
- ▶ Like all Local authority budgets the LBS is always being reviewed
- ▶ Page 8
£200k savings made in 2018
 - ▶ Based on data collected on-bus and passenger trends
 - ▶ Alternatives were put in place
 - ▶ Some innovative thinking
- ▶ £85k in 2019 which is already secured, without further cuts to bus services
- ▶ £165k budget saving needed for 2020

The Plan for 2020 and Beyond

- ▶ Identified a number of under-performing bus routes
 - ▶ Passenger numbers are declining
 - ▶ Retender pricing across Scotland currently around +20%
 - ▶ The cost per passenger (subsidy) is very high, this situation is not sustainable
 - ▶ We have some tough decisions to make together as we need a workable plan to save £165k
 - ▶ Rather than just make service cuts - can we do things differently?
- ▶ Use 2019 to meet Communities and have a conversation
 - ▶ August/September - meet local area partnerships and talk about transport
 - ▶ September/October - Bus Users Scotland will hold a big conversation (public consultation) and we will work closely with communities to form a transport plan

Local Bus Services in this area

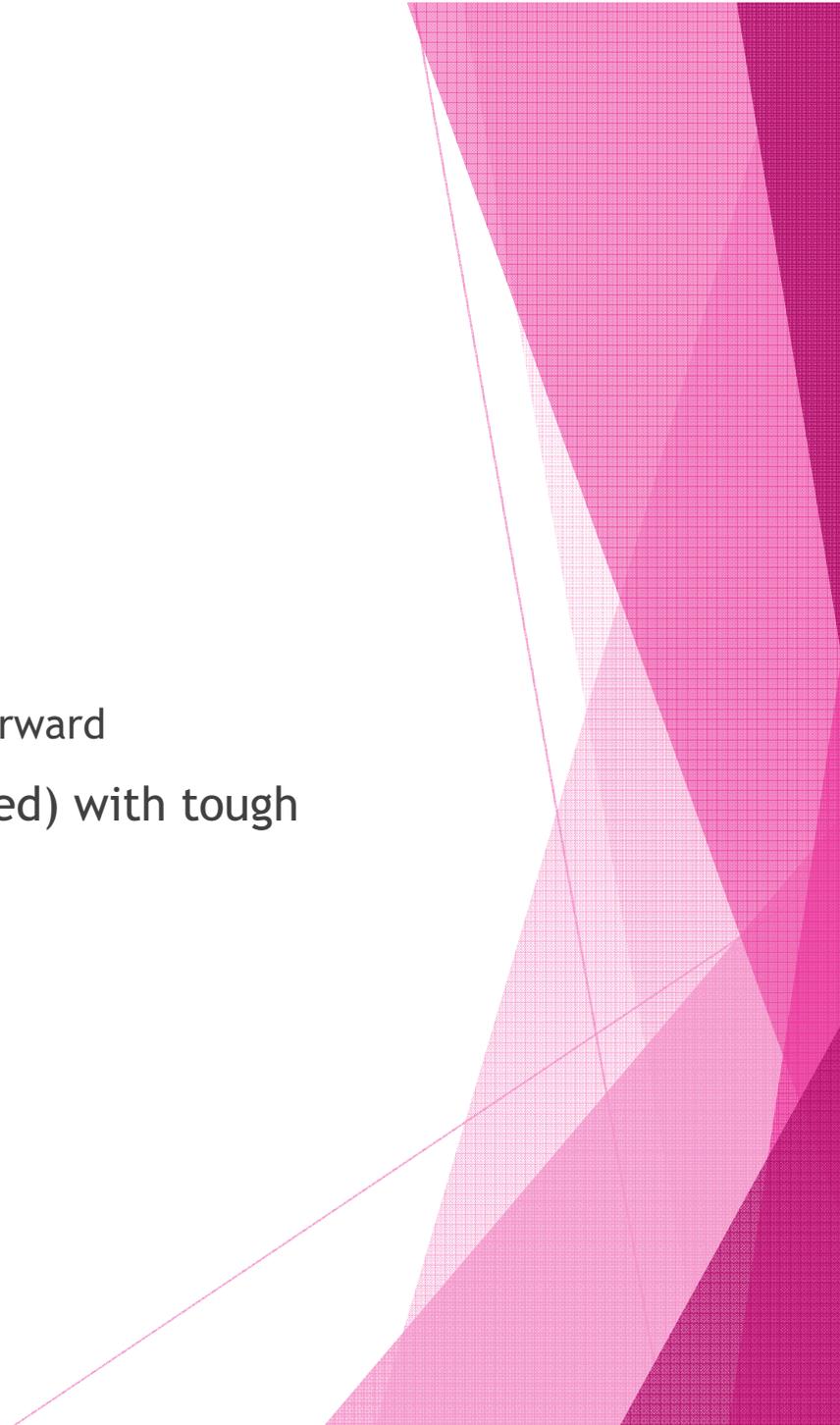
Service Number	Route	Net subsidy per annum	Total passenger per annum	Average cost per passenger
90A/B	Peebles Town Service	£26,544	18,642	£1.42
91	Peebles, Broughton/Biggar	£49,560	20,165	£2.46
93	Peebles, Broughton/West Linton	£63,588	7,503	£8.48

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- ▶ The average cost per passenger across the whole of the Borders bus network is £3.65
- ▶ This does not necessarily mean the 93 will be withdrawn, but it does mean it must be reviewed and potentially, something more suitable is put in its place

Innovation

- ▶ Keen to hear from communities who want to try new things
 - ▶ Don't want our big conversation to be focused on budget cuts
 - ▶ A chance for communities to play their part
 - ▶ Want to have some community led transport projects to take forward
- ▶ This is all about communities who were faced (or will be faced) with tough choices and how they responded
 - ▶ Something alternative to “the traditional bus”
 - ▶ Something flexible enough to meet the communities needs
 - ▶ Something that can be controlled locally
 - ▶ Something communities can commit to



Some ideas/Innovations

- ▶ NEED of Alnwick a Community Transport Scheme
- ▶ West Linton taxi scheme - was a great idea in principle and could be successful in the future
- ▶ Page 10 B'ness Community Bus - came about due to the withdrawal of a local bus service, the community decided to run something for themselves, this now operates a full timetable and operates successfully
- ▶ I would also like to talk about some non-bus related options
 - ▶ E car
 - ▶ E bike (all part of Active Travel)
 - ▶ Tripshare (great version at NHS Borders)
 - ▶ Community Transport/Social car Schemes

NEED Ltd

North East Equality & Diversity Ltd

(Alnwick)

HOW CAN WE HELP?



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



TRAINING



CONTRACTED SERVICES



BUS TIMETABLES & DIAL-A-RIDE

- ▶ Largely self-financing model
- ▶ Range of services - car scheme / dial-a-ride / family vehicle / group transport
- ▶ Contracts for Council and NHS
- ▶ Entrepreneurial

The West Linton Taxi/Bus Connect

- ▶ The Community organised the scheme
- ▶ The Councils Passenger transport team helped with the procurement of the taxi contract and added terms and conditions
- ▶ The community issued scheme membership cards and made flyers to advertise the taxi and managed the bookings



Notes on West Linton Taxi/Bus Connect

- ▶ Connected with a commercial bus service in Penicuik 3 times each evening Mon-Sat initially at 21:12, 22:12 with the last connection being 23:12
- ▶ Travellers booked up to 1 hour in advance, if more than 8 people booked the operator could provide a second taxi
- ▶ 660 local signed up to the scheme, although only 200 were regular users
- ▶ The Council contributed £8.5k to the scheme
- ▶ The Community bid for a further £7.5k via the Localities Fund, unfortunately, only 95 people supported the bid and their application was not successful
- ▶ The scheme ceased operating in Mid-July 2019 after approx. 6 months
- ▶ THE IDEA/BASIC PRINCIPLES ARE STILL SOUND. THIS COULD WORK ELSEWHERE

Bo'ness - Blackness – Edinburgh**From 06th September 2018****Bookings 07376 980049**

Inward to Edinburgh	Mon – Fri	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat
Bo'ness Bus Station	06.30	09.00	11.30	14.30	17.00
Dean Road at Livingston Drive	06.34	09.04	11.34	14.34	17.04
Dean Road at Deanfield Drive	06.35	09.05	11.35	14.35	17.05
Esso Garage (Richmond Corner)	06.36	09.06	11.36	14.36	17.06
Cadzow	06.37	09.07	11.37	14.37	17.07
Gauze Road (Craigallan)	06.38	09.08	11.38	14.38	17.08
Grahamsdyke	06.39	09.09	11.39	14.39	17.09
Drum Farm Lane	06.41	09.11	11.41	14.41	17.11
Champany Corner	06.44	09.18	11.48	14.48	17.18
Mannerston	↓	09.20	11.50	14.50	17.20
Blackness	↓	09.24	11.54	14.54	17.24
Ratho Station	06.54	09.35	12.05	15.05	17.35
Ingliston Gate House	06.56	09.37	12.07	15.07	17.37
Edinburgh Airport Road End	06.57	09.38	12.08	15.08	17.38
Gogar overbridge RBS HQ	06.59	09.40	12.10	15.10	17.40
Maybury opp Marriott Hotel	07.01	09.41	12.11	15.11	17.41
Corstorphine Drum Brae Roundabout	07.02	09.42	12.12	15.12	17.42
Corstorphine Zoo Park	07.09	09.49	12.19	15.19	17.49
Edinburgh Haymarket Rail Station (HB)	07.16	09.56	12.26	15.26	17.56
Edinburgh Shandwick Place (SC)	07.20	10.00	12.30	15.30	18.00
Edinburgh Princes Street West (PD)					
Debenhams	07.24	10.04	12.34	15.34	18.04
Edinburgh Princes Street East (PM)					
Waverley Rail Station	07.28	10.08	12.38	15.38	18.08
Edinburgh Waterloo Place (ZK)	07.32	10.12	12.42	15.42	18.12

Bookings 07376 980049**Available for Hires 07376 980049**

**Support your Community Bus it's
for everyone!**

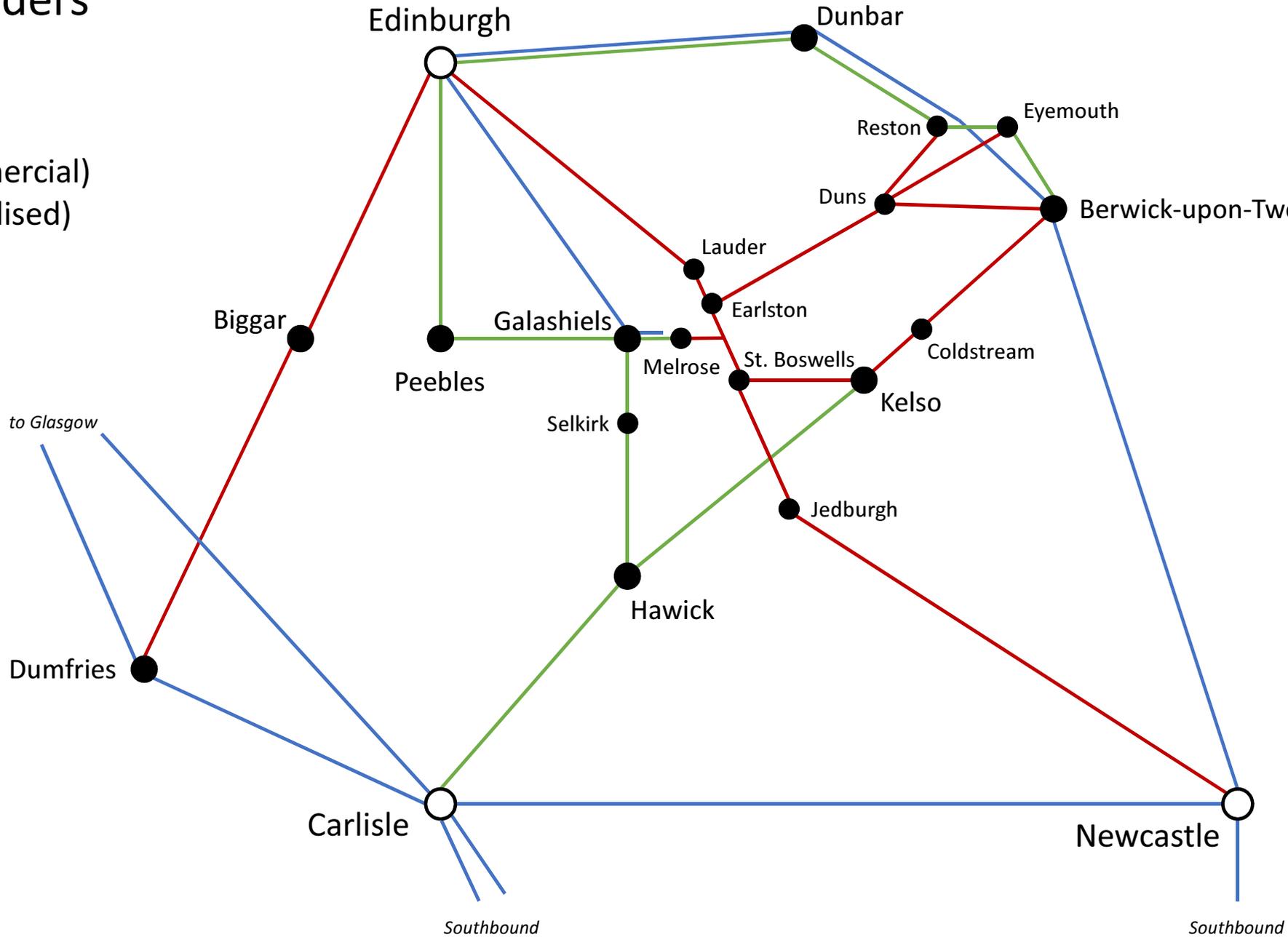
**For the Young, for the Youth, for the Family,
for the Elderly, for the Workers, for the
Visitors**



Public Transport Network

Crossing Scottish Borders

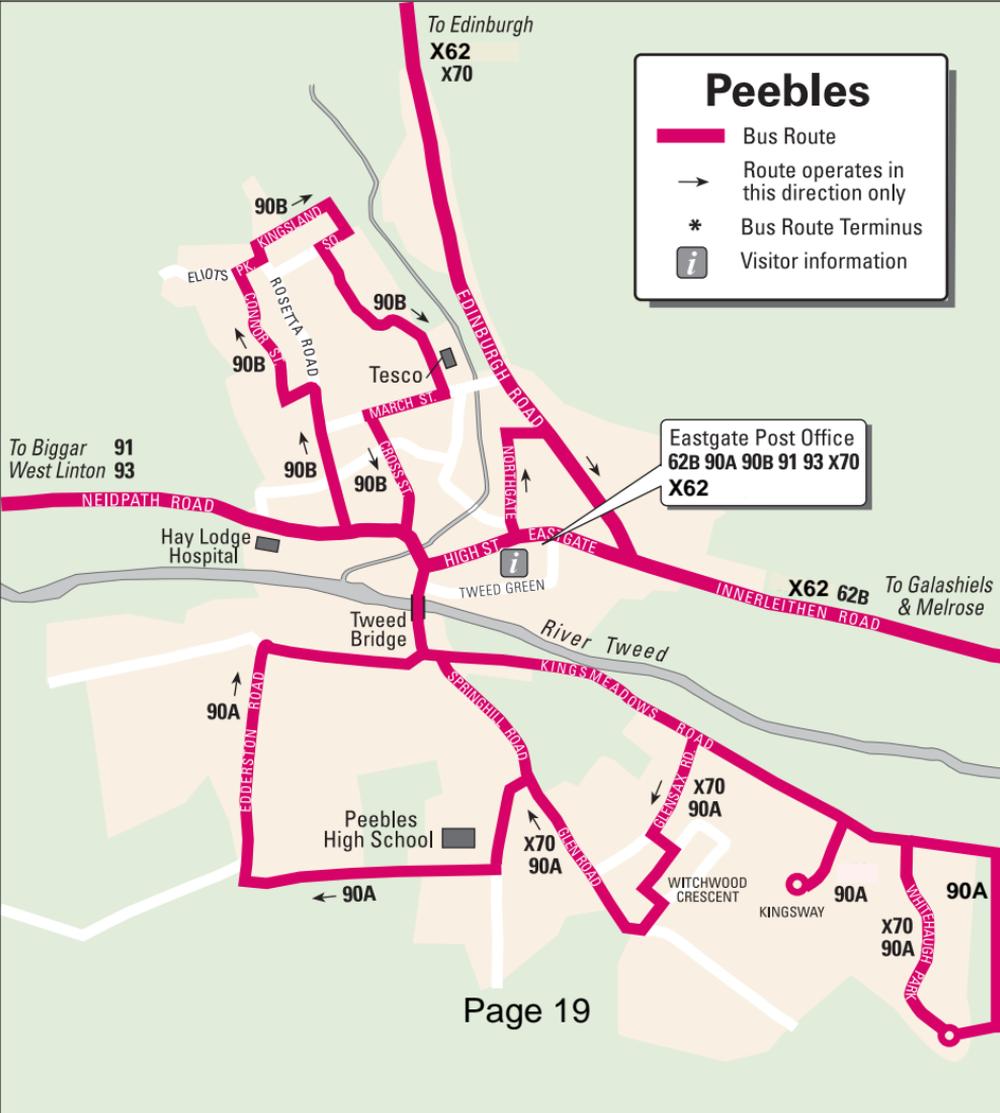
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- Bus Network (Commercial)
- Bus Network (Subsidised)



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Peebles

-  Bus Route
-  Route operates in this direction only
-  Bus Route Terminus
-  Visitor information



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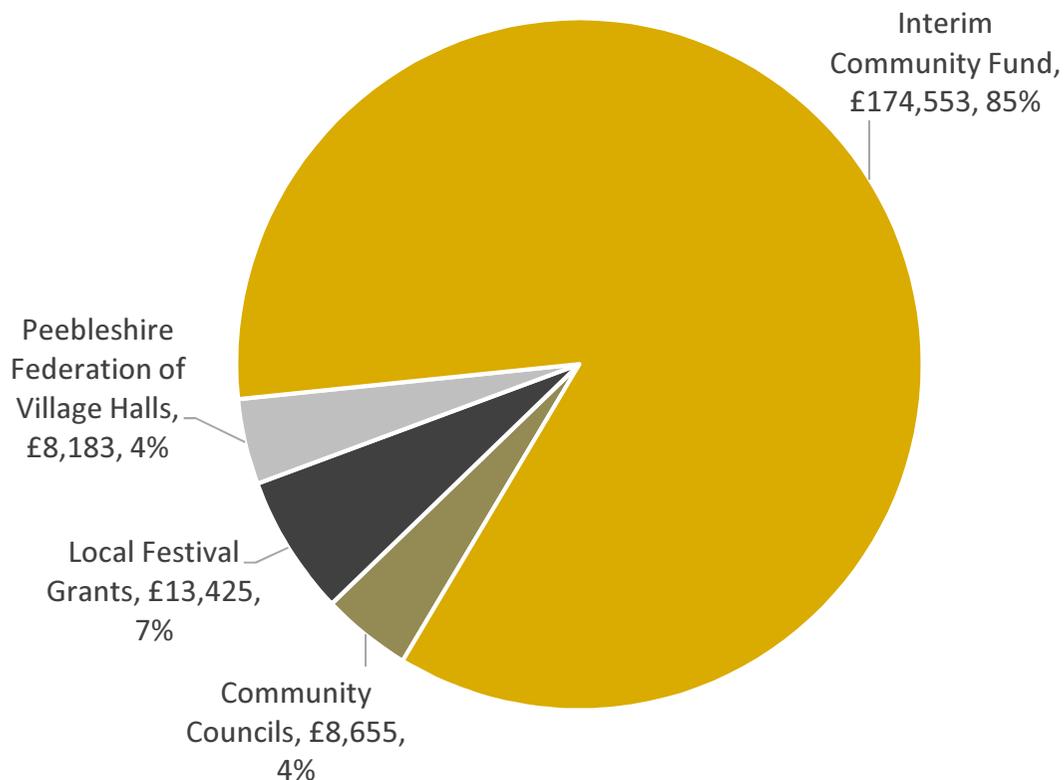
- Road served by buses 6-7 days a week
- Road served by buses 5 days a week
- Road served less than 5 days a week
- Demand Responsive Transport services
- ➔ Direction of route
- ◆ Infrequent services
- 61 Terminus of bus route
- Other road
- Railway line and station
- Long distance paths
- i VisitScotland Information Centre
- 🏰 Places of interest



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Tweeddale Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of August 2019



Interim Community Fund (2019/20)	Value (£)
Total Budget Allocation	£204,816
Community Councils - <i>committed</i>	£8,655
Local Festival Grants - <i>committed</i>	£13,425
Peebleshire Federation of Village Halls - <i>committed</i>	£8,183
Balance (less commitments)	£174,553
Awarded (to date)	£4,775
Applications (to be assessed)	£6,750
Available Balance	£163,028

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Other Funds in 2019/20 available to the Tweeddale community

SBC Small Schemes	Value
Total	£34,700
Committed	£2,998
Uncommitted	£31,704

Trusts	Awarded	Available
Community Enhancement	£0	£319
Welfare	£0	£4,157

Common Good	Awarded	Available
Innerleithen	£0	£0
Peebles	£12,980	£19,500*

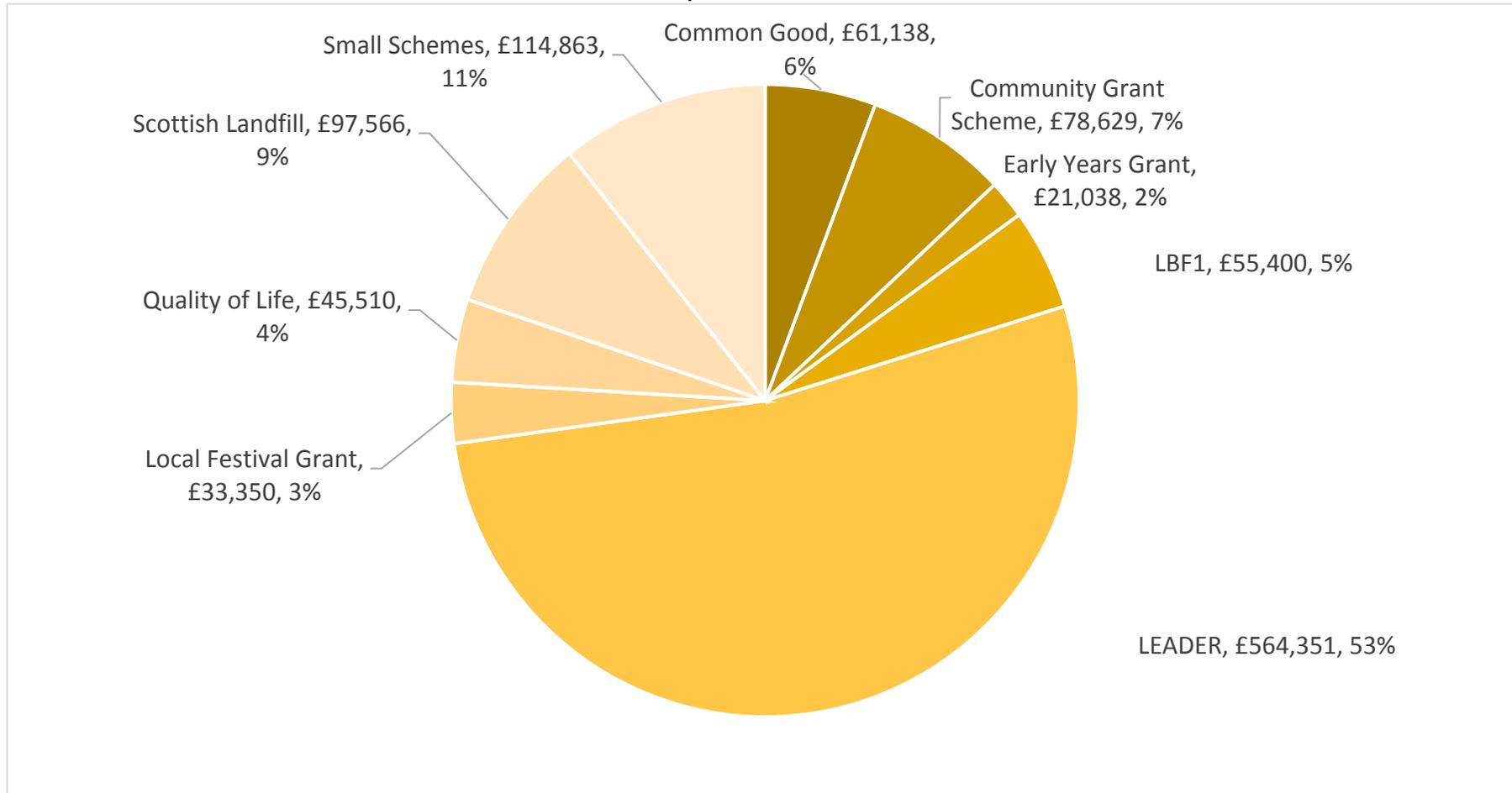
*figure still to be approved

Agenda Item 5

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Internal Funds Invested in Tweeddale, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £1,095,296

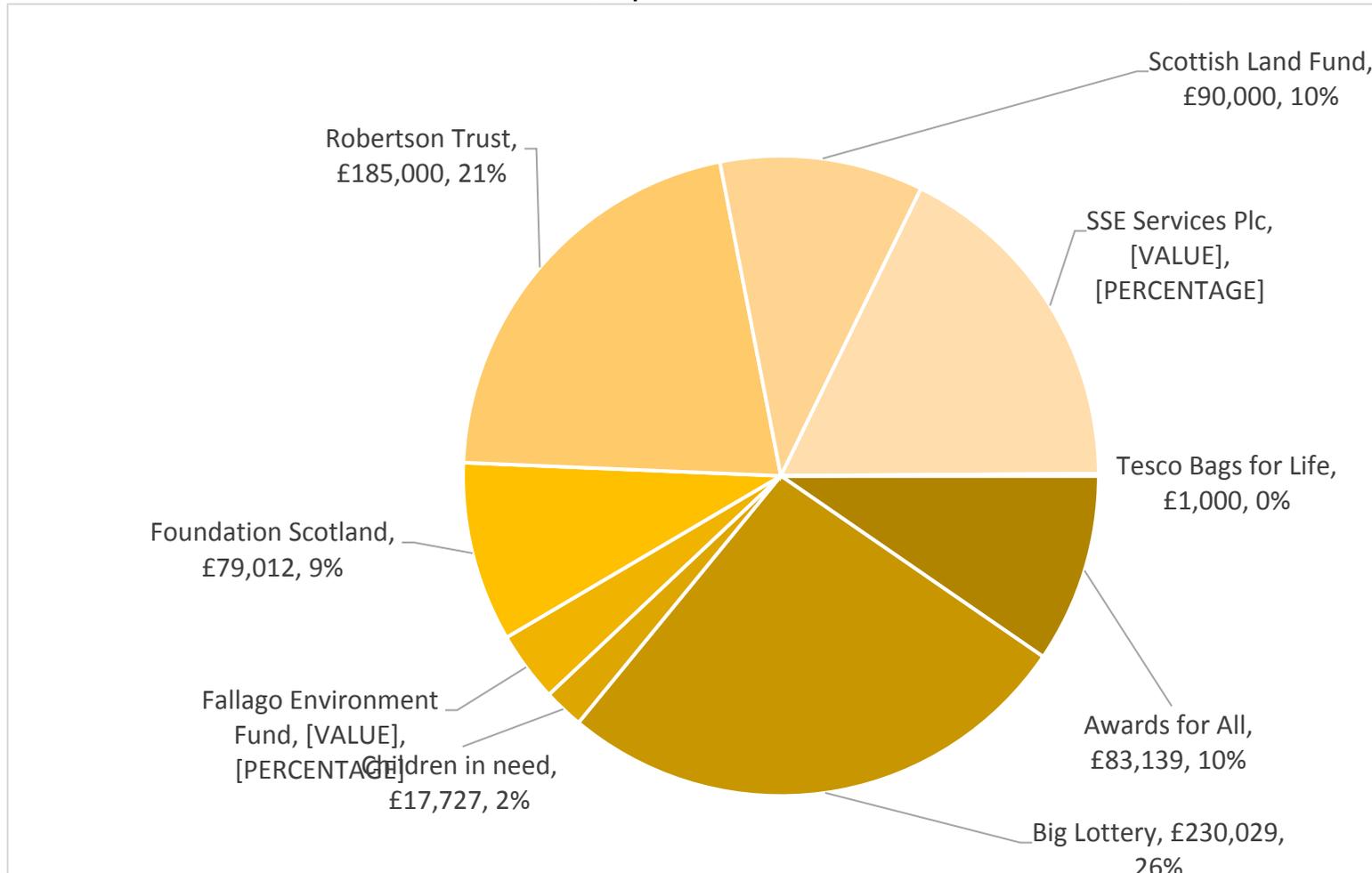


This is a snapshot of the funding secured and represents the current position as of Aug 2019

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External investment in Tweeddale, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £909,951



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2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: TCC/SS

Organisation Name: Tweedsmuir Community Company

Funding Requested: £6,750

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Community Company		
Annual Accounts Balance	£7,290.14 (unrestricted & available)		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £25,735.30 – Scottish Government Strengthening Communities Fund £4,966.72 – Development Fund Total = £30,702.02			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? x Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
SBC Access Team	Current	£1,000	(Materials & labour contribution)
SBC Community Grants	2017	£4,656	Phase 1 Professional Fees

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief Project Start Date: Sept 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To design, production and erection of a series of 5 Interpretation Boards to be installed on site at the Crook Inn, Tweedsmuir. Development and promotion of 4 heritage talks/events which will be promoted in a printed programme and delivered by inspiring speakers from the community, visitors and enthusiasts. These will take place in 2019/20 at Tweedsmuir Village Hall <p>This application is part of a larger application to National Lottery Heritage Fund for £67,500 and the Community Fund award will only be awarded on the basis of NLHF application being successful.</p>

Total Expenditure (£)	£67,500		
Community Fund Request (£)	£6,750		
10% Match-funding	£750		
Any Other Contribution?			
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?	
	NLHF	£67,500	Submitted
Community Fund Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities x Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community x Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty 		

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Local Working Groups have been set up – Heritage & Landscape, Walking & Cycling and Marketing & Promotion.</p> <p>Independent market studies by Jura Consultants have also identified there is a need to attract passing trade and visitors by making the most of the heritage assets and opportunities for walking and cycling.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>Interpretation Boards will make more people aware of the walks, cycle routes and heritage of Tweedsmuir and the Upper Tweed.</p> <p>Heritage will be better explained and the series of talks will increase understanding of the rich history of the area to the present day.</p> <p>More visitors will be attracted to Tweedsmuir to walk, cycle discover heritage sites and use the facilities at the Crook.</p> <p>Attracting more visitors will make operation of the new café and community facilities more sustainable.</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	Local people are involved in the working groups. Young people will be invited to join in from Peebles High School, Venture Scotland and Borders Bothies Association and the Royal Highland Education Trust.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	There are currently applications submitted to NLHF, plus a confirmed contribution from SBC Access Team

What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	The Community Heritage Office (potentially funded by NLHF) will be responsible for organizing ongoing maintenance. The walks and signage will be maintained by volunteers from the walking and cycling group and use of equipment and services of a local contractor.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve to the value of £ 6,750

Additional Terms and Conditions:

This application is part of a larger application to National Lottery Heritage Fund for £67,500 and therefore this award will be dependent on that being approved.

Tweedsmuir Community Company will use the SBC logo on any marketing & promotional material.

As part of the monitoring and evaluation process of the Community Fund Grant, Tweedsmuir Community Company will attend a future Tweeddale Area Partnership to inform the Partnership of the impact the grant has made within the Tweedsmuir community.

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