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Area Partnership

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Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 4 August 2021
Time: 9.00 a.m.
Location: via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

1.	Welcome
2.	Build Back A Better Borders Recovery Fund (Pages 3 - 8) Consider application from Peebles Rugby Club. (Copy assessment attached.)

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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:

Organisation name	Peebles Rugby Club				
Organisation structure	SCIO				
Application reference	BBBB-TW-04				
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	6 th Aug 21	Project end date			8 th Aug 21

2. Organisation’s finances:

End of year balance	£44,409.14
Current bank balance	£53,320.06
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£2,197.06
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£51,123</p> <p>Group policy to hold £15,000 in reserves to address running costs this financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,043: under-16 and Colts (under-18) rugby, raised by those sections of the club • £13,000: upgrade entrance and toilet facilities to enable access for disabled members (from SCVO grant) • £20,000: roof and floor repairs of Eastgate clubrooms • £1,080: Festival of Rugby event

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)

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Peebles Rugby Club are looking for funding to support the running of their festival of rugby which is due to take place over the weekend of 4th to 6th August.

The three day sporting event is part of the King of the Sevens Rugby calendar. This event was cancelled last year as a result of Covid.

This year the event aims to include the regular competitions of men's, under 18 & 16s rugby but it will introduce a new element of including a ladies tournament, games for over 35s and also incorporating Clan Rugby. Clan Rugby is an inclusive form of rugby that enables those with physical and mental health along with learning challenges to play, and enjoy rugby.

The group are requesting funding to cover the costs of;

- Pitch hire at the Gytes Leisure Centre
- Hire of Marquee
- Memorial Trophy and Medals
- Hire of toilets
- Hospitality for participating teams

In securing funding for these items this will allow free access to the event for all spectators and teams. In previous years spectators had to pay to attend the event.

The event will be the first outdoor event in Peebles this year. The Peeblesshire community normally has a busy summer calendar including the Beltane festival and Highland Games, all of which have been cancelled this year. Peebles Rugby Club aim for the festival of rugby to provide entertainment for those in the community that are missing out on social interaction.

In providing an outdoor event with appropriate facilities this will allow those that are isolated or have previously been shielding to interact within the community again. In securing funding it all allow the event to be free to access for all.

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

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

It is expected that 40 teams will be competing over the weekend and the event is open to all clubs across the Scottish Borders. The tournament will also incorporate women's rugby and also Clan rugby which will make this an inclusive festival and allow for these teams to compete locally as well as the opportunity to showcase ladies and disability rugby to the wider community. A social evening has been organised for the Friday evening to support the under 16s.

The event will be free of charge to attend to help open the event up to those who would not normally attend and those who have been financially impacted by Covid or have been struggling with isolation. The festival's main aim is to encourage people to engage with community activity again. Free entry also allows family and friends the opportunity to come along and support the team members from all clubs. The use of a QR code system will inform the organisers of how many are attending to help them manage numbers in line with restrictions. As the event is free of charge there won't be any financial barrier for clubs to participate.

Over 100 inter-generational volunteers are connected with the club and this will be the first event since Covid where they have been able to re-connect and work together.

Members of Clan Rugby have not played for nearly two years due to the pandemic and lockdown so this festival offers members the opportunity to re-engage with the sport and re-connect with their peers.

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

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

It will allow an opportunity for those individuals who are isolated or have been shielding an opportunity to engage in community activity again in a safe environment that is outside.

Many clubs within the Borders have expressed an interest in being part of the festival. The club have received a lot of interest from ladies teams to participate and the club now anticipate that they will host an increased ladies tournament next year, due to the demand. The club are hopeful that this will provide a catalyst for Peebles Rugby Club to start their own ladies section, allowing ladies to play locally instead of having to travel to Biggar or Edinburgh.

Peebles Rugby Club hope that by having a more inclusive festival they will be making connections between different communities.

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£10,800
10% organisation contribution	£1,080
Request to BBBB	£9,800

Item of expenditure	Cost
Hire of Gytes Leisure Centre - pitch and changing areas	£1,600
Hire of Marquee - for drinks, refreshments and shelter	£4,300
Helen Gleghorn Memorial Trophy and medals	£700
Hire of Covid-compliant portable toilets	£3,000
Hospitality for visiting teams, referees and officials (NO alcohol) – covered through 10% contribution	£1,200

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

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

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	i.e. the application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>This application does not meet the criteria of the BBBB fund due to not having received 3 quotes for listed items of expenditure where this should be possible.</p> <p>Recognition is made that it is not be possible to source three quotes for all items of expenditure (i.e. portable toilets as these are a carry forward item from previous bookings).</p>

Additional terms and conditions required	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of people attending the festival of rugby• Number of teams participating in the festival of rugby with a specific focus on the new elements of the festival of rugby (participation of the Clan Teams, ladies teams and over 35s)• Feedback from those participation, spectating and volunteering
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