

Public Document Pack

**Tweeddale
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 2 November 2021
Time: 7pm
Location: Via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

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| 1. | Welcome and Introductions |
| 2. | Additional Information for noting (Pages 3 - 8) |
| 3. | Feedback from Meeting on 24 August (Pages 9 - 12) Copy Minute from meeting on 24 August. (Copy attached.) |
| | Section 1: Service & Partner Updates and Consultations |
| 4. | Place Making Update The opportunity to provide your comments on Place Making – via the online feedback form - is due to close on Monday 25 th . To provide feedback prior to the meeting you can access this via the link below https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/customer-communities/f02b59f0 |
| 5. | SBC Roads update on planned works programme, Donald Scott and Scott Learmonth |
| | Section 2: Local Priorities |
| 6. | Community Assistance Hub update, Margaret Smail Written update provided in additional information document. |
| | Community Empowerment and Community Funding |
| 7. | Funding Table Overview (Pages 13 - 14) |
| 8. | Community Fund (Pages 15 - 16) Consider funding recommendations from the Tweeddale Assessment Panel. (Recommendations attached.) |
| 9. | Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications (Pages 17 - 28) |

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| | <p>Consider 3 applications for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a). Tweeddale Ride ability Group - £6,300 b). St Ronans Silver Band - £6,000 c). Walkerburn Bowling Club - £4,350 <p>(Copies attached.)</p> <p>Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr</p>  |
| 10. | <p>Group Evaluation</p> <p>Tweeddale Access Panel – Clare Wildsmith</p> |
| | <p>Section 4: Other</p> |
| 11. | <p>Peebles Parking Sub Group Update</p> |
| 12. | <p>Village Speed Limits</p> <p>Community Discussion. (Raised by Skirling Community Council.)</p> |
| 13. | <p>Next Area Partnership - 18 January 2022</p> <p>Agenda to be issued 4 January 2022.</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team.</p> |
| 14. | <p>Future Meeting Dates</p> |
| 15. | <p>Meeting Evaluation</p> |

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Email: declan.hall@scotborders.gov.uk

Current SBC Consultations

Place Making

This is a gentle reminder that the opportunity to provide your comments on the above – via the online feedback form - is due to close next Monday 25th. A link to the form was circulated on the 7th October (see below) and is provided here again for ease of access.

<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/customer-communities/f02b59f0>

The aim is to provide an analysis of the feedback to the next round of Area Partnerships which begins in Tweeddale on the 2nd November.

If you feel that you need more time to provide the feedback then please let us know. Again, if you'd prefer to provide feedback in an alternative format get in touch using the email or telephone number below.

Thank you to those who have already responded – either via the form or directly.

Authorisation form for organisations/groups requesting Council building access

As a result, our absolute priority remains the safety of the public and staff, including external groups who previously accessed Council buildings for service provision and meetings.

This authorisation form has been created for external groups such as third sector organisations, community or volunteer groups who deem themselves to be an essential service which require access to a Council building to deliver this service.

This is not a booking form. This form should be completed for any request to access a Council building including meetings, events and service provision.

- An example of an essential service request maybe a volunteer group who need to access a building to prepare Food Bank parcels to distribute in a community.
- An example of a non-essential service request is a community council monthly meeting.

Any group wishing to use a [Live Borders](#)-managed building which the Council still owns should also complete this authorisation request form.

[Authorisation form for organisations/groups requesting Council building access - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Early Engagement Survey

The Local Housing Strategy (LHS) will set out how Scottish Borders Council and its partners plan to address the housing and housing related opportunities and challenges over the five year period 2023 – 2028. This new plan will build on the significant progress made on the issues identified in the [LHS 2017-2022](#) and will address newly arising housing matters particularly in response to the publication of new [LHS Guidance](#), [Housing to 2040](#) and the Covid-19 pandemic.

This short early engagement survey allows residents to share their views on housing issues within the Scottish Borders. It is a key component of the early engagement work involved in the preparation of the Local Housing Strategy 2023-28.

[Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Early Engagement Survey - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Community Information

Tweeddale Community Assistance Hub

As we move into recovery mode, the work of the Tweeddale Community Assistance Hub continues and weekly community partnership meetings are held every Thursday where partners can update on services and raise issues or concerns. The meetings also provide a platform to share new information and act as a forum for discussion.

Regularly the meetings focus on an issue that has been raised e.g.

- Digital inclusion and isolation.
- Support for young people and families
- Looking at services and venues as we move into recovery mode and mapping what is currently available.
- Discussion on reported anti-social behaviour of some young people in various locations across Tweeddale and looking at different approaches to dealing with this.
- Closure of public toilets in various towns in the area

The most recent meeting provided an opportunity for a presentation on Borders Older People Planning Partnership survey and recommissioning with third sector.

Following the presentation there was an opportunity for questions and discussion amongst the group. There was agreement that collaborative partnership working had been hugely beneficial in supporting people in the community and the need to acknowledge the role of communities and resilient communities and to thank people for the volunteering that they have done. The valuable relationships made between communities and the Council was recognised and Ross McGinn representing Innerleithen Resilient Group advised that volunteers from resilience teams feel part of the community and would hope that this could continue when restrictions are lifted.

Planned focus of upcoming meetings: Re-establishing the Tweeddale Volunteers sub group to address recruitment of and support for volunteers in Tweeddale; a conversation about food poverty and how to address issues in partnership; mental health support for adults in the community.

Peebles and District CAB

Just a note to say that, following careful thought and risk assessment, we are going to trial a limited opening up the CAB from Monday, 4 October. This will be for clients to come and make appointments, pick up information or drop off documents, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, between 10.00am and 1.00pm. There are no plans at the moment to begin seeing clients in the office on a regular basis, and we will monitor the situation and the Covid numbers carefully, but as the library is now open I felt it was timely to be a presence on the High Street again, and let people know we are still here and we can help them. The ceasing of furlough, the loss of the additional £20 per week on Universal Credit and the increase in fuel costs may well drive people to seek us out and I'd like us to be available.

Age Scotland

Did you know over £330m of Pension Credit support is left unclaimed in Scotland? Don't miss out on money you or a family member are entitled to. Call the @agescotland helpline on 0800 12 44 222 or visit: www.age.scot/CheckInCashOut

<https://otbds.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Setting-up-a-Digital-Buddies-Project-What-we-learned.pdf>

Scotland's Census 2022

“Scotland’s next census will be held in March 2022. This census will be a digital first census and we want to encourage as many households in Scotland as possible to complete it online. We would like to invite you to one or more of the online events listed below, to give you information on how the census will be delivered and how you can help get messages and support to those groups you already support in other ways, to ensure they can take part in the census and be counted.

Each online event will last no longer than 30 minutes and we invite you to register for the relevant event by clicking on the link below.

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| Wednesday, 27 October 2021 | 14:00 – 14:30 | Parents of young children | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 3 November 2021 | 11:00 – 11:30 | Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 10 November 2021 | 14:00 – 14:30 | Veterans | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 17 November 2021 | 11:00 – 11:30 | Older people | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 24 November 2021 | 11:00 – 11:30 | Digitally excluded/High deprivation | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 1 December 2021 | 11:00 – 11:30 | Gaelic Speakers | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 8 December 2021 | 11:00 – 11:30 | People with disabilities | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 15 December 2021 | 11:00 – 11:30 | Rural areas and islands | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 12 January 2022 | 11:00 – 11:30 | LGBTI | Click here to register for event |
| Wednesday, 19 January 2022 | 11:00 – 11:30 | Young people not living at home | Click here to register for event |

Please forward this invitation onto other organisations you feel would benefit from attending these events.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch – Scotlandscensus@nrscotland.gov.uk.”

Community Ownership Fund

You may be aware that the UK Government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund. This will provide funding over four years to support community groups to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost. From the summer onwards, voluntary and community groups can bid for up to £250,000 (up to £1M for sport projects) at 50% match funding to help them purchase or take over important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community.

The intention is to help ensure key assets within a community are not lost. The UK Government has not published a definite list of eligible assets as they want to hear what matters to communities but the fund could support community ownership proposals including:

- sporting and leisure facilities
- cinemas and theatres
- music venues
- museums
- galleries
- parks
- pubs
- post office buildings
- shops

Applicants will need to be able to demonstrate the value of the asset to local people and the sustainability of the project as well as the risk of losing the amenity without community intervention.

The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total. Key dates are as follows:

- December 2021 – round 2 will open
- May 2022 – round 3 will open

The first round is primarily focused on capital costs with an expectation that development funding will be available from round 2 onwards. The UK Government intends to update the fund's prospectus and guidance notes for round 2 in the autumn based on their learning from round 1.

For more details, please see the [Community Ownership Fund prospectus](#). A copy of the application form is attached.

Locality Plan and Action Plans

[Tweeddale Locality Plan | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

0 participation requests

Continuing to work with 2 organisations to progress asset transfer requests on buildings in the Tweeddale area.

1 new informal enquiry received about a potential asset transfer request.

[Area partnerships information pack](#) | [Area partnerships](#) | [Scottish Borders Council](#)
(scotborders.gov.uk)

| | Section 4: Further Support |
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| 20. | <p>Useful Links below</p> <p>Debt Advice:</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>Salvation Army</p> <p>NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store</p> <p>Business support:</p> <p>www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business</p> <p>www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot</p> <p>General Funding:</p> <p>https://fundingscotland.com/</p> <p>https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/</p> <p>SBC Community Fund</p> <p>SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust</p> <p>Sustainable Development Fund</p> <p>Heating & energy:</p> |

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

Covid-19:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing>

Health & Wellbeing:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

Community Empowerment:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies_plans_and_policies/357/community_empowerment_scotland_act_2015

Scottish Community Council Newsletter:

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/>

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held Via Microsoft
Teams on Tuesday, 24 August 2021 at 7.00
pm

- Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, S. Haslam, E. Small together with 18 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.
- Absent:- Councillor K. Chapman
- In Attendance:- Service Director Customer & Communities, Communities & Partnership Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Portfolio Manager (J. Lamb), Democratic Services Team Leader, Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall)
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1. **WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership being held via Microsoft Teams and outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the Live Stream could take part.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

The Minute of the meetings of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 15 June 2021 had been circulated and this was noted. The Minute of the special meetings of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 13 July 2021 and 4 August 2021 had been circulated and these were noted.

3. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

The Chairman explained that the additional information document included reference to a wide range of information that would be referred to during the meeting.

4. **PLACE MAKING UPDATE**

4.1 Portfolio Manager, James Lamb, gave a presentation providing an update of the Place Making Approach. The aim of this initiative was to facilitate a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services, land and buildings, across all sectors within areas. This aimed to enable better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives. The intention was to build on learning from the operation of the Community Assistance Hubs and Resilience Teams which had worked effectively during the Covid-19 pandemic. The presentation detailed the progress being made on the Place Making approach. Phase 3 would focus on agreeing and developing Place Programme workstreams with delivery being started in Phase 4 at the end of the year and on into 2022. James Lamb outlined the role of the Area Partnership.

4.2 Jenni Craig, Service Director Customer & Communities provided an update on progress in implementing the recommendations of the Place Making report. It had proposed a framework, based on initial engagement with Area Partnerships and partner organisations, for transforming joint working with Communities across the Borders. The

proposed framework aimed to draw on the ambitions of local communities. The approach would be consistent across all 5 of the Area Partnerships. A town centre index would be used to identify areas that required investment. The proposals aimed to transform the working relationship between the Council and the communities it served. The proposals also built on the Place Principle agreed between CoSLA and the Scottish Government. In response to questions, James Lamb stated that from their work it was clear that when action happened at community level it was most likely to flourish. He further stated that they had concluded it was prudent to provide support and examples of best practice to all those involved. The Chairman thanked those involved for their presentation. It was agreed that a link to the Council report and a copy of the slide presentation would be issued.

Councillor H. Anderson joined during the discussion of the above item.

5. **AREA PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION**

The Chairman asked Kenny Harrow to provide an update on the Area Partnership Consultation. Mr Harrow advised that the consultation had concluded on 1 August and the results of the consultation were being examined and collated. However, further feedback on the area partnership was welcomed and any comments should be emailed to him.

6. **TWEEDDALE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE HUB**

Margaret Smail, Tweeddale Community Hub lead gave an update on the work of the Community Assistance Hub. They had fostered a great sense of belonging amongst the community. They had worked very hard to build on their previous work, the largest part of which was food assistance requests and help with Covid-19 recovery. Margaret Smail extended an invite to all those who wished to attend the weekly meetings of the hub.

7. **R-EVOLVE PROJECT & YOUTH DISCUSSION**

Richard McDowell from Community Learning & Development reported on his work with R-evolve, a local social enterprise that aimed to engage with young people to improve their attendance rate at school. He provided a breakdown of the positive youth work that had taken place. Together with Aegar Maclver, he gave a presentation of a grass roots project to create a bespoke garden arch using recycled bicycles that had taken place under the umbrella of the R-Evolve project. The project had been a success and had made a positive impact on the school attendance rates of those involved. Mr McDowell stated that plans were being made to make a bench using similar bike parts. Dave Hodson gave a Youth Update. The drop-ins for Youth Clubs in Peebles were opening up on a Wednesday and Friday, Innerleithen was to come. The Chairman and others in attendance voiced their support for this type of work in the local community. Regarding Community Funding, the R-Evolve group was invited to make an application for support.

8. **OUTSIDE THE BOX - BUDDIES PROJECT**

Ruth Noble from Outside the Box gave a brief update on the work being undertaken by Outside the Box. She explained that the Buddies Project tried to help those with anxiety about meeting up with other people take steps in a positive direction. A wide variety of assistance was available, from risk assessments to helping people “get back to normal” with the help of a buddy. Given the state of the pandemic, the assistance could be offered digitally. However, physical signposting had also been undertaken to try and reach those in the community who were not necessarily active in the digital world. Ms Noble also noted that they had worked well with other organisations, such as the Community Assistance Hub. Councillor Tatler commended them for their excellent work and suggested that if further funding was required they consider applying to the Build Back a Better Borders Fund. In response to a question, Ms Noble advised that she was happy for anyone to make a referral to her.

9. **BIODIVERSITY AND ECOLOGY GROUP**

Neil McIntyre gave an update on a project that had taken place at Peebles Golf club. They had begun work on a long-term project to increase the biodiversity of the area, with a

particular focus on bees and other pollinators. They had converted close to 2500 square metres of land into a wild flower meadow. They had hired a contractor and sown the meadow with wild flower seeds which had bloomed. Mr McIntyre displayed an image of the meadow in bloom. The Councillors in attendance were impressed with the beauty of the meadow and the overall success of the project. In particular, attention was drawn to the sustainability of the project, with perennial plants being used. Councillor Anderson recommended that the experiences of Mr McIntyre were fed into the Sustainable Development Committee and shared with community councils. Mr McIntyre was happy to share his experience with any party who would like to try and begin a similar project of their own and advised that they had a Facebook page that gave details of how to get in touch.

10. **COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE/ APPLICATIONS**

Kenny Harrow gave an update on community fund applications. He explained that he would soon be meeting with the assessment panel members to begin looking at applications. He hoped that a special meeting to consider applications would be take place in mid to late September. In response to a question from Councillor Tatler, Mr Harrow explained that none of the outstanding applications were time sensitive. Mr Harrow further outlined that the UK Government had launched further funding initiatives and stated that he was happy to help and support those interested in making an application.

11. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND UPDATE/APPLICATIONS**

11.1 Kenny Harrow provided an update on a Build Back a Better Borders (BBBB) Recovery fund application received from Peebles Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). The application was for £13410 to allow Peebles CAB the additional staffing hours to support the development of an effective training programme to get new trainees ready to start work in an advisor role. The additional staff hours would allow the CAB to develop in house training which could be used repeatedly. £1400 of the grant would be used to buy laptop computers for new trainees. Some concerns were raised about whether BBBB funds should be spent on salaries. The manager of the Peebles CAB clarified that the funding would allow those involved to prepare a training programme that would be a useful ongoing resource. Members spoke in favour of the application, highlighting the good work of the CAB in difficult times. Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Bell moved approval of £13410 and this was unanimously approved.

11.2 Mr Harrow then provided an update on the budget. He stated that the fund was left with £49050 at the end of May 2021. The Chairman invited more applications.

12. **PEEBLES PARKING SUB GROUP**

The Chairman gave an update on the work of the group. A meeting was held in July, the minutes of which would be published soon. The timeframe of the work was explained, with meetings due to be held in September, November, February and April. A report was expected October 2022. In response to a question on the timescale of the work, the Chairman explained that due to COVID-19 restrictions the group was unable function, and that they would work to the new planned timescale.

13. **DATE OF NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

The next full meeting of the Area Partnership was scheduled for 2 November 2021 and the Chairman asked for agenda item suggestions to be submitted.

14. **OPEN FORUM**

14.1 The Chairman opened the Open Forum section of the meeting. The following items were discussed:

14.2 **Afghanistan Humanitarian Crisis**

In response to a question regarding local initiatives to coordinate donations for the refugee situation triggered by events in Afghanistan, Councillor Haslam outlined the work that she was aware of. Work was underway by various charities to co-ordinate the

collection of donations of household goods. Potential housing was being identified for families across the Borders. She was also aware of a previously successful project by the Volunteer Centre Borders in helping Syrian refugees adjust and get involved with their local communities by volunteering, and explained that she would look to encourage this approach to help any new arrivals integrate with their local community.

14.3 **Speed Limits**

Regarding the imposition of a 20mph speed limit across the borders towns and villages there was a discussion about whether a consultation would take place with Community Councils. Councillor Anderson explained that specific meetings had been set up to discuss these matters and she would raise this point.

14.4 Mr Harrow advised that his team were looking as the use of “Mentee” and “Slido” which were tools to allow better participation at meetings. He hoped to be able to offer a demonstration at the next meeting.

15. **MEETING EVALUATION**

Mr Harrow reminded everyone to provide their feedback via the link on the agenda.

The meeting concluded at 9.09 pm

Tweeddale Funding 2021/2022

02 November 2021

| Community Fund 2021/2022 | |
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| | £ |
| Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population) | £ 51,131.00 |
| Plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget | £ 6,712.50 |
| Total available | £ 57,843.50 |
| Less: | |
| Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021 | £ 15,629.90 |
| Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision | £ 1,367.00 |
| Sub-total | £ 16,996.90 |
| Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful | £ 40,846.60 |

| Build Back a Better Borders | |
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| | £ |
| Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.) | £ 80,655.00 |
| Total available | £ 80,655.00 |
| Less: | |
| Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021 | £ 46,605.00 |
| Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision | £ 16,650.00 |
| Sub-total | £ 63,255.00 |
| Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful | £ 17,400.00 |

| Summary of all applications | | | | | | |
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| No. | Date | Fund | Organisation Name | Amount | Project | Status |
| 1 | 22/02/21 | Community Fund | Peebles Lawn Tennis Club | £ 10,000.00 | New clubhouse | Awarded |
| 2 | 15/05/21 | Community Fund | Peebles Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) | £ 4,000.00 | Installation of new phone system | Awarded |
| 3 | 22/07/21 | Community Fund | Tweedsmuir Village Hall | £ 1,629.90 | Starlink satellite broadband | Awarded |
| 4 | 02/08/21 | Community Fund | Sustainable West Linton | £ 1,367.00 | Apiary project | Assessed |
| 5 | 17/10/21 | Community Fund | Caddonfoot Village Hall | £ 558.00 | Defibrillator equipment | Assessing |
| 6 | 14/06/21 | BBBB Fund | Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn Parish Church | £ 5,560.00 | Crafting workshops | Awarded |
| 7 | 24/06/21 | BBBB Fund | One Step Borders | £ 585.00 | Volunteer Co-ordinator | Awarded |
| 8 | 19/07/21 | BBBB Fund | Peebles RFC | £ 9,800.00 | Festival of Rugby | Awarded |
| 9 | 16/07/21 | BBBB Fund | Tweedgreen | £ 1,350.00 | Food Challenge | Awarded |
| 10 | 28/07/21 | BBBB Fund | Peebles CAN | £ 900.00 | Memorial area in garden | Awarded |
| 11 | 28/07/21 | BBBB Fund | Peebles Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) | £ 13,410.00 | Staff costs, laptop & marketing expenses | Awarded |
| 12 | 12/09/21 | BBBB Fund | PHD FUNDamentals | £ 15,000.00 | Trampoline, equipment & funded spaces | Awarded |
| 13 | 16/09/21 | BBBB Fund | Tweeddale Rideability Group | £ 6,300.00 | Purchase of pony | Assessed |
| 14 | 17/09/21 | BBBB Fund | Innerleithen Golf Club | £ 1,350.00 | PGA Professional sessions for women | Assessing |
| 15 | 21/09/21 | BBBB Fund | St Ronan's Silver Band | £ 6,000.00 | Free music tuition, replacement windows & storage shed | Assessed |
| 16 | 11/10/21 | BBBB Fund | Walkerburn Bowling Club | £ 4,350.00 | Improve disabled access | Assessed |
| 17 | 13/10/21 | BBBB Fund | Innerleithen Community Trust | £ 450.00 | Fireworks | Assessing |
| 18 | 14/10/21 | BBBB Fund | Linton Hotspur FC | £ 1,500.00 | Girls football & equipment | Assessing |
| Total | | | | £ 84,109.90 | | |

| Other sources of grant funding - Tweeddale | | | |
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| Grant Type | Available | Awarded | Remaining |
| Local Festival Grants | £ 6,712.50 | £ - | £ 6,712.50 |
| Annual Support Grants (Community Councils) | £ 8,655.00 | £ 2,970.00 | £ 5,685.00 |
| SBC Small Schemes | £ 34,702.00 | £ 21,103.00 | £ 13,599.00 |
| Common Good - Peebles | £ 27,000.00 | £ 2,912.00 | £ 24,088.00 |
| SBC Enhancement Trust | £ 248.70 | £ 248.70 | £ - |
| SBC Welfare Trust | £ 3,405.88 | £ - | £ 3,405.88 |
| Totals | £ 80,724.08 | £ 27,233.70 | £ 53,490.38 |

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Community Fund Assessment Panel for Tweeddale Area Partnership:

Recommendations from meeting, 5pm on Tuesday 12th October

CF2122-TW-06 Carlops Community Apiary - £1367.00

Aims of the project;

Sustainable West Linton and District (SWLD) aims to work with West Linton and District Beekeepers' Association (WLDBKA) to establish a community apiary on land in Carlops to;

- Establish a focus for demonstrating beekeeping
- Act as a centre for training local beekeepers who will be encouraged to sit exams in beekeeping through the Scottish Beekeeping Association
- Work with WLDBKA's queen rearing programme to breed indigenous bees to provide bees to local beekeepers.

Comments

It is clear that the bee-keepers are knowledgeable, experienced, well qualified, and insured. The panel remains positive towards the intentions of the project, but for an award of public money, accountability is important. Therefore the lack of specific detail continues to present problems in some areas.

To resolve these, the assessment panel requires

- Official correspondence with the landowner at Carlops which will guarantee the apiary can be sited for a minimum of five years then in perpetuity until the land owner gives one year of notice.
- Clarification on the constituted status of WLBKA. Since the WLBKA is carrying out the project it would be preferable to pay the money directly to that Association rather than SWLD.
- Evidence of an efficient record keeping system to monitor membership, numbers attending meetings, activities with novice beekeepers at Carlops and records of successful colony breeding there

Recommendation

The panel recommends **that this application is awarded funding** with appropriate terms and conditions attached along with effective monitoring of the project.

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2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

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| Organisation name | Tweeddale Rideability Group | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | Constituted Group | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB-TW-10 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & culture | Environment | Community capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Project start date | As soon as is possible | | | Project end date | No end date | |

2. Organisation's Finances

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| End of year balance | £38,864 |
| Current bank balance | £41,407 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £26,016 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | £20,000 of the group's income is held in a long term savings bond and is considered to be the groups 'reserves'. These reserves are held to mitigate against a defined set of risks and which safeguard the groups future. The total amount considered necessary to mitigate these risks is between £17,196 and £25,391. |

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

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The group have been unable to fundraise in their usual ways as a result of the pandemic..

During lockdown Tweeddale Rideability Group, required to re-home a pony, one of their horses is nearing retirement and earlier this year a horse passed away unexpectedly. They require to purchase two more horses in order to get back to full capacity. The group are applying to BBBB for one horse. The pandemic has resulted in the price of new horses greatly increasing. This means where previously costs would have been in the region of £1000 to £2000 groups/individuals can now expect to pay £6000 to £7000. This represents a significant proportion of the groups available funds for the year/ the group still need to purchase another two. This request is for funding for one horse.

As the lockdown restrictions eased the group were able to provide very limited horse riding lessons to a small number of their more physically capable riders (approx. 6), this ensured that social distancing measures could be maintained. As restrictions lift they would like to open services to all their riders, this currently includes approx. 30 adults and children with learning and/or physical disabilities within the Tweeddale area.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

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Comment:

The group provides ‘therapy through riding,’ to adults and children with learning and/or physical disabilities, pre-Covid they supported around 30 adults and children. As some restrictions eased they supported around six riders. Their riding lessons help to build strength, balance and coordination to those with physical disabilities and for those with conditions such as autism - interacting with a horse can be easier than doing so with another person. The group’s lessons also provide a sense of challenge, achievement and most importantly joy to their riders. Tweeddale Rideability would love to be able to deliver these benefits to all of their riders in the future. Many of the individuals that attend these sessions wouldn’t achieve similar outcomes in other projects or settings.

The group currently have a waiting list of new riders wishing to join the programme. The club are currently in the process of training new coaches which will help provide additional training session to meet demand. The club wish to offer more mounted and groundwork sessions which are particularly valuable to those riders with autism.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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Comment:

The group suggest that many of their riders may have had their usual therapeutic and extra-curricular services cancelled during the pandemic, they suggest this will have had a negative impact on their health and wellbeing. Buying the new horses will enable them to provide riding therapy to all their riders.

4. Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | Page 08 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £700 |

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| Request to BBBB | £6,300 |
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| Item of expenditure | Cost |
| 1 Horse or Pony | £7,000 |

Match/other funding sought:

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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| January '21 | Tesco Bags of Help | £1,000 |

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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | <p>The application <u>does not meet</u> the criteria of the BBBB fund because they haven't demonstrated the new element of the application.</p> <p>The application is looking at continuing a service and succession planning due to the age of current horses as opposed to delivering something new.</p> |
| Comments | <p>The project offers a valuable experience to individuals who have physical or learning difficulties. These individuals have been severely impacted by Covid and will benefit from the service that this project will provide.</p> <p>However the application hasn't demonstrated the need for the additional horse and what the 'new' element of the project will be.</p> <p>The application would have benefited from providing information from participants and potential new participants as to the importance of providing more sessions and how the group are encouraging individuals to return to riding post pandemic.</p> |
| Additional terms and conditions required | <p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we would look for the group to feedback on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of participants that have used the service |

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High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

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| Organisation name | St Ronan's Silver Band | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | Constituted Group | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB-TW-12 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & culture | Environment | Community capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
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| Project start date | | | | Project end date | | |

2. Organisation's Finances

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| End of year balance | £13,018.56 |
| Current bank balance | £7,601.27 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £2,601.27 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | <p>£5,000 has been allocated to the Uniform Replacement programme – Phase 2</p> <p>The current bank balance allows the band to cover outgoings such as utility bills, instrument repairs, music, insurance costs etc whilst the ability to fundraise is limited.</p> <p>2020/21 income =£16k, expenditure =£7.4k</p> <p>The group received a business support grant from SBC. The business support grant was used to pay ongoing running costs in the absence of the group being able to raise any funds in the normal way due to the suspension of activities (fund-raisers, members subs, fees for playing at events, concerts, etc.) This expenditure included: admin costs, instrument repair programme, insurance, music, uniforms, utilities, tuition fees.</p> |

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

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Comment:

St Ronan's Silver Band's Development Plan is based upon the views of its members and takes account of the needs of the wider community and has three key priorities:

- Priority 1: We are a learning organisation that puts youth and player development at the heart of our work
- Priority 2: We are a happy, purposeful band where players feel welcomed and encouraged.
- Priority 3: We play regularly in our community and beyond at a variety of events always giving the best performance possible.

St Ronan's Silver Band are requesting funding to progress Priority 1 and ?.

St Ronan's would like to purchase 35 pBuzz instruments and pay for tuition time to provide 30 children with access to free face to face musical tuition. pBuzz instruments have been designed to encourage children to learn a musical instrument.



Two 10 week blocks of tuition will be delivered to 30 children (15 children in each block) by a qualified teacher who has attended training with the creator of the pBuzz instrument. The tutors involved are both qualified and experienced, the application has been submitted by one of the members of the band who will be providing this training.

Training can be delivered inside or outside depending on what Covid-19 restrictions allow. The hope is that this training programme will encourage children to progress to a traditional brass instrument, addressing the band's gap in recruitment and helping make the band more sustainable. Training is open to children living in Tweeddale. The teacher would also be paid to evaluate and report on the tuition programme.

In addition, St Ronans Silver Band are seeking funding for the installation of new windows and blinds to their hall as well as the purchase and installation of a new shed. The Band Hall is not currently being used for rehearsals as the windows do not open safely. The Band would like to replace the windows with UPVC windows which will allow them to open the windows for the required ventilation following Covid-19. It would also help improve their carbon footprint in the long run. Currently, the village hall is being used for rehearsals. The village hall is larger allowing band members to distance themselves at rehearsals. The Band would like to purchase and install a new shed to store essential but non valuable items (seating, cases etc) which would allow players to sit a suitable distance apart in their own hall. Renting the village hall is an expense that the Band say cannot be sustained over the coming period.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

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Comment:

The band believes that by playing a musical instrument, children's emotional wellbeing, social interaction, resilience and achievement in other areas will be improved. St Ronan's

has a waiting list of children who would like to learn to play and have a history of delivering youth development programmes. St Ronan's are learning from two Scottish organisations who have delivered pBuzz projects for children in the community. The pBuzz instruments will be loaned free of charge to children. 4 adult helpers will be engaged in the project to support tuition.

Upgrading the Band Hall will create a safer playing environment for band members. The survey with members showed that not being able to play together when Covid019 restrictions were in place, had a negative impact on members. The upgrade of facilities would allow the Band to safely start using their hall again. The band has 68 members. The Hall is available for other community use.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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| <p>It is expected that by starting to engage children in playing music using the pBuzz instruments, children will progress to learning a brass instrument and hopefully join the Silver Band. Previously projects have shown around 57% of children move on to learning a brass instrument. Many of the skills learnt during this programme will be transferable to other musical genres.</p> <p>In terms of improvements to the Hall, it is expected based on survey findings that members will feel more confident that the improved ventilation will reduce the risk of aerosol transmission of Covid. They also expect a reduction in heating costs in the longer-term.</p> | | |

4. Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £6,670.59 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £670.59 |
| Request to BBBB | £6,000 |

| Item of expenditure | Cost |
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| Purchase 35 pBuzz instruments | £525 |
| Delivery of pBuzz sessions | £800 |
| Music arrangements and teaching resources | £375 |
| Windows and blinds | £3,960.60 |
| Shed and installation | £1,009.99 |

Match/other funding sought:

| Funder | Funding Requested | Status |
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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| June 2020 | Covid-19 Support Grant | £10,000 |

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| December 2020 | SBC Community Fund – The Music Lives On...line | £1,500 |
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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund |
| Comments | <p>the application scores medium as it encourages young people to play instruments.</p> <p>St Ronans silver band are starting a new section of their band to encourage new members.</p> <p>This application provides a new opportunity for young people and the club have demonstrate that retention of young people is high once they have started within the band.</p> |
| Additional terms and conditions required | <p>Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.</p> <p><i>We would seek the group to particularly report on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Number of young people engaged in tuition</i> • <i>How many young people have continued learning and progressed fully into the band after the 6 month</i> |

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1. Applicant Details

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| Organisation name | Walkerburn Bowling and Petanque Club | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | Constituted Group | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB-TW-03 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & culture | Environment | Community capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Project start date | Immediately Funds Available | | | Project end date | September 2021 | |

2. Organisation's Finances

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| End of year balance | £7,278.89 |
| Current bank balance | £19,721.61 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £9,721.61 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | <p>£10,000</p> <p>The club still incurs necessary costs for greens maintenance (c£2000 per year), water and electricity rates and various other costs needed for the upkeep of buildings and equipment. The committee therefore decided that it would be prudent to keep a reserve fund in an 'instant withdrawal' savings account as a precautionary measure. There is also a possibility that the club will have to pay an additional bill for £3394 as a result of a hidden water leak that was discovered earlier in the year.</p> |

3. Project:

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Comment:

Note: Petanque (boules) - outdoor game where two opposing teams throw metallic spheres towards a small wooden sphere.

The club would like to open the club up to more members and improve the disabled facilities. The petanque area has been expanded and is now more user friendly, but better disabled access is needed - especially for wheelchair users. The Club need to build a level walkway from the clubhouse to the street and to have a better pathway for wheelchairs to negotiate. They would also like to create a children's practice area and build a better retaining wall alongside the road. The current wall is in a state of disrepair.

The club hope to use this funding to create a children's practice area and to build a better retaining wall alongside the road. The club provide healthy, outdoor amenities which will be available to the whole community. They note that when Covid guidelines permit, the clubhouse, kitchen area and catering facilities will be well used as they were prior to the lockdown.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

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Comment:

There are twenty eight adult Bowls full members and five juniors and thirty six Petanque full members. In addition, several occasional members and casual visitors have enjoyed the facilities.

During the Covid restrictions, the outdoor nature of both games has meant that people can participate safely.

The membership is fully inclusive and open to everyone and the club fees have been set much lower than most other similar clubs to encourage this. Annual membership is £20 for adults and £5 for Juniors, college students and unemployed people. The group are able to support those that don't have the financial means to participate.

Membership is not required to use either the indoor or outdoor facilities. A small rental charge is made to non-members in order to cover costs. The club insists that the current safety procedures are followed and disinfectant sprays, hand-washing etc. is available. Everyone who visits the club has to sign in and leave contact details.

There is currently petanque games three times a week and these act as friendly socials and are always well attended. It is the aim of the club to improve these facilities, allowing them to be more accessible and to cater for greater demand.

It has been noted at these sessions the importance that this has had on both the physical and mental wellbeing of those that are participating. As a result of being open and being

outside the group has attracted members from Peebles, Cardrona and Innerleithen as well as Walkerburn. Passers-by are welcome to watch or to drop in and enjoy a tea or coffee. This has also helped to foster a healthy community spirit.

Every member has a key to the clubhouse and grounds and a number of couples and families regularly turn up to play each other at times that suit them. The facilities are big enough so that the green is never over-crowded.

As well as the Bowls, the Petanque section is able to play all year round as it is played on an all-weather surface. Petanque is a mixed gender sport and it is easy for older people and disabled people to take up as a sport.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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Comment:

As the more severe restrictions have gradually eased, the club have had a greater number of people using the facilities - many of them either taking up bowls and petanque again or learning to enjoy a new sport. It is apparent that many older members, many of whom live alone, have benefitted a lot from using the club. After the new improvements are completed, it will give better access to the clubhouse and grounds and the landscaping will provide safer and more pleasant surroundings

The group have taken advice from Planning, Architects and the Fire Service to ensure that their proposals benefit disabled members. For example, toilet facilities and access/exit doors all comply with current standards.

Wheel chair users can easily enter the playing and spectating areas. While the clubhouse is a welcoming and accessible environment access to the clubhouse is not satisfactory as the existing walkway running level from the clubhouse to the road is inadequate at present. However, part of the Community Grant will be used to bring this up to the necessary standards, with a non-slip solid base and strong safety rails.

4. Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £4,850 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £485 |
| Request to BBBB | £4,365 |

| Item of expenditure | Cost |
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| Retaining Wall (25 mtrs) | £3,000 |
| Level Access Path to Road (5 mtrs) | £1,000 |
| Paving Entrance – Assist Wheelchair Users | £500 |
| Landscaping/Flower Beds | £350 |
| | £4,850 |

Match/other funding sought:

| Funder | Funding Requested | Status |
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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| 26/12/2020 | Business Closure Fund | £16,000 |
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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | |
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| Comments | <p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application scores medium as they have evidenced the impact that an improved area will have for current members and also in their support to encourage new members.</p> <p>It has been a well-used facility during lockdown and improved facilities will provide improved accessibility.</p> |
| Additional terms and conditions required | <p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</p> <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals that have accessed the facility • The number of new members, including those with limited mobility • Anecdotal feedback to the impact on the new facilities |