

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in via Microsoft
Teams on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 at
9.00 am

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, S. Haslam and
E. Small
Absent:- Councillors K. Chapman
In Attendance:- Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Democratic Services Team
Leader

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the special meeting of the Area Partnership held via MS Teams and outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the Livestream could participate.

2. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND**

There had been circulated copies of an assessment form for an application to the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund from Peebles Rugby Club who were seeking a grant of £9,800 towards the running of their festival of rugby which was due to be held over the weekend of 4-6 August 2021. Mr. Harrow, Locality Development Co-ordinator advised that the festival incorporated a number of new elements including a women's tournament and Clan Rugby, an inclusive form of rugby for those with and without disabilities to play together. However, it did not meet the criteria as the required 3 quotes had not been obtained. Members discussed the merits of the application and in response to a question on whether this was for retrospective funding, Mr Harrow advised that no invoices had been paid so far. Councillor Small, seconded by Councillor Tatler proposed that the funding of £9,800 be awarded and this was unanimously approved. Members expressed concern that it had been difficult for the requirement to provide 3 quotations to be met and Mr Harrow confirmed this had also been a problem for an application in another area. Members agreed that officers should look at the possibility of amending the threshold for the requirement of quotations.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 am