

Public Document Pack

**Tweeddale
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Location: via MS Teams

AGENDA

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12.	Tweeddale Area Partnership - thoughts and comments
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14.	Next Area Partnership - 21 June 2022 Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team
15.	Meeting evaluation via Menti

Please direct any enquiries to Declan Hall Tel: 01835 826556
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Current SBC Consultations

Common Good Consultation 2022 – closes 31st March

This consultation seeks your views on the Common Good registers for the former Burghs of the Scottish Borders.

All former Burghs have a 'Common Good' which comprises the land, buildings, art, artefacts and funds which were owned and managed by the Burgh Council on behalf of the residents of the Burgh. The Burgh system was extinguished in 1975 but the assets owned by the Burgh at that date continue to be owned by the Common Good, which is administered by Councillors who sit as Common Good Trustees.

We are seeking your views on whether you think any additional assets should be included on these registers, and if so, why. You may also have further information on the assets noted. Or you may think that an item on the register is not Common Good.

[Common Good Consultation 2022 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Community Information

Place Making

Tweeddale Place Making Workshop – 22nd March @ 6pm

Sign up here; [Place Making Workshop - Tweeddale Tickets, Tue 22 Mar 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Over the past year, the Tweeddale Area Partnership has had a range of discussions around how communities could be more actively involved in shaping their own futures through a Place Making approach.

Simply put, Place Making is about communities working together to develop plans that express local needs and ambitions and about working together with service providers to find ways to achieve those plans.

Scottish Borders Council is committed to enabling Place Making for communities that want to take this approach and Area Partnerships have a key role to play in developing, overseeing and prioritising arrangements in their local communities.

To help develop this approach in the Tweeddale area, the Area Partnership is holding a facilitated workshop to:

- Develop a shared understanding of Place Making – what it is, how it works in our communities, how people can be involved and how it can benefit them.
- Agree the role of the Tweeddale Area Partnership in overseeing Place Making
- Identify communities that want to be involved in this process and where early Place Making activity should be focussed

The workshops will be facilitated by Petra Biberbach, Chief Executive of Planning Advice Scotland (PAS) .

Play Scotland

The Scottish Government are currently consulting on the new national planning framework and play sufficiency assessments.

These key pieces of legislation will shape the development of places and spaces across Scotland and will have a huge impact on future infrastructure and climate. We want to support you to ensure that the children and young people that you work with are empowered to share their thoughts on these topics. Our facilitator's pack will guide you through the process of running one engagement session that will allow you to respond to both consultations. <https://www.playscotland.org/creating-a-children-and-young-people-response-to-the-npf4-consultation/> If you would like to find out more or to run a group consultation, please download our facilitator's guide and response template. Please note that the deadline for submitting consultation responses is Thursday 31 March 2022, so please do get in touch with us as soon as possible if you are interested in contributing. Please email info@playscotland.org.

Tenant Grant Fund

A Tenant Grant Fund has been set up to help tenants who are at risk of becoming homeless because they've fallen behind with rent payments during COVID-19. Applications will be assessed to ensure that support is provided to households at greatest risk of becoming homeless.

Eligibility

If you're a tenant and have struggled financially as a direct result of the pandemic you should apply before 31 March 2022.

Your rent arrears must have built up between 23 March 2020 and 9 August 2021, and your landlord should have carried out steps to resolve the issue with you.

We'll make full or partial payments if your application is successful, and for a maximum period of 12 months between the above dates.

How to apply

Tenants can apply online.

There's information you'll need to hand to be able to submit your application, which is detailed at the beginning of the form.

If you need support with your application you can ask your landlord or a member of your family or a friend. You can also contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau for support.

Information for landlords

Payment will be made directly to you to reduce your tenant's arrears. As a condition of the payment you must agree to end any ongoing proceedings.

Private landlords must be registered on the Scottish Landlord Register.

[Financial support | COVID-19 Financial Assistance | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

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.

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
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>

www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business

www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

[Sustainable Development Fund](#)

Heating & energy:

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 MS Teams
on Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, S. Haslam, E. Small
together with 20 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community
Councils and members of the public.

Absent:- Councillor K. Chapman

In Attendance:- Principal Solicitor, Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Community
Engagement Officer (H. Lacon), Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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 Minutes of the meetings of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 27 September and 2 November 2021 were noted. Mr Harrow advised the meeting that interest had been registered in having a discussion on dementia services, which would be included as an item on the agenda at the meeting in March. Furthermore, the place-making workshop, planned for early January, had been postponed due to the required procurement process taking longer than expected, with the workshop expected to take place at the end of February.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NOTING

3.1 The Chairman explained that the additional information document included reference to a wide range of information that would be referred to during the meeting. The Chairman also raised the issue that the amount of material being sent out with the agenda was too high. Mr Harrow undertook to try to reduce the volume of materials and summarise as much of the content as possible ahead of meetings.

3.2 Common Good Consultation

The Principal Solicitor, Mrs Hannah Macleod joined the meeting to explain what was happening within Scottish Borders Council with regard to Common Good Fund owned property and assets. Common Good Funds were created from the former Burghs of Scotland, managed by local Councillors who acted as trustees. Councillors also met to provide grants. Under the Community Empowerment Act, the Council was obligated to publish and maintain a list of assets, land and art/artefacts, owned by the Common Goods. The consultation on the aforementioned list of assets had opened and would run until at least 31 March 2021. Mrs Macleod invited members of the public to suggest any item or area of land that they thought may be owned by the Common Goods in the area – Innerleithen and Peebles. Mrs Macleod advised the meeting that should there be a large number of responses then the consultation would be extended to allow the full consideration of any item suggested to be Common Good owned. Following the consultation, the representations received would be brought back to each specific Sub-Committee to discuss the comments and evidence received. It was stressed that legal tests would be used to verify ownership. Mrs Macleod advised everyone in attendance that the list would be published once the process was completed, but that it would be open to review – new items could be considered and added. Mrs Macleod circulated her

email address and advised attendees that she was happy to send out paper copies to any interested party wishing to make a representation.

4. PLACE MAKING UPDATE

Ms Hannah Lacon, Community Engagement Officer, gave a presentation on Place Making conversations that she had engaged in with young people in the area. Working with Dave Hodson at Tweeddale Youth Action, she had held discussions with 4 young people to get their views on the place that they lived. Those interviewed had been asked what they thought were the positives and negatives of Peebles. The most cited positives of Peebles were: Community Groups were active; public transport within Peebles was accessible; and there was perceived to be less of a drug culture in comparison to other towns within the Scottish Borders. The interviews had also highlighted the perceived negative aspects of the town: public transport to other towns was poor; young people in the town felt demonised due to the actions of small anti-social groups; the support for school leavers was limited; and housing was inadequate and unaffordable. Those in attendance discussed Ms Lacon's work, highlighted the welcome insight into how young people in the area felt and recognised the need to highlight the good work young people across the region were doing within society. Michelle Scott, of Scottish Borders Housing Association, shared her details and welcomed the idea of establishing a working group to assist in future planning of housing provision in the area.

5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CONSULTATIONS

5.1 Mr Malcolm Bruce gave an explanation of work that had been going on to address anti-social behaviour in Peebles. Mr Bruce explained that persistent reports of anti-social behaviour and vandalism had been received by Community Councillors in the area and that the Peebles Community Council had liaised with Peebles community police teams to try and engage with young people in the area. They had also subsequently partnered with Peebles Youth Action, Ms Lacon and Lori Lee at LiveBorders on various initiatives to try and open dialogue with young people in the area. These efforts had not met with a high degree of success, with those involved deciding that a lack of data was hindering their efforts. A survey of the school roll of Peebles High School was planned, and following discussions with, and input from, the Deputy Head of the school, had gone live. The survey was being conducted on school provided iPads, with all data anonymous. Mr Bruce explained that discussions had been held regarding the prospects of engaging a "street pastor" to work with young people in the area, with Tweeddale Youth Action willing to host the post if funding could be found. Mr Bruce suggested that the person who filled that role could help move discussions away from negative social media rhetoric, the prejudgement of young people and help promote meaningful interactions that could improve the local community.

5.2 Those in attendance discussed the survey, expressed some reservations about the nature of the questions asked and what level of honest feedback would be received whilst also recognising the efforts of the Community Council in trying to resolve anti-social related issues in the local area. CLD worker Mr Richard McDowell, Youth Engagement Worker, Ms Pam Rigby and MSYP representative Ally Turnbull agreed to support the group by providing a youth perspective. Members in attendance suggested that engaging with young people in the area by asking for them to be involved in proposing solutions to problems was an avenue that ought to be considered.

6. PARTICIPATORY BUDGET UPDATE FROM SCDC TRAINING

The Chairman advised the meeting that there had been a useful series of workshops with SCDC and that he was keen to build on the conversations that arose from those workshops.

7. FUNDING TABLE OVERVIEW

A copy of the Tweeddale Area Partnership Funding Table had been circulated. The Chairman asked Mr Harrow to provide an update on funding levels. Regarding the Community Fund 2021/22, Mr Harrow referred to the table and explained that £40,846.90

remained in the fund prior to the meeting. The value of active applications was £37,190, with £3650.50 remaining if all of the applications were successful. In response to a question from the Chairman, Mr Harrow advised that the lawn tennis club had been unable to secure a funding package for their project and had subsequently returned previously awarded grant money. Mr Harrow undertook to investigate with the finance department the ramifications of that. This had not been reflected in the funding table. Mr Harrow drew attention to the Welfare Trust, which had £2,500 available to help support those facing poverty. Two other funds, in Tweeddale East and West had £272.40 and £27.80 in another pot. Regarding the Build Back a Better Borders (BBBB) fund, £23,462.41 remained in the fund prior to the meeting. The value of active applications was £41,976.85, leaving the fund oversubscribed by £18,514.44.

8. COMMUNITY FUND

The recommendations of the Tweeddale Area Partnership Assessment Panel on seven applications the Tweeddale Community Fund had been circulated. Esther Daborn referred to the recommendations and advised that she was willing to answer questions or give clarity if required.

8.1 Peebles Burgh Silver Band

The application was for a grant to allow the purchase of locally sourced branded polo shirts and hoodies, and free tuition for one year at a revised total of £3,640. The application was unanimously approved.

8.2 Peebles CAN

A revised application for a specific project had been submitted to cover the costs of growing herbs sustainably. Members of the Assessment Panel requested more information on the costs of materials and salary for the one year project. Further details were required to allow a decision to be made. Consideration of the application was deferred to allow the aforementioned concerns to be addressed. Ms Lacon undertook to engage and support the group with future applications.

8.3 Peeblesshire Food Bank

The application was for a grant of £6,250 to assist in the purchase of a new van. The Assessment Panel noted that the application was well received but concerns remained over monetary reserves, whether purchasing a vehicle was the best option, and the monitoring of usage of the vehicle to ensure it was not used for private purposes. The Panel recommended that a discretionary fund for the running costs of the van was set up; a cost analysis comparing the cost of leasing versus purchasing a vehicle was carried out; and a monitoring system put in place to ensure the van was used solely for Food Bank purposes. The Panel recommended that £5,000 was granted towards either the first year's lease or cost of purchase. The application was unanimously approved.

8.4 Peebles Community Centre - Craft Box

The application was for materials, tuition fees and expenses to run 45 classes for 60 elderly/vulnerable adults. The Panel recommended approval subject to confirmation of the number of classes and target number of participants against the actual numbers recorded for the end of year report. The revised grant of £5,000 was unanimously approved.

8.5 Peebles High School Student Parliament

The application for a grant of £4000 was to help develop a student voice and life skills through dealing with applications for school projects managed by the Student Parliament. The Panel recommended approval on the basis that projects did not cover areas where Scottish Borders Council Estates had responsibility and that there would be sufficient reports available at the end of the year. The grant was unanimously approved.

8.6 Innerleithen Lawn Tennis Club

The application from Innerleithen Tennis Club was for £7,500 as part of a £60,000 project for construction of 2 mini courts and a practice wall for juniors. Further information had

been provided on the value of the mini courts to release main courts for adults and the value of a practise wall for older children to practise ground strokes. The application was unanimously approved.

8.7 Tweeddale Rideability Group

The application was for a grant of £6,300 to purchase a new horse so that the group could offer additional sessions. This would allow the group to offer a valuable service to young people in Tweeddale. The application was unanimously approved.

9. BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND APPLICATIONS

9.1 The Chairman asked Mr Harrow to give an outline of each of the applications to the BBBB fund.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Haslam declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion.

9.2 St Ronans Bowling Club

The St Ronans Bowling Club were applying for £12,662.23 to construct a wooden framed gazebo to add an outside element to their facility. Councillor Tatler, seconded by Councillor Anderson moved approval of £12,662.23 and this was unanimously agreed.

MEMBER

Councillor Haslam re-joined the meeting following the discussion of the above item.

9.3 Kingsland Primary School Pupil Council

The group had applied for £2,224.62 to create a community shed on school grounds. The shed would provide basic supplies with the aim of improving well-being and attainment in education. The pupil council would provide a free breakfast to pupils, and work with the Peeblesshire foodbank and the school's garden and Food Growing Strategy to provide food and supplies to families in need so they could cook a meal at home. Other items such as second hand school uniforms, books, stationary and seasonal items such Christmas party items would be available. Councillor Bell spoke extremely highly of the application, highlighted the high scores in the assessment form, and seconded by Councillor Anderson, moved approval of £2,224.62 which was unanimously approved.

9.4 The Edible Garden

The application from the Edible Garden requested £2,800 to help make their garden safe and fit for purpose ahead of a new programme of community based workshops. The funding was to meet the cost of urgent repair works to the growing space in the garden. Councillor Tatler, seconded by Councillor Small, moved approval of £2,800 and this was unanimously approved.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Bell declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion.

9.5 The Peeblesshire Foodbank

The application for £6,750 was for part funding, in conjunction with the community fund, for a new van. The application noted that people who had accessed the food bank had struggled to transport food home, with the van expected to help relieve that pressure. Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Haslam, moved approval of £6,750, and this was unanimously agreed.

MEMBER

Councillor Bell re-joined the meeting following the discussion of the above item.

9.6 Innerleithen Lawn Tennis Club

The application from the Innerleithen Lawn Tennis Club was for £15,000 to help with the costs of a large project. The funding would help meet the construction costs of 2 mini tennis courts and a practise wall. The Club hoped the construction of the new facilities would help meet a wider community need by providing a place for children to engage in exercise and sport. The Club had also applied to the Community Fund to help meet the costs of the project. Concerns were raised about the total value of the two grants that the Club had applied for from the Area Partnership. Unanimous agreement was not reached, and Members voted on whether or not to grant the application.

Vote

Councillor Tatler, seconded by Councillor Anderson moved that the application for funding was granted.

Councillor Small, seconded by Councillor Haslam moved as an amendment that the application for funding was rejected.

As the meeting was conducted by Microsoft Teams members were unable to vote by the normal show of hands and gave a verbal response as to how they wished to vote the result of which was as follows:-

Motion by Councillor Tatler – 2 votes

Amendment by Councillor Small – 3 votes

The amendment that the application for funding was rejected was accordingly carried.

Members expressed their hope that the project would go on to be successful, and advised the group to discuss further funding options with the Communities and Partnership Team.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Tatler declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion.

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Councillor Tatler, Councillor Anderson acted as Chair.

9.7 The Food Foundation

The application from the Food Foundation had been considered under the fast track provisions. The application had not received a majority vote in favour of granting nor denying the funding and was therefore considered at the meeting. Further information was requested to provide clarity on some unresolved matters. Mr Harrow undertook to provide that information to Members and the application would be considered as a fast track application again.

MEMBER

Councillor Tatler re-joined the meeting following the discussion of the above item and resumed Chairmanship of the meeting.

10. GROUP EVALUATION

Mr Harrow advised that he was looking to receive evaluations following the voting on the Localities Bid Fund rounds one and two, and would look to distribute these in due course.

11. PEEBLES PARKING SUB GROUP UPDATE

The Chairman gave an update on the work of the Group. A meeting had been held on 22 November. The Chairman advised those in attendance that the group had moved on to getting more information. The next meeting would be held on 2 February 2022.

12. NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP - 29 MARCH 2022

The next full meeting of the Area Partnership was scheduled for 29 March 2022 and the Chairman asked for agenda item suggestions to be submitted.

13. **MEETING EVALUATION VIA MENTI**

Ms Lacon used Menti to get feedback from those in attendance on the meeting. The tool worked by asking users to scan a QR code with a mobile phone or tablet computer and then allowed them to provide feedback or ask questions that could be shared on screen. The Chairman suggested that the mid-meeting use of Menti would be a useful addition to future meetings.

The meeting concluded at 9.25 pm

ESHIELS TUNNEL

UPDATE –MARCH 2022

UPDATE FOR TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP 29 MARCH 2022

BACKGROUND

- Previous reports have been made to the Tweeddale Area Partnership to discuss the Eshiels Tunnel and a lighting parameter study was completed. A bat licence is also in place. The proposed lighting was of high cost - estimated at above £125K including a new power supply. There would also be ongoing maintenance and energy costs. Importantly the Assistant Lighting Engineer has noted concerns on the effectiveness of this proposed lighting scheme in preventing accidents.

UPDATE

- A site visit was held on Friday 11th February 2022 attended by Neil Malone Sustrans Infrastructure Officer, Rueben Singleton Tweed Ecology, Denise Brydon SBC.
- The history of the issues at the tunnel and the concerns on the effectiveness of the daylight lighting proposals noted by the Assistant Lighting Engineer from SBC were discussed.
- It was also noted that the bat licence for works had been extended by NatureScot and the bat boxes have been installed by Tweed Ecology as part of the licence mitigating conditions.
- Sustrans Officer advised that we should consider a graded option list of other mitigation works given the concerns on the daylight lighting provision effectiveness, cost and sustainability.

- The types of works to be considered include

WORKS	LOCATION	PRIORITY	ESTIMATED COST
Clear leaves and debris	All through tunnel	High- Now and annually.	Within budgets
Repaint SLOW signage	Both ends of tunnel	High	Approx £500.
Replace Warning sign	East end of tunnel	High	£170.Funded and completed by Access Team now.
Increase warning signage (share with care)	Both ends and on approach to the tunnel	High	£600.
Barriers with suitable design for Sustrans approval	West end of the tunnel. Note Sustrans advice in red -barrier would only be required at this end. The other entrance is flat so there are no issues with speed here.	Medium	Approx. £2400 SBContracts – similar to Eildon Sustrans approved barriers.
Solar studs to be added to the existing white path edges.	All through the tunnel. Note Sustrans advice in red. These would need to be connected externally to a solar panel or power source as there isn't enough light in the tunnel for them to work. As this is only for during the day, if a chicane is constructed this would address most issues and potentially obviate the need for lights.	Medium	TBC If still needed after barriers are installed.
Solar Slow signage –suggested by the Assistant Lighting Engineer	At both ends of the Tunnel.	Medium	TBC If still needed after barriers are installed.

Review lower walls to be painted with reflective paint.	All through the tunnel	Low – Note Advice to be sought from SBC Roads Officers	TBC. If still needed after barriers are installed.
NOTE	All Works will be subject to review by the Ecologist to ensure that they meet the conditions for the bat licence		

- **NEXT STEPS**

Consultation is now complete with Sustrans Infrastructure Officer and the suggested measures are detailed above.

Tweeddale Area Partnership meeting on 29th March 2022 will have this updated report and are asked to approve the measures. If agreed the Access Team will work with Sustrans to seek funding and implement.

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WESTERN APPROACH TUNNEL



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Tweeddale Area Partnership (TAP) Proposal for TAP Place Making Working Group (PMWG)

(based on similar presentation made to Berwickshire Area Partnership at its Feb 2022 meeting by Keith Dickinson, Chair of Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council)

- Purpose of Paper
- Background
- Proposal for TAP working group
- Agenda and timescale for the PMWG
- Recommendations

Purpose of Paper

This paper has two key aims:

- It will strengthen the role of the Tweeddale Area Partnership by setting up the mechanisms whereby community views can be fed into Place Making discussions in an effective, participatory and constructive way.
- It will help address concerns raised about:
 - The absence of early and effective consultation
 - Perceived flaws in the currently proposed methodology
 - Difficulties in the understanding / interpretation of proposals

This in turn will encourage greater community involvement and broader representation

Background

In various documents “Place” is described as where people, location and resources combine to create a sense of identity and purpose.

A number of policy initiatives, in the area of community involvement and Place Making, are relevant to the discussion and consistent with the proposal:

- SBC’s Fit for 2024 Transformation strategy has empowerment as a key theme and recognises that there must be a greater focus on supporting communities to participate.
- The Council say they are committed to respond to the obligations in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, particularly in relation to Community Planning
- More recently the Place Principle has been promoted by the Scottish Government as a way to focus many of these policy aims in a flexible localised approach to community needs and services.
- The review of Area Partnerships undertaken by the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC)

Proposal for TAP Place Making Working Group

- How can members of the TAP engage with this activity in a more meaningful way?
- Experience shows that over 2 or 3 well-structured meetings working groups can deliver recommendations that can be endorsed by an Area Partnership
- it is therefore proposed that a PMWG of TAP be created:
 - Comprised 6-8 members with an additional 2/3 SBC councillors
 - Charged with making recommendations to the TAP, related to the development and implementation of Place Making / Planning in Tweeddale.
 - It should report to a future TAP meeting

Agenda and timescale for Working Group

Consider and make recommendations related to:

- Place Making and Place Planning – clarification of terminology
- Proposed Joint Principles
- The Proposed Target Place Making Framework
- The methodology for determining which communities to prioritise
- How to best allocate resources available for place planning in Tweeddale
- The Area Partnership – Draft Place Making Role Agreement

Some of this agenda could be considered by the PMWG and some could be the subject of a facilitated workshop

Recommendations

TAP to agree:

1. to set up a Place Making working group (WG)
2. to an initial WG Agenda
3. to plan a facilitated Place Making workshop, to explore and agree a way forward
4. a Borders wide good practice workshop (also facilitated)
5. to the timescale for recommendations to a future TAP meeting
6. a method of recruitment to the working group
7. that appropriate officer support for the PMWG will be made available

Tweeddale Funding 2021/2022

29 March 2022

Community Fund 2021/2022	
	£
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	£ 39,686.90
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 36,622.00
Sub-total	£ 76,308.90
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	-£ 18,465.40

Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	-£ 18,465.40

Build Back a Better Borders	
	£
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	£ 80,444.82
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ -
Sub-total	£ 80,444.82
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 210.18

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 210.18

Summary of all applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	15/05/21	Community Fund	Peebles Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)	£ 4,000.00	Installation of new phone system	Awarded
2	22/07/21	Community Fund	Tweedsmuir Village Hall	£ 1,629.90	Starlink satellite broadband	Awarded
3	02/08/21	Community Fund	Sustainable West Linton	£ 1,367.00	Apiary project	Awarded
4	11/11/21	Community Fund	Tweeddale Rideability Group	£ 6,300.00	Buying a horse	Awarded
5	20/11/21	Community Fund	Peebles Community Centre	£ 5,000.00	Crafting workshops	Awarded
6	24/11/21	Community Fund	Peebles CAN	£ 4,500.00	Staff salaries	Assessed
7	3/12/21	Community Fund	Peebles High School	£ 4,000.00	Participatory Budgeting	Awarded
8	9/12/21	Community Fund	Peeblesshire Foodbank	£ 6,250.00	Purchase of van	Awarded
9	16/12/21	Community Fund	Innerleithen Lawn Tennis Club	£ 7,500.00	Court construction & practice wall	Awarded
10	10/12/21	Community Fund	Peebles Burgh Silver Band	£ 3,640.00	Tuition fees, poloshirts & soft shell jackets	Awarded
11	09/02/22	Community Fund	School's Out	£ 7,500.00	salary costs, rent and admin costs	Assessed
12	11/02/22	Community Fund	Peebles Old Parish Church	£ 5,000.00	creativity classes- people with dementia	Assessed
13	22/02/22	Community Fund	Leithen Rovers	£ 2,122.00	Asbestos removal	Assessed

23/02/22	Community Fund	West Linton Early Learners	£ 5,000.00	Rent and salaries	Assessed
09/03/22	Community Fund	Survivors Unite	£ 5,000.00	IT costs and salary	Assessed
02/03/22	Community Fund	Peebles Community Trust	£ 7,500.00	Salary costs	Assessed
14/06/21	BBBB Fund	Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn Parish Church	£ 5,560.00	Crafting workshops	Awarded
24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Volunteer Co-ordinator	Awarded
19/07/21	BBBB Fund	Peebles RFC	£ 9,800.00	Festival of Rugby	Awarded
16/07/21	BBBB Fund	Tweedgreen	£ 1,350.00	Food Challenge	Awarded
28/07/21	BBBB Fund	Peebles CAN	£ 900.00	Memorial area in garden	Awarded
28/07/21	BBBB Fund	Peebles Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)	£ 13,410.00	Staff costs, laptop & marketing expenses	Awarded
12/09/21	BBBB Fund	PHD Fundamentals	£ 14,128.59	Trampoline, equipment & funded spaces	Awarded
21/09/21	BBBB Fund	St Ronan's Silver Band	£ 5,094.00	Free music tuition, replacement windows & storage shed	Awarded
11/10/21	BBBB Fund	Walkerburn Bowling Club	£ 4,365.00	Improve disabled access	Awarded
14/10/21	BBBB Fund	Linton Hotspur FC	£ 1,500.00	Girls football & equipment	Awarded
4/11/21	BBBB Fund	West Linton Times	£ 500.00	Christmas edition newsletter	Awarded
8/11/21	BBBB Fund	St Ronan's Bowling Club	£ 12,622.23	Erection of gazebo	Awarded
24/11/21	BBBB Fund	The Edible Garden	£ 2,800.00	Garden repairs & garden club	Awarded
29/11/21	BBBB Fund	The Food Foundation	£ 1,080.00	Rent costs	Awarded
9/12/21	BBBB Fund	Peeblesshire Foodbank	£ 6,750.00	Purchase of van	Awarded
Total			£156,753.72		

Other sources of grant funding - Tweeddale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 6,712.50	£ 1,824.00	£ 4,888.50
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 8,655.00	£ 5,505.00	£ 3,150.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 34,702.00	£ 28,043.50	£ 6,658.50
Common Good - Peebles	£ 27,000.00	£ 10,865.00	£ 16,135.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 248.70	£ 248.70	£ -
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 3,405.88	£ 2,782.62	£ 623.26
Totals	£ 80,724.08	£ 49,268.82	£ 31,455.26

Agenda Item 9

Tweeddale Community Fund – Assessment panel recommendations - March 8th 2022

Project	Request	Summary	Rec
Peebles CAN	£4,500	Peebles CAN have indicated that they could manage with the sum recommended, despite it being less than the £4500 requested. The Assessment panel will consider recommending further money in the next financial year depending on the progress of the herb growing project justifying the award.	£2,500
Survivors Unite	£5,000	This is a Borders wide project based in Selkirk, with some clients in Tweeddale and some others in Tweeddale on the waiting list. This is not the best fit for the Community Fund, but the Panel wishes to offer £4,500 towards Tweeddale work to show support for this important project. It is hoped that its continued success will strengthen its case for renewed National funding. The panel recommends purchase of laptops from the Tweeddale Renew Crew at the Newlands Centre to help reduce capital costs https://renewcrew.org.uk/	£4,500
Peebles old Parish CoS	£5,000	Well thought out project – appear to have resources.	£4320 for materials
Schools out	£7,500 £5,000	Good evidence provided of the success of the project so far and demonstration of outreach to include 11-14 years from outwith Peebles. The panel recommends an award of £1,000 towards the cost of becoming a charity. The panel also recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stronger business plan than relying on £1 donations or session charges • Demonstration of links Tweeddale Youth Action and Peeblesshire Youth Trust 	£1,000
West Linton ELs	£5,000	Post pandemic recovery project. The panel found little evidence of a sound business plan going forward, e.g. what is the rationale for ad hoc free places? The recommendation is for interim publicity to boost numbers	£1,000
Leithen Rovers	£2122	This recommendation is for the balance required for the £10,000 project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leithen Rovers is required to obtain at least two quotations for the re- instatement of the roof. • It is desirable that the project encourages diversity of membership going forward. Perhaps an equal opportunities policy and an equality statement would be a start. 	£1820

Community Trust	7,500	<p>Tweeddale Library of Things (£24,256 project). £16,756 sought from FCC environmental. Worthwhile project but large scale. More detail required regarding what the project will offer Tweeddale.</p> <p>The panel wish to provide evidence of support for the main funding application, therefore this recommendation (for the period to June 2022) is towards a pilot business plan based on some experimental lending.</p>	£3,000
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TWEEDDALE COMMUNITY FUND

TWEEDDALE ASSESSMENT PANEL'S SUMMARY AND COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT COMMUNITY FUND 2022/23

Background

At their meeting on Tuesday 8th March 2022, Tweeddale Assessment Panel discussed potential changes to the operation of the fund from 1 April 2022. The assessment panel also shared their feelings on the process.

Recommendations

Tweeddale Assessment Panel is recommending the following amendment:

Amendment

Introduce deadline dates for applications to be received by throughout the year.

Reason

By advertising set deadline dates, organisations that wish to apply to the fund can clearly see when their applications need to be submitted by, which round of funding they are applying to and when they application will be heard at Tweeddale Area Partnership.

Thoughts & Comments

The panel have received applications from Borderswide projects. The Panel feel that the fairest way to award funding from the Tweeddale allocation is to ensure that groups evidence the need for the project within the locality to which they are applying.

The panel would be looking for:

- Clearer guidance around Borderswide projects
- The Panel request that applying groups highlight the benefits their project will bring to the Tweeddale area specifically.
- The Panel are happy to award proportional funding in line with how the project is delivered across the Scottish Borders.

Panel members found the assessment panel to be a positive experience, some key points below:

- Improve the interview process
- Create a sharepoint site to share information on applications more easily
- Make it clearer what the role of the advisors are on the panel
- The group has formed well and the discussions have been robust but differing viewpoints considered
- It has been an enjoyable process to be part off

The group are happy for the current criteria to remain.

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