

# Public Document Pack

**Tweeddale  
Area Partnership**

**Our Scottish Borders**  
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## Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, 27 June 2022  
**Time:** 7.00 p.m.  
**Location:** via MS Teams

## AGENDA

1.	<b>Welcome and Meeting Protocols</b>
2.	<b>Feedback from Meeting of 29 March 2022</b> (Pages 3 - 6)
	<b>Section 1: Service &amp; Partner Updates and Consultations</b>
3.	<b>Consultation on the Scottish Borders Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention Action Plan Development</b> (Pages 7 - 8)  Report to Area Partnership by Steph MacKenzie, Joint Health Improvement Specialist, NHS Borders. (Copy attached.)
4.	<b>Infrastructure and Environment Tweeddale Community Survey</b>  Jason Hedley, SBC Neighbourhood Area Manager for Tweeddale to lead discussions on the current services being provided at Eshiels Community Recycling Centre and the intended purpose of the community survey.
	<b>Section 2: Local Priorities</b>
5.	<b>Place Making Update</b> (Pages 9 - 34)  Consider progress report from Crick Carleton, Chair of Place Making Working Group. (Copy attached.)
6.	<b>Financial Inclusion Fund / Food Conversation</b>  Update on activity and conversations taking place across the Scottish Borders and in Tweeddale.
	<b>Section 3: Community Empowerment &amp; Funding</b>
7.	<b>Funding Table Overview</b> (Pages 35 - 38)  (a) Tweeddale Funding Closing Position end of Year 2021/22; and (b) Tweeddale Funding 2022/23. (Copies attached.)

8.	<p><b>Neighbourhood Support Fund</b> (Pages 39 - 42)</p> <p>Tweeddale assessment Panel to present funding recommendations for the following NSF applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tweeddale Red Squirrel Network</li> <li>• Dementia Friendly Tweeddale</li> <li>• Peeblesshire Youth Trust</li> <li>• Tweedsmuir Community Company</li> <li>• West Linton Scout Group</li> <li>• Peebles Community Trust</li> <li>• Music in Peebles</li> </ul> <p>(Copy attached.)</p>
9.	<p><b>The National Lottery - Community Funding</b></p> <p>Consider update from Stewart Sanderson and Neil Bennison.</p>
	<p><b>Section 4: Other</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Peebles Parking Sub Group</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Other Business</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Meeting Evaluation via Menti</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Next Area Partnership 23 August 2022. Agenda issued 9 August 2022</b></p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local councillor or the Communities &amp; Partnership Team.</p>

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE  
AREA PARTNERSHIP held via MS Teams  
on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell(from para 7), S. Haslam, E. Small together with 18 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.

Absent:- Councillor K. Chapman

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

**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. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

The Chairman explained that the information document that had been circulated with agenda contained information on a range of Scottish Borders Council consultations that were taking place. The Chairman also drew attention to a Money Worries app that had been developed by NHS Borders, which included a range of useful links and information.

**3. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 18 JANUARY 2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership meeting held on 18 January 2022 were noted. The Chairman explained that it was hoped that the Peebles High School Parliament would attend a future meeting of the Area Partnership to provide feedback on their project.

**4. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TWEEDDALE, UPDATE ON PROGRESS - CHRISTINE DRUMMOND**

Christine Drummond of Dementia Friendly Tweeddale joined the meeting to provide an update on progress they had made in the locality. Ms Drummond explained that their focus had been on helping people living with dementia live their lives comfortably. Marion, who herself has dementia was present, and provided an insight into how her life had changed following her diagnosis at age 55. Dementia Friendly Tweeddale had helped her, and others, feel understood and supported. Work was ongoing to try and ensure that small measures, such as labelling light switches, were happening to help people living with dementia manage situations that had the potential to be challenging. Conversations were ongoing with various other groups to work together to assist people living with dementia live full and rewarding lives, with the ability to undertake and enjoy a range of leisure and social activities in the place that they live. The Chairman thanked Christine and Marion for their insightful presentation and explained that regarding an indoor space to meet within Peebles, work was ongoing to try and ensure that a suitable venue could be provided.

**5. ESHIELS CYCLE TUNNEL - DENISE BRYDON SBC ACCESS AND TRANSPORT OFFICER**

Denise Brydon, Access and Transport Officer with Scottish Borders Council, was present in the meeting to provide an update on potential works at the Eshiels Tunnel. Ms Brydon explained that the issue had been ongoing for a considerable time, and that a review of the tunnel had been conducted with Neill Malone, Network Development Coordinator and the Ecologist. The solution proposed had been to slow cyclists travelling through the

tunnel by way of a chicane using small gates to allow cyclist's eyes time to adjust to the lighting of the tunnel. The further measures under review included the repainting of SLOW signage, the replacement of warning signs, increased warning signage, and solar studs to be added to the existing white path edges. Following considerable debate, Councillor Haslam, seconded by Councillor Anderson, proposed that all of the types of works listed in the document circulated with the agenda pack, excluding the barriers, or chicanes, were approved. In addition, funding/ costs should be reviewed and if required brought back to the Area Partnership. This proposal was unanimously approved.

6. **PLACE MAKING UPDATE**

Sharon Renwick, Community Place Planning and Regeneration Officer gave an update on Place Making workshop that had taken place since the previous meeting of the Area Partnership. The workshop had been facilitated by Planning Aid Scotland. 28 people had attended, with three items for discussion. Namely, what is Place Making, what were the high level principles and the role of Area Partnerships in Place Making. The discussions had been hugely extensive on a wide range of issues, in particular recognising that there was a cultural change required in the context of community empowerment and planning. At the Place Making workshop a key conclusion had been evident was that there were too many high level principles, with a consistent desire expressed to lower that number expressed. With regards to identifying initial communities, no initial communities were developed. Councillor Anderson expressed a desire that the principles would be cut down and her hope that place making would be a success.

7. **PLACE MAKING WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL - CRICK CARLETON**

Crick Carleton, who had been heading up the development of the Peebles Town Action Plan, was present in the meeting to outline proposals that had been circulated with the agenda to set up a Place Making Working Group. The proposals would strengthen the role of the Tweeddale Area Partnership by setting up mechanisms whereby community views could be fed into Place Making discussions in an effective way. Those in attendance praised the goal of the proposals and expressed their hope that any future Working Group would be a success. Members unanimously agreed in principle to form a Working Group, with proposals to be developed and presented at the next meeting of the Area Partnership.

**MEMBER**

Councillor Bell joined the meeting during the discussion of the item above.

8. **FUNDING TABLE OVERVIEW**

An overview of the Community Fund and the Build Back a Better Borders fund in Tweeddale had been circulated with the agenda. Mr Harrow provided a summary, and explained that £18,156.60 remained, with applications totalling £36,622 pending. The fund was therefore oversubscribed.

9. **COMMUNITY FUND - CONSIDER FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TWEEDDALE ASSESSMENT PANEL**

Mr Harrow clarified that an error was present in the Tweeddale Community Fund Assessment Panel Recommendations with the application listed as "Schools Out" in fact being "Our Space Youthy", an organisation separate from Schools Out. Esther Daborn, of the Tweeddale Assessment panel provided an overview of each of the applications. Mrs Daborn clarified that the Assessment Panel had carefully considered each application, consulting with each applicant to try and ensure that the remaining funds would be

9.1 **Peebles CAN**

The application was being considered for a second time. The application was for £4,500 for a community garden project. The recommendation from the Panel was to award £2,500.

9.2 **Survivors Unite**

The application from Survivors Unite was for £5,500. The Panel acknowledged that the application had been extremely difficult to access and make a recommendation for. The Panel felt that the project was deserving of community funding and national efforts to help ensure that their cause successful. The project was Borders-Wide, but had confirmed that clients and people on the waiting list lived in the Tweeddale Locality. Part of the application was for money for IT resources – the Panel recommended that the Group contact the Tweeddale Renew Crew and for £4,500 to be awarded.

9.3 **Peebles Old Parish**

The application from Peebles Old Parish Church Of Scotland was well thought out. The Assessment Panel recommended granting £4,320 for materials instead of the requested £5,000.

9.4 **Our Space Youthy**

The application was initially for £7,500 but had been revised to £5,000. The Panel felt that the group had provided good evidence of success, and demonstrated a desire to reach 11-14 year olds from outside Peebles. The Panel, however, felt that the group needed to develop a stronger business plan and a desire to work with Tweeddale Youth Action and Peeblesshire Youth Trust, and recommended to award £1,000.

9.5 **West Linton Early Learners**

The application was for £5,000 as part of a post pandemic recovery project. The Panel noted that the business plan of the group had not been well presented, with places given free on an ad hoc basis. The Panel therefore recommended granting the Group £1,000.

9.6 **Leithen Rovers**

The application from Leithen Rovers was a small part of an overall £10k project. The majority of the funding required for the project had been obtained from other sources. The Panel recommended providing the £1,820 required to complete the project, subject to Leithen Rovers obtaining at least two quotations for the reinstatement of the roof.

9.7 **Community Trust**

The Community trust had applied for £7,500, of which the Panel recommended £3,000 to be awarded. The Panel felt that “Tweeddale Library of Things” was a large, worthwhile project and sought to provide evidence of support for the main funding application.

9.8 Mr Harrow confirmed that all of the applications considered had met the criteria required to apply for, and receive community funding, and acknowledged that difficult decisions had been made by the Assessment Panel to reach a decision with the Community Fund oversubscribed. Following considerable discussions regarding the appropriateness of providing a single group such a considerable amount of money and providing another group with no funding, Councillor Haslam, seconded by Councillor Anderson, proposed that funding for Survivors Unite was not approved. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor Haslam, seconded by Councillor Anderson, proposed that Our Space Youthy was granted £5,500. This was unanimously approved. Councillor Tatler, seconded by Councillor Anderson, proposed that the remaining applications were granted in line with the Assessment Panel recommendations, which was unanimously approved. The Assessment Panel’s recommendations were therefore overruled, with the application from Survivors Unite not approved and the application from Our Space Youthy increased to £5,500. The remaining applications were accepted in line with the Assessment Panel’s recommendations.

10. **OUTSIDE THE BOX, COMMUNITY FUND EVALUATION**

Ruth Noble was present at the meeting to provide an evaluation of the Outside The Box project, which had evolved from the Digital Buddies Model. The project aimed to connect people, especially those suffering from poor health, following the pandemic. The project had been set up to creative and flexible.

11. **ASSESSMENT PANEL SUMMARY AND FEEDBACK**

The Tweeddale Assessment Panel's Summary and Comments on the current Community Fund 2022/23 had been circulated with the agenda. The document proposed to amend the operation of the Panel by introducing deadline dates for applications to be received throughout the year. The Panel also felt that clearer guidance on Borders-wide projects, in order to deliver proportional funding and consider the locality specific benefits of an application would be a useful addition when considering future funding applications for the Community Fund. Mr Harrow highlighted that the application system was being altered to an online system, whereby no application would be considered unless it was fully completed. Members unanimously agreed to amend the Tweeddale Assessment Panel's operation to introduce deadline dates for applications throughout the year.

12. **TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP - THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS**

Those in attendance shared their thoughts regarding the operation of the Tweeddale Area Partnership, in particular highlighting that the Area Partnership was able to engage with the Community in a more direct and successful manner, and that the local area had more of a say on how money was being spent.

13. **PEEBLES PARKING SUB GROUP UPDATE**

The Chairman explained that the Peebles Parking Sub Group had reached the point where a questionnaire and consultation would be taking place over the summer months to determine how, or whether, changes would be made to off street car parks.

14. **NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP - 21 JUNE 2022**

The next full meeting of the Area Partnership was scheduled for 21 June March 2022 and the Chairman asked for agenda item suggestions to be submitted.

***The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm***

**Report to: Area Partnerships**

**Report of: Steph MacKenzie, Joint Health Improvement Team, Public Health**

**Date: June 2022**

### **Consultation on the Scottish Borders Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention Action Plan Development (2022-2025)**

#### **Background**

The Scottish Borders Joint Health Improvement Team is working with a multi-agency steering group of statutory and third sector partners to create a new three year action plan aiming to improve adult mental health and prevent suicide. The new action plan is not about our mental health services; it is about the things that help to prevent mental ill health and that promote good mental wellbeing.

Our current work covers communications and awareness campaigns, development of support resources, training around mental health and suicide prevention, research to develop our understanding of the wellbeing needs and challenges of people in the Scottish Borders and supporting communities in their approach to mental health and suicide prevention.

The purpose of the consultation is to gather feedback from people to help develop the Action Plan for Adult Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention in the Scottish Borders. Four programme areas have been identified by partners in our Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention Steering Group and the consultation asks for feedback about some of the ideas under these themes:

1. Promoting mental health and wellbeing
2. Preventing suicide and self-harm
3. Reducing mental health inequalities
4. Improving the lives of people experiencing and recovering from mental ill health

#### **Consultation**

Views of the Area Partnerships are welcomed about this important area of work and in addition to any feedback from the meeting there are two specific consultation mechanisms set up to capture wider engagement:

#### Online survey

Members are asked to respond to the online survey, which is live on Citizen Space, the Scottish Borders Council consultation site. It is open for individuals or groups to complete and will be open until 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We would welcome any help that Members can give in promoting the survey and encouraging local residents to respond. You can access the consultation at this link:

<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/public-health/improving-mental-health-in-the-scottish-borders/>

#### Focus Groups

We also have focus groups which are being held by Borders Care Voice in June 2022, seeking specific engagement with people experiencing mental ill-health, People of Colour, LGBT people, carers and people bereaved by suicide. To join a focus group or find out more information please contact Borders Care Voice on 01896 757 290 or email [admin@borderscarevoice.org.uk](mailto:admin@borderscarevoice.org.uk)

**For further information or any queries please contact Steph MacKenzie, Health Improvement Specialist (Mental Health) at the Joint Health Improvement Team by emailing [steph.mackenzie@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:steph.mackenzie@borders.scot.nhs.uk)**

Visit our online Wellbeing Point at [www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint](http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint) to access our local Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention resources.

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### Tweeddale Place Making Working Group

Since the last meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership a preliminary sub-group (composition attached) has met several times to discuss how to proceed, to determine Terms of Reference for a working group (attached), develop an outline workplan (attached), and outline how membership of a Placemaking Working Group should be determined (attached). To help inform our discussions a simple questionnaire to communities / community organisations was circulated (copy attached) to establish community interest in developing Community Place Plans. We have received positive interest from Walkerburn, Innerleithen, Peebles, Eddleston, Carlops & Skirling (summary attached).

The preliminary sub-group has also initiated the development of a glossary of terms in an effort to clarify and avoid confusion over the many different types of “plans” often referred to in correspondence. At its core this initiative is based around the concept of “Placemaking” and communities are working to develop “Place Plans” – and these two terms are used out of preference wherever possible.

We have chosen to use the term Tweeddale Area Partnership Placemaking **Working Group** to maintain consistency with the terminology already used by the Berwickshire Area Partnership Place Making **Working Group**.

The SBC Placemaking Team is setting up a Sharepoint to facilitate the making available and sharing of Placemaking related documents between communities.

### Decision-points

- Agree the Terms of Reference for the Tweeddale Placemaking Working Group.
- Agree to the use of the term Tweeddale Area Partnership Placemaking Working Group.
- Formally invite those community members making up the preliminary sub-group to continue their work as members of the Tweeddale Placemaking Working Group – noting that application for membership to the Working Group remains open.
- Appoint up to three Tweeddale councillors to the Tweeddale Placemaking Working Group.

### Proposal

- It is proposed that support from the Tweeddale Area Partnership and the SBC Placemaking Team should be provided to **all** those communities that have indicated interest in developing Community Place Plans.

Once communities have taken their first steps in planning data collection and community engagement it will become clearer what additional support resources may be required. There is a presumption that communities will drive the development of their Place Plans at their own pace and according to their capacities to do so. Development of an outline timeline for these efforts will allow support to be phased over time, and also allow for other communities to join the programme in the future.

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## **Membership of the Preliminary Tweeddale Area Partnership Placemaking Working Group**

### **Communities:**

- Ian Ireland – Walkerburn Community Development Trust
- Katrina Malone – Walkerburn Community Development Trust
- Angela Holliday – West Linton Community Council
- Kirsty Peebles – Eddleston Community Council
- Crick Carleton – Peebles Community Trust
- Steve Dubé – Peebles Community Trust
- Lorna McCullough – The Bridge (Peebles)
- Dave Hodson – Tweeddale Youth Action
- Joe Fernand – The Renew Crew Project

### **Observers – members of SBC Placemaking team:**

- James Lamb
- Kenny Harrow
- Sharon Renwick
- Hannah Lacon

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# The Tweeddale Area Partnership Placemaking Working Group

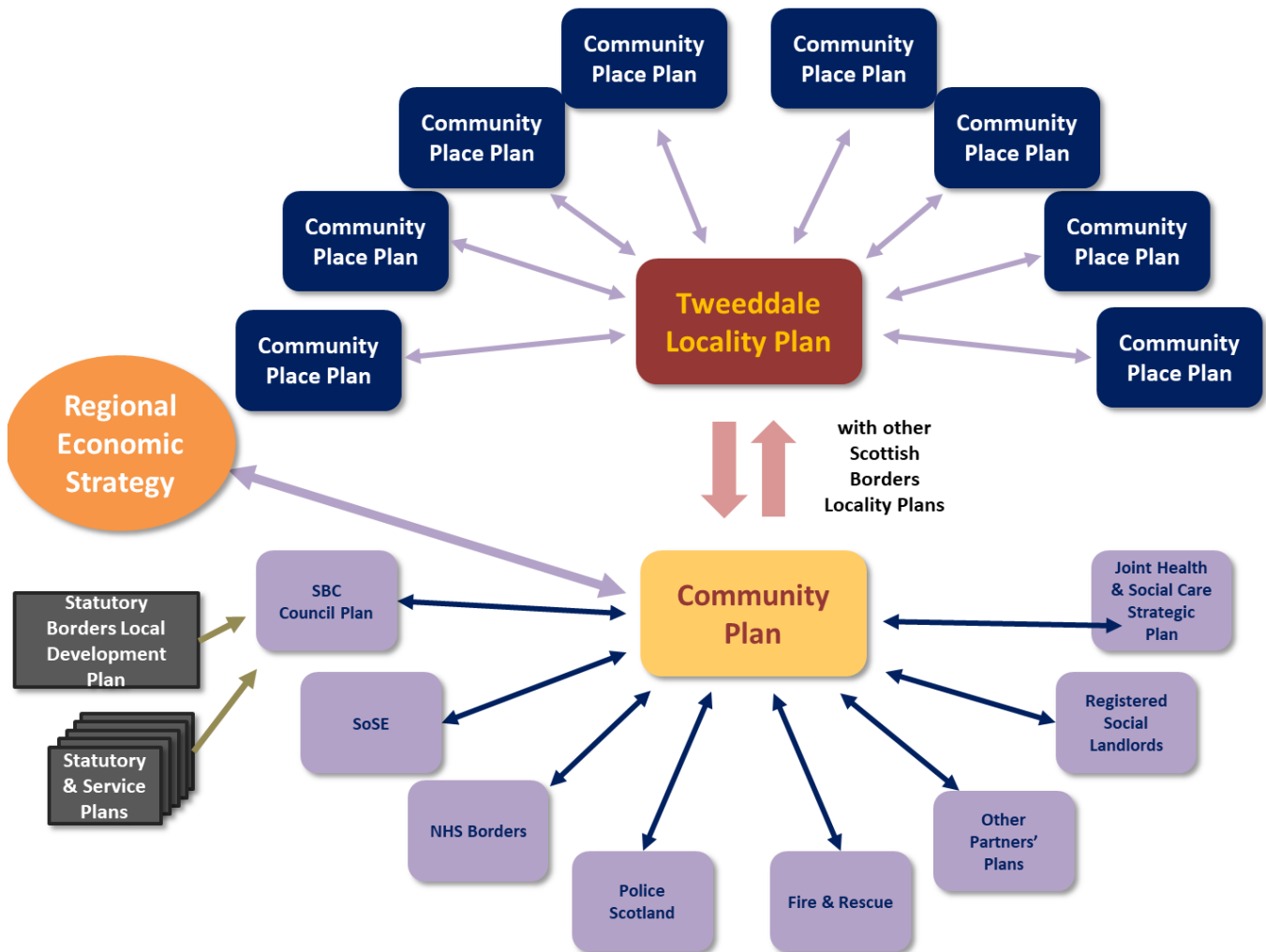
## Draft Terms of Reference

### Context

The Placemaking programme is a bottom-up community-led process by which community priorities, needs and ambitions are developed in the form of Place Plans and communicated to local government, community planning partners and funders to inform resource allocations and development support.

The roll-out in the Borders is being overseen by the five SBC Area Partnerships, with the support of the SBC Placemaking Team.

Tweeddale Community Place Plans inform the drafting of the Tweeddale Locality Plan, and the Locality Plans from the five Area Partnerships together with inputs from other Planning Partners inform the drafting of the Scottish Borders Community Plan – which is the mechanism by which Community Planning Partnerships deliver improved outcomes for their communities.



**Note:** development of the Community Plan is a two-way and iterative process between Planning Partners and the Council, including Area Partnerships and Communities

## The Placemaking Sub-group

1. The Placemaking Working Group of the Tweeddale Area Partnership is a time-limited grassroots group convened to **advise** the Partnership on the timely, efficient and effective roll-out of the Placemaking programme across Tweeddale communities, and where appropriate to help shape and support these processes and address such obstacles and bottlenecks as may present themselves.
2. It is proposed that the group be established to run for eighteen months (June 2022 to December 2023), with the opportunity for extension as needs dictate.

## Membership

1. Membership of the group is to be invited from residents of the Tweeddale area who are active participants in the development of their communities and/or have particular expertise in Placemaking, development programming or community engagement.
2. Appointment will be by the Tweeddale Area Partnership and be, in principle, for the duration of the term of the sub-group.
3. One of these members is to be elected chair.
4. Membership will also include two or three Tweeddale Area elected councillors, at the discretion of the Area Partnership.
5. The group can call on the support and expertise of the SBC Placemaking Team as required.

## Activity – Initiating, Prioritising and Rolling Out Placemaking Activity

1. Help shape and prioritise a programme of Placemaking that covers all communities or groups of communities within the locality.
2. Ensure that engagement with communities is effective and fair.
3. Ensure that engagement includes the voices of less heard groups in Tweeddale who do not tend to participate in formal groupings.
4. Act as a point of contact and a discussion chamber for addressing issues encountered by communities in the development of their Place Plans.
5. Ensure that Community Place Plans are developed to a consistent standard.
6. Work with the SBC Placemaking Team to best match community Placemaking needs with the support and resources available from and through the SBC Placemaking Team.
7. Provide a two-way communication channel between the various communities in the Tweeddale area and the Tweeddale Area Partnership (TAP) and the SBC Placemaking Team on Placemaking issues – with a focus on knowledge exchange (on-the-ground experiences, and how others have addressed place planning).

## Draft Workplan for the Tweeddale AP Placemaking Sub-group

by June 22	Develop draft Terms of Reference
by June 22	Develop proposal, and membership, for formation of the Placemaking Sub-group
by June 22	Canvas interest and preparedness of Tweeddale communities to develop Place Plans
by June 22	Develop proposal for selection of communities to be supported in the first wave of Place Plan preparation
27 <sup>th</sup> June 22	Meeting of Tweeddale Area Partnership
July 22	Selection of Tweeddale communities to participate in first wave development of Place Plans
July 22	Establishment (with the SBC Placemaking Team) of document repository for Tweeddale / Borders Place Planning
July 22	Develop a glossary of terms / jargon buster – working document
July 22	Identify contact points in each community for circulation of news on progress on roll-out of the Placemaking programme and Place Plan preparation
Jul/Aug 22	Develop with the SBC Placemaking Team and participating communities a programme of support and facilitation in preparing community diagnostics
Sept 22	Meeting of Tweeddale Area Partnership
	Communicating with communities and tackling obstacles / bottlenecks; helping build knowledge base
Dec 22	Meeting of Tweeddale Area Partnership
	Communicating with communities and tackling obstacles / bottlenecks; helping build knowledge base
Mar 23	Meeting of Tweeddale Area Partnership
	Communicating with communities and tackling obstacles / bottlenecks; helping build knowledge base
Jun 23	Meeting of Tweeddale Area Partnership
	Communicating with communities and tackling obstacles / bottlenecks; helping build knowledge base

### Note:

It is expected that the Sub-group will meet at least once a quarter outside Area Partnership meetings

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## Message to Communities in Tweeddale

### Expressions of interest in becoming involved in Placemaking activity

The Tweeddale Area Partnership has set up a Working Group (WG) to make recommendations on the way forward regarding Placemaking in Tweeddale. We have summarised below what Placemaking is, why we think it is important and who is involved.

A key question for the WG relates to the number of communities, or groups of communities, that currently have plans, are in the process of producing plans, or would like to create their own Place Plan. We would therefore like to hear your initial views. We have asked some specific questions in the email below. Please add your comments under each question and return to us **by Tuesday 31st May**. If you prefer you can complete the questionnaire online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L9HBCTY>.

At this initial stage an indication of your preliminary thoughts is probably more important than a detailed, formally agreed response. We plan to use replies to this questionnaire to gauge broad interest and help us develop a support model to take Placemaking in Tweeddale to the next stage.

To do all of this we need to engage with all age groups and sectors of the community such as schools, businesses, statutory services, representatives of community groups and clubs, Community Councils and Trusts but most of all we need to hear from individuals living and working in the area.

The Tweeddale Area Partnership will act as co-ordinators and link to Local Government and South of Scotland Enterprise. So please give us your views on as many questions as possible.

Kind regards

Crick

Crick Carleton  
Chair  
Placemaking Working Group  
Tweeddale Area Partnership

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is Placemaking?

Placemaking is a community focussed, bottom up, planning system. It recognises and builds on a community's uniqueness, aspirations, and potential to create public spaces, places, events and activities that promote people's health, happiness and wellbeing.

#### Why is Placemaking important?

By engaging with and listening to our community, we can help to:

- tackle disadvantage and social isolation
- raise levels of ambition and achievement
- support local economic growth, regeneration, job creation, learning and training
- create stronger, more interconnected and inclusive communities
- improve people's health and wellbeing
- increase cultural activity
- build pride and a sense of belonging to the place we live and work in
- attract investment and funding

### **Who is involved in Placemaking?**

Everyone in the community. We want to ensure that this is not a top-down approach, imposed on our community by local and central government so it needs to involve everyone.

We believe developing Place Plans will show that we:

- are able and keen to work together as a community
- can look to the future with strong local insight
- are able to identify what needs to be improved
- have clear, creative, sustainable plans for the future
- understand how we will achieve change and deliver the plan

### **Some questions:**

- 1. Name of Group**
- 2. Contact email address**
- 3. Where do you consider is your 'place' or 'community'?**
- 4. Does your community currently have a town/village plan?**
- 5. Are you in the process of developing a town/village plan?**
- 6. Is your group / organisation interested in creating a specific plan for your community or as part of a wider initiative?**
- 7. Who are the key people and organisations you need to engage with?  
Please list as many as you can.**

- 8. What do you see as unique and valuable in your community?**
- 9. What makes you proud to live here?**
- 10. What are the negatives of living here?**
- 11. List some of the things you think would make this a better place to live and work**
  - a. Short term – quick wins**
  - b. Medium term projects**
  - c. Longer term plans**

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# Skirling

Skirling Village

Skirling Community Council

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## Current status

### Unique & valuable

- The village owns the Village Hall
- The owners of the village green are very generous in making it available to the community for public use
- There is a history of horse and cattle fairs in the village along with the converging drove roads

### Proud to live here

- Shared delight in living here, an active church parish, and a supportive community, demonstrated through organised deliveries the pandemic and through households adopting plant tubs to show we care about our village

### Negative in living here

- No shop, no school, not enough young people,
- very busy main roads and drivers not always being mindful they are in a built up area - we are trying to get flashing signs for the speed limits, to join Community Speedwatch and to get a Pop-up Bob.
- Not enough paths to link us to Broughton or to Biggar.
- Marginally adequate public transport.
- Derelict drove roads with fences missing.

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## Local contacts

- Advisor to survey residents to ascertain interest/need
- Path route planners and advisors on negotiating with landowners. Path builders
- Bus companies to discuss public transport
- Playground constructors to build a children's playground
- Housing Planners for more affordable housing to attract young families
- Scottish Land Fund to help get orphaned land into village community trust ownership

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## Priorities

### Short-term

A survey of need and involvement of a more diverse group (not just Community Council members)

### Medium-term

Path project for active travel, getting orphaned land ownership, construction of play park

### Long-term

Affordable housing to link the two parts of the village and attract a younger demographic - perhaps a shop and school might come from that and better transport.

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## Placemaking

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| existing plan          | no  |
| existing consultation  | no  |
| interest in Place Plan | yes |

# Traquair

Traquair and surrounding villages    Traquair Village Hall

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## Current status

### Unique & valuable

- Rural yet accessible, fantastic quiet location, well-maintained and versatile village hall.

### Proud to live here

- Beautiful area, wealth of wildlife, activities, walks. Very diverse community too.

### Negative in living here

- Sometimes overlooked as an accessible location. Limited community input
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## Local contacts

- Local residents, groups and societies
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## Priorities

### Short-term

- Better community engagement

### Medium-term

- Further enhancing the facilities available

### Long-term

- Looking beyond just the village hall facilities
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## Placemaking

existing plan	no
existing consultation	no
interest in Place Plan	no

# Innerleithen

All of the EH44 postcode area

Innerleithen Community Trust

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## Current status

### Unique & valuable

- Our unique textile heritage is now gone and new economic opportunities are evolving from the 'biking interests'.
- Our natural assets can and should be used sustainably to promote economic growth.
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### Proud to live here

- A real sense of community and vibrancy to get involved and make things happen.
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### Negative in living here

- Historic lack of investment has exposed a huge deficit in facilities.

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## Local contacts

- Residents
- Sporting and Cycling Organisations,

- Businesses,
- Primary School

- Community Groups,
- Heritage Interests

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## Priorities

### Short-term

Facilities fit for purpose of the modern age

### Medium-term

Enhanced visitor experience with infrastructure to underpin

### Long-term

Joined up public transport airport/bus/bike

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## Placemaking

existing plan  
existing consultation  
interest in Place Plan

yes  
yes  
yes

Future Innerleithen  
A follow on to our previous plan.

# Peebles

**Peebles** – covers the settlement Peebles – but could incorporate interests out to the full extent of the Community Council boundary, but this is not currently the case, and would not be a simple process

## Peebles Community Trust

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### Current status

#### Unique & valuable

- A close community centred around a long standing settlement and continuing many of its ancient traditions - Beltane Festival, Common Riding, etc. - with a vibrant town centre, many community organisations, and popular tourist destination

#### Proud to live here

- Strong sense of belonging, and great resilience (as exemplified in its response to the Covid emergency)

#### Negative in living here

- limited local work opportunities - reversal from a long-standing tweed mills economy to a commuter economy; last twenty years have seen a 40% increase in built footprint - but without the equivalent in physical and institutional infrastructure; significant poverty and deprivation and Foodbank masked by general picture of affluence

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### Local contacts

- Peebles Community Trust (PCT)
- The Guildry Corporation of Peebles

- Royal Burgh of Peebles and District Community Council
- The Bridge, Peebles

- Peebles Civic Society
- The Peebles Callants

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### Priorities

#### Short-term

- control of irresponsible parking; children walking / cycling to and from school (avoids school run "traffic jams")

#### Medium-term

- allocation of areas for economic development, and building of more affordable housing so that more people can both live and work in the town

#### Long-term

- build second bridge across the Tweed and create more social infrastructure outside the High Street

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### Placemaking

existing plan

yes

Peebles Town Action Plan (published 2016) & draft 1st stage Peebles Whole Town Master Plan (published 2016)  
Both the above plans are currently being updated - the 1st covers a 3 to 5 year period; the 2nd a 20 to 30 year period

existing consultation

yes

interest in Place Plan

yes



# Carlops (1)

Carlops, Kitleyknowe,  
Ninemileburn and environs

Carlops Community Council

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## Current status

### Unique & valuable

- There is real community involvement in many aspects of life here. We have a lot of highly educated and knowledgeable people, who share their talents and skills with the wider population. Our community has sufficient long term residents, who have overlapped with previous generations, for there to be stories and knowledge still passing on by word of mouth from almost a century ago.

### Proud to live here

- It's an historic village in a lovely setting, with thriving arts, music and science groups. We have a history which is known and passed on through talks, events and celebrations.

### Negative in living here

- The trunk road which cuts through the full length of the village and is a danger to our lives, especially those of our children, elderly and animals.
- We cannot hold a conversation with neighbours at the front of our houses or while walking along the street because of it. Little is done to enforce the speed limits (or challenge the abusiveness of speeding drivers) and there is no acknowledgement that this was a village Main Street for approximately 200 years before it was made a 'trunk road' and therefore untouchable.
- Most of the village has footway on only one side of the road and is very difficult to navigate on foot as blind bends make crossing back and forth highly dangerous.
- The bus service has become increasingly hopeless over the years and is now unusable for anyone working later shifts or wanting to be in town for the evening - which makes it particularly useless for younger people working in hospitality and care.

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## Local contacts

- Residents, including children, and local farmers
  - Church
  - West Linton Beekeepers Assoc.
  - Hall committee and user groups
  - Community Garden group
  - Community Council
  - Sustainable West Linton and District
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## Priorities

### Short-term

- Retain the 20mph throughout the whole village and make the southern stretch a no overtaking zone.
- More investment in maintenance (eg, bus shelters, verges, footpaths, clearance of encroaching vegetation) or support for the community undertaking such ourselves.

### Medium-term

- Add gateways and traffic calming.
- Improve the bus service.
- Low key development of the Rock field as a community growing and meeting space.

### Long-term

- Have a footway on both sides of the road, especially at the southern end.

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## Placemaking

existing plan

no

We just have our inclusion in the SBC Local Development Plan

existing consultation  
interest in Place Plan

no

yes

## Carlops (2)

The Rock Field, Carlops

Carlops Community Garden  
Group

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### Current status

#### Unique & valuable

- Enthusiasm & ability to volunteer

#### Proud to live here

- Good neighbours & social activities.
- 20mph zone.

#### Negative in living here

- Poor public transport to Peebles.
- No late buses from Edinburgh

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### Local contacts

- Residents,
- Carlops Village Centre

- visitors,
- Carlops Church

- Carlops Community Council
- Sustainable West Linton & District

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### Priorities

#### Short-term

Keep our 20mph zone status

#### Medium-term

Better public transport

#### Long-term

By-pass

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### Placemaking

existing plan

noes

existing consultation

yes

Carried out community survey recently

interest in Place Plan

yes

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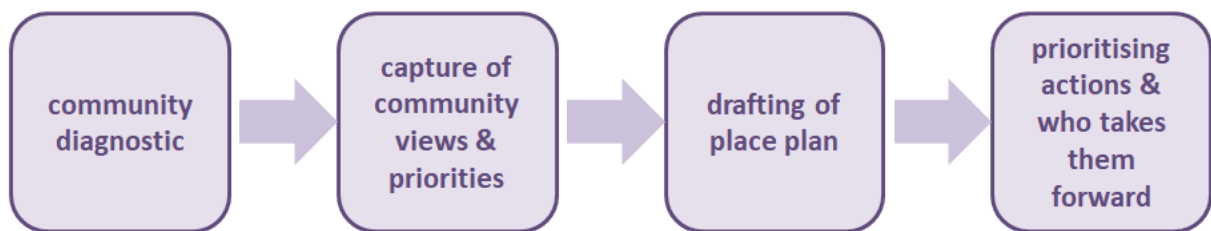
## Note on how to constitute and manage membership of the Working Group

1. Membership of the group should be invited from residents of the Tweeddale area who are active participants in the development of their communities and/or have particular expertise in Placemaking, development programming and community engagement.
2. It also makes sense that they are Tweeddale electors (i.e. they are listed on the electoral roll for East or West Tweeddale)
3. Appointment will be by the Tweeddale Area Partnership, and be in principle for the duration of the term of the working group.
4. The idea is that the size of the working group should allow for free, open and informed debate, but there is no immediate need to put a number on this.
5. Appointment for the 18 months term of the working group should not be a rigid rule, though it would be hoped that individuals would remain in membership. By the same token, it makes sense that new members can be entertained or encouraged at any time.
6. To allow for some element of selection of membership, candidates should be asked to submit a note on their interest in Placemaking, and how they believe they can contribute to the work of the working group – with selection and appointment undertaken by working group members (with input from the Chair of Tweeddale Area Partnership and a member of the SBC Placemaking Team).
7. It is a governing principle that not all communities needed to be directly represented on the working group, and that not being directly represented on the working group in no way would disadvantage a community in taking forward Placemaking.
8. Further, the essence of the group is that its membership should be broad enough to encompass the working group's remit in expertise and geographic spread, but also begging the questions:
  - should further and more specific efforts be made to recruit to the group?
  - how should the group seek to better represent harder to reach parts of the Tweeddale population (notably young people, and notably those living outside recognised settlements)?
9. The working group will be supported by members of the SBC Placemaking Team as required – but this a two-way, or even three-way thing (Placemaking Working Group, Placemaking Team, Communities). The SBC Placemaking Team has nine staff members with a range of skills and expertise who are tasked with taking forward Placemaking in the Borders. They are there to support the work of the Area Partnerships and communities, and by extension the Placemaking Working Group. The Team is also able to bring in additional expertise where required (facilitation, engagement, survey). This is a significant resource – and should be used wisely – and collaboratively.
10. The working group is free to invite representations from communities and others, and to invite inputs from experts or from those that have already developed Place Plans; these do not need to be members of the working group.

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## Note on Community Placemaking – preparing a place plan

Typically placemaking starts with a diagnostic exercise – mapping (in general terms) what the place is (its main physical geography), its components (people, homes, businesses, parks, schools, sports centres, doctors / dentists / medical services, public services, care facilities), how it works (where people live, where people work, where people play, where people access services, getting around / transport, where people shop), and descriptions of quality of life (for example how the community and its constituent parts measure on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation – <https://simd.scot>).



This diagnostic phase is then followed by community engagement to determine what people consider good and not so good about the community, what needs changing and how, and some indication of the aspirations of the community for the forward development of the community. Analysis of the information gathered may prompt further investigation in certain areas and on certain subjects, as well as further efforts to establish priorities / prioritise needs.

Emerging from this work, it becomes possible to bring all this information together into a place plan, including priorities, with some indication of who might be expected to move elements of the plan forward.

In undertaking the above there are many communities that have already prepared and implemented place plans, and so there is a great deal of information available on how best to approach each of these phases, and a range of tools / templates that can be used to help with these processes. In addition, SBC has formed a Placemaking Team of officers that have specific expertise in this area and can provide support and guidance to communities in their efforts to develop place plans.

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## Placemaking Glossary – some preliminary definitions

### The Place Principle –

- is an approach to change based upon a shared understanding of what that place is for and what it wants to become with partners and communities collaboratively agreeing the joint actions required to make that happen and doing them. It provides communities and partners with a way to exercise local or regional accountability over decisions taken about the way resources, services and assets are directed and delivered.

**Scottish Government: place principle – [www.gov.scot/publications/place-principle-introduction/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/place-principle-introduction/)**

### Placemaking –

- is a process through which places that people want to live, work, or explore are created.

**DTAS: Placemaking – <https://dtascommunityownership.org.uk/community/community-place-plans/what-are-place-plans/placemaking/>**

### Place Plan –

- Place Plans are a way for communities to achieve change in their local area. They are a tool for local communities to think about how to make their “place” better, agree priorities, and take action (often working with others) to make change happen. They are more than just a plan: they can help your community understand what it wants to be like in the future, and for working together with your local authority and others to make positive change happen.

**Scottish Government: transforming planning – [www.transformingplanning.scot/media/2236/draft-how-to-guide-pdf-format.pdf](http://www.transformingplanning.scot/media/2236/draft-how-to-guide-pdf-format.pdf)**

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**Tweeddale Funding Closing Position End of Year 2021/2022**

31 March 2022

<b>Community Fund 2021/2022</b>	
	£
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
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 57,843.50</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021	£ 56,576.90
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision	£ -
Sub-total	£ 56,576.90
<b>Funds remaining</b>	<b>£ 1,266.60</b>

<b>Build Back a Better Borders</b>	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.)	£ 80,655.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 80,655.00</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
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
<b>Funds remaining</b>	<b>£ 210.18</b>

Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Closing Position</b>	<b>£ 1,266.60</b>

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Closing Position</b>	<b>£ 210.18</b>

<b>Other sources of grant funding - Tweeddale</b>			
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	£ 10,743.00	£ 16,257.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 248.70	£ 248.70	£ -
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 3,405.88	£ 2,782.62	£ 623.26
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 80,724.08</b>	<b>£ 49,146.82</b>	<b>£ 31,577.26</b>

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## Tweeddale Funding 2022/23

27 June 2022

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2022/23	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2022	£ 74,039.56
<b>Plus</b> Community Fund (Pot A) Underspend 2021/22	£ 11,081.20
<b>Plus</b> Community Fund (Pot B) Underspend 2021/22	£ 709.24
<b>Plus</b> Local Festival Grant Underspend 2021/22	£ 1,625.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 87,455.00</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2022	£ 500.00
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 18,688.38
Sub-total	£ 19,188.38
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 68,266.62</b>
NSF applications still to be assessed	
	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 68,266.62</b>

Other sources of grant funding - Tweeddale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 13,425.00	£ -	£ 13,425.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 8,655.00	£ -	£ 8,655.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 69,400.00	£ -	£ 69,400.00
Common Good (Peebles)	£ 20,000.00	£ 1,884.91	£ 18,115.09
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 1,974.13	£ -	£ 1,974.13
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 2,069.99	£ -	£ 2,069.99
	<b>£ 115,524.12</b>	<b>£ 1,884.91</b>	<b>£ 113,639.21</b>

Summary of applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	03/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Tweeddale Red Squirell Network	£ 1,009.00	Schools education programme	Assessed
2	30/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Dementia Friendly Tweeddale	£ 4,959.88	Health and wellbeing	Assessed
3	17/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Peeblesshire Youth Trust	£ 1,458.00	School transition project for P7	Assessed
4	22/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Tweedsmuir Community Company	£ 7,261.50	Greenspace	Assessed
5	23/05/2022	N'Hood Support	West Linton Scout Group	£ 4,000.00	Outdoor Learning	Assessed
6	23/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Peebles Community Trust	£ 7,500.00	Staff Salary	Assessed
7	19/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Music in Peebles	£ 1,456.00	Music recital	Assessed
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11						
<b>Total</b>				<b>£ 27,644.38</b>		

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Tweeddale Community Fund – Assessment panel recommendations - June 27th 2022

Project	Request	Summary	Recommendation
Peebles Red Squirrel Network	£1,009	<p>Start up a schools education programme on the plight of our native red squirrels. Request funding for purchase of equipment for education (e.g. mini microscopes) and promotional materials (e.g, pull up banners, leaflets, a laminator for posters) for awareness and fund raising activities (e.g. talks and stands at shows).</p> <p>They have monitored past successes and will continue to monitor. The work will cover 39,000 hectares from Broughton to Caddonfoot and Yair. The group is entirely voluntary.</p>	To fund; £1,009
Dementia Friendly Tweeddale	£4,459.88	<p>Startup/pilot phase in Peebles for wider Tweeddale roll out. Consists of</p> <p><i>a) pilot "drop-in" social meetings for people with dementia and their carers</i> at the Masonic Hall. Professional volunteers collect and articulate the experience of people living with dementia, and publish these (in papers)- <i>funding towards venue hire.</i></p> <p><i>b) offering awareness raising sessions to businesses, services, clubs etc.</i> as to how small adaptations to their activities can improve community access. Encourage them to commit to being Dementia Friendly –</p> <p>funding will be put towards operational capacity e.g. purchase of projector with speaker, design and printing services, presentational materials, lidded storage boxes, PVG and First Aid training for volunteers, Dementia Care Journal, Zoom subscription, insurance.</p>	To fund; £4,459.88
Peeblesshire Youth Trust	£1,458	<p>Positive transitions' project is a small request to support vulnerable young people. Consists of 2 sessions for 27 vulnerable P7 pupils at the Youth Club before summer hols, a Big Day Out, and then 2 sessions after start of PHS. Offered this before with good feedback.</p> <p>Funding will be used for transport costs and to pay for entry for the identified young people, so that costs aren't a barrier to participation.</p>	To fund; £1,458

<b>Tweedsmuir Community Company</b>	£7,261.50	<p>The development of a community garden on a community owned site at the Crook Inn, Tweedsmuir. The masterplan for the whole site consists of a productive garden, an inspirational garden, and a community recreation space offering training opportunities, workshops and events to complement the Wee Crook.</p> <p>The project has been split into smaller phases to make it easier to manage, fund, and complete with volunteer gardeners. Request funding for materials (listed total £6,221.50 ) and 40 weeks of a part time Community Development Manager, contracted to the TCC as project manager for half a day per week for 40 weeks = £2,600. (Total cost of project = £10,073.50; contribution = £2812; request = £7,261.50)</p>	To fund; £7,261.50
<b>West Linton Scout Group</b>	£4,000	<p>Getting going again after Covid and encouraging more kids to join. Offering 2 nights Camp for 41 scouts (£3727.50) plus equipment (£671.66).</p> <p>The panel are keen to support a group for young people re-establishing post pandemic within a more rural community.</p>	To fund; £4,000
<b>Peebles Community Trust</b>	£7,500	<p>Library of Things: pilot to offer opportunities to borrow not buy; to develop a community resource for this community and its community groups to tap into; to support low income groups to access resources at low cost allowing inclusivity; to encourage community groups to share seldom used resources which are not in use.</p> <p>Funding requested for setting up 'myTurn' app and PT staff to work with volunteers. Long term: employed post might suit skill sets of those with disabilities, and funding would come from membership &amp; lending fees. There is on-going monitoring of needs and use. PCT have been invited to apply for FCC environmental fund</p>	Not to fund



		<p><u>Panel thoughts:</u></p> <p><i>Very worthwhile idea. As far as we can understand this is a re-think of the pilot which was awarded £3,000 funding in March 2022. PCT has not yet responded to requests for clarification nor completed initial evaluation from award in March. Therefore defer an award.</i></p>	
<p><b>Music in Peebles</b></p>	<p>£1,456</p>	<p>The Life and Music of Learmont Drysdale - a 19<sup>th</sup> Century composer whose family had strong Tweeddale connections and is buried in Peebles cemetery. To raise awareness of Tweeddale cultural heritage, an illustrated talk on the composer's life, family and local connections will be followed by performances of some of his large musical output, including chamber music, solo piano and song settings, many of them using texts by Borders writers. The talk and recital will be filmed by a local film maker and made available to schools, colleges and other music societies.</p> <p>The project originated from the discovery of a monument to LD in Tweeddale Hills. A member of the Tweeddale Society undertook biographical research and worked together with members of Music in Peebles to put a project together that draws on the expertise of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. The RCS will curate and transcribe the music. Students of RCS will perform at the Eastgate Theatre for a ticketed audience (with discounts for adults accompanied by children).</p> <p><u>Panel thoughts:</u></p> <p><i>The detailed funding table submitted by applicants helps to distinguish between</i></p> <p><i>i) the wider benefits to the Tweeddale community - the filming by a local film maker and the subsequent availability of the film for educational use</i></p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p><i>ii) the more limited benefits for Peebles – the ticketed performance.</i></p>	<p>To fund; £1,450</p>

		<i>The recommendation is therefore to fund the preparation costs of £1,000 (curate and transcribe the music) plus the filming costs of £450 = £1,450.</i>	
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