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Tweeddale
Area Partnership

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Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 19 March 2024
Time: 7pm
Location: Drill Hall, Walkershaugh, Peebles, EH45 8AU

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Minute and Action Tracker (Pages 3 - 10) (a) Consider Minute of meeting held on 6 February 2024. (Copy attached.) (b) Consider Action Tracker. (Copy attached.)
3.	Feedback from Previous Meeting Feedback from meeting held on 6 February 2024.
	Section 1: Service & Partner Updates & Consultations
4.	Round Table Discussion: Area Partnerships Review Clare Malster- Participation Officer Scottish Borders Council to lead round table discussions on the review of Area Partnerships.
5.	Peebles Youth Voice Iain Gibson- Peebles Youth Voice to give an update on local initiatives for the increase in provisions available to young people.
	Section 2: Local Priorities
6.	Flood Management in Tweeddale Colin Kerr to provide an update.
7.	Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 11 - 14) Chris Lewin- Assessment Panel Chair to give an overview of Neighbourhood Support Fund criteria and processes around decisions.
	Community Empowerment & Funding
8.	Funding Table Overview (Pages 15 - 16)

	Copy attached.
9.	<p>Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 17 - 18)</p> <p>Tweeddale Assessment Panel to present funding recommendations for the following NSF applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dyslexic Collective • Innerleithen Golf Club • Peebles County Cricket Club • Linton Lifts
	Section 4: Other
10.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Opportunity to raise local matters.</p>
11.	Any Other Business
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Area Partnership: 11th June 2024 with agenda issued 28th May 2024.</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team</p>

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

ACTION TRACKER (PUBLIC BUSINESS)

TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP – FEBRUARY 2023 onwards

Notes:-

Items for which no actions are required are not included

NO.	MINUTE PARAGRAPH NUMBER, TITLE AND DECISION REQUIRING ACTION	DEPARTMENT	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	OUTCOME
6 FEBRUARY 2024				
1. FLOOD MANAGEMENT IN TWEEDDALE	Para 6 –distribution of Minute of Flood Group meeting to Members and attendees.	Communities	Hannah Lacon	
2. FUNDING TABLE OVERVIEW	Para 7 – AGREED TO FUND: (a) £4k to Innerleithen Pipe Band; (b) £3,600 to Clovenfords Community Council; (c) £2,237 to Tweeddale Youth Action; (d) £1,500 to St Ronan’s Silver Band; (e) £5k to Greener Peebles; (f) £5k to Innerleithen Community Trust; (g) £7014 to Oor Space Youthy; (h) £3,888 to Newlands & District Playgroup; (i) £3k to Peebles Scout Group; and (j) £5k to Tweed Togs	Communities	Kenny Harrow/Hannah Lacon	
7 FEBRUARY 2023				
1. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND	Para 7 – AGREED (g) to add an item to the agenda of the meeting of 28 March 2023 to consider the criteria and process recommended by the Assessment Panel for fast track application for awards under £1500.	Communities	Kenny Harrow/Hannah Lacon	Move to future meeting.

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held VIA
MICROSOFT TEAMS on Tuesday, 6
February 2024 at 7.00 pm

- Present:- Councillors M. Douglas (Chair), D. Begg, J. Pirone, E. Small, R. Tatler, V. Thomson
- Apologies:- Councillor V. Thomson, Colin Kerr
- In Attendance:- Community Engagement Officers (H. Lacon, K. Harrow), P. Rigby, A. Waterston-Law (MSYP) Democratic Services Officer (L. Cuerden)
- Also In Attendance:- C. Lewin (Tweeddale Assessment Panel), P. Maudsley (Chair, Peebles Community Council), Crick Carleton (Chair, Tweeddale Area Partnership Place Making Working Group), J. Jepson, C. Whitmore (Clovenfords & District Community Council), L. Denholm, J. Dobbing, M. Scott, D. Hodson (TYA), F. Drummond, I. Gibson, C. Swan, L. Lovell-Henderson

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership and outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2. MINUTE AND ACTION TRACKER

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 31 October 2023.

DECISION

NOTED and AGREED the Minute of 31 October 2023 and Action Tracker.

3. FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Kenny Harrow provided a recap of the last meeting, attended by Chief Executive NHS Borders Ralph Roberts. Further conversations had since taken place as a contribution to Place Making. There were to be opportunities for future discussions as required within the Area Partnership and Community Engagement Officers were available to help facilitate these. Peter Maudsley (Peebles Community Council Chair) informed attendees of his role on the working group regarding the a review of the four community hospitals in the Borders and information was to be brought back to the Area Partnership where appropriate in line with the confidentiality agreement. The working group had been established in response to issues that had arisen in Kelso and Duns regarding an impending lack of Doctor cover previously provided through GPs.

DECISION

NOTED

4. INTRODUCTION TO MSYP

Pam Rigby, Youth Engagement Officer SBC introduced Alex Waterston-Law who had recently been elected to the Scottish Youth Parliament. Ms Waterston-Law summarised her priorities for attendees: transport and the limitation it places on young people; access to sport; and youth work, particularly in relation to the mental and physical health and

wellbeing of young people. Members and attendees congratulated Ms Waterston-Law on her appointment and Councillor Pirone advised her of a new youth work task group that was to begin in Tweeddale. Any correspondence was to be directed to Pam Rigby until such time as all MSYPs had been allocated an email account; Pam Rigby was also to be copied in to all emails sent to MSYPs. The MSYPs' email addresses were to be circulated to Members by Pam Rigby once set up.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

5. PEEBLES TOWN TEAM UPDATE

Crick Carleton provided a summary of progress to date on Place Making in Peebles. The team had produced a working draft of an updated town action plan that was available to view and download from SBC website ([Peebles \(arcgis.com\)](http://Peebles(arcgis.com))). Consultants had been recruited via the SBC Place Making Support Framework to support the finalisation of the place plan and town action plan. At the appropriate time, consultants could be recruited by Place Planning/ Town Teams for two purposes: (1) to support communities in the development of their Place Plan and (2) to develop investment proposals for items identified in Place Plans. Funding was in place to be drawn down from the Shared Prosperity Fund where appropriate. A summary of the consultant's remit was shared with attendees and was expected to be finalised for Peebles in May 2024; the result being an accessible, public facing Town Action Plan to sit alongside the Peebles Place Plan. Attendees were advised that any application for funding had to demonstrate that the objectives were deliverable, fundable and were likely to have the support of Planning partners. A short history of the Peebles Place Making Team and its contributors, including SBC, was provided and the processes of applying for consultancy funding and engaging a consultant was explained. It was suggested that communities required more help to develop capacity within to enable them to take the Place Planning process forward. Borders Community Action was engaged in a pilot project in Berwickshire for a Development Officer whose remit was to build capacity. There was a request for Tweeddale to have a similar role. Hannah Lacon was the SBC point of contact at Hannah.lacon@scotborders.gov.uk.

DECISION

NOTED the update

6. FLOOD MANAGEMENT IN TWEEDDALE

Due to the absence of Colin Kerr, it was agreed to continue discussion on the matter until the next meeting of the Area Partnership. A meeting of the Flood Group was to be held on 15 February and it was requested that the minute of that meeting be circulated to Members.

7. FUNDING TABLE OVERVIEW

There had been circulated copies of the Tweeddale Funding Table which showed available funds in the Tweeddale area. Kenny Harrow reported that there was an opening balance of £60,138.77 at 1 April 2023. Were all applications under consideration to be successful, there would be £2,774.53 left.

DECISION

NOTED

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND

- 8.1 Chris Lewin of the Tweeddale Assessment panel provided an overview of each of the applications. The Assessment Panel had carefully considered each application and any conflicts of interest were declared during the Panel's deliberations.

Innerleithen Pipe Band had requested £4,000 towards the purchase of new drums. The balance was to be paid from various local fundraising events.

DECISION
AGREED TO FUND £4,000

Home Basics Co Ltd had requested £1,3200 towards the costs of purchasing tablets and sim cards to update their delivery system which was currently on paper. It was suggested that they contact SBC's IT delivery partner CGI directly as an alternative.

DECISION
AGREED NOT TO FUND

Innerleithen Community Council applied for £4,200 to support with the costs to run an arts event, funding for 2025 and a website.

DECISION
AGREED NOT TO FUND

Clovenfords Community Council applied for £3,600 to finance a flood risk assessment to prepare for a larger project to construct a new bridge to replace the existing one which is inadequate. Jennfer Jepson and Chris Whitmore from Clovenfords Community Council provided further information on the need for the risk assessment to be done in order to obtain funding for the bridge construction.

DECISION
AGREED TO FUND £3,600

Tweeddale Youth Action applied for £2,237 towards the one-off £2,596 cost of setting up a pizza shop on Peebles High Street.

DECISION
AGREED TO FUND £2,237

St Ronan's Silver Band applied for £3,000 towards the cost of replacement uniforms. Members agreed that fundraising should be undertaken by the band for half of the cost.

DECISION
AGREED TO FUND £1,500

Greener Peebles applied for £6,000 towards the cost of a new and improved poly tunnel (polycrub) to replace one damaged in a recent storm. As there was no evidence of other funding sought, the funding award was capped at £5,000.

DECISION
AGREED TO FUND £5,000

Innerleithen Community Trust applied for £5,000 towards the £7,810 cost of repainting the Memorial Hall's entrances.

DECISION
AGREED TO FUND £5,000

Oor Space Youthy applied for £7,014 towards the £9,570 cost of staff salaries for the two leaders and hall rent for the first half of 2024. Clare Swan (Oor Space Youthy) spoke to the additional information, circulated to the Assessment Panel and Members. Iain Gibson (Peebles Youth Voice) also spoke in favour of the application. There followed a discussion on the amount to award the organization as there was no evidence of funding sought elsewhere. Members unanimously supported an award of £7,014 as they considered this to be a unique case. Regarding the ongoing sustainability of Oor Space Youthy, Members were informed of their plans to liaise closely with Peebles Youth Voice and Peebles Youth Trust to develop a fundraising strategy going forward.

DECISION

AGREED TO FUND £7,014

Newlands and District Playgroup applied for £3,888 towards the £4,276 cost to employ a part-time teacher in their gardening activity.

DECISION

AGREED TO FUND £3,888

Tweed Togs applied for £7,500 towards the total project cost of £8,055 to rent storage units. Tweed Togs supplies good quality, donated clothing to local families in need. As there was no evidence of other funding sought, the funding award was capped at £5,000.

DECISION

AGREED TO FUND £5,000

Peebles Scout Group applied for £3,000 towards the £3,500 cost of renovating its outdoor meeting area.

DECISION

AGREED TO FUND £3,000

Following the agreed awards, Hannah Lacon informed Members that there was now £12,953 remaining in the Neighbourhood Support Fund. There were two applications for consideration at the meeting on 19 March, with an expectation that there would be several more. If the Fund was oversubscribed for 2023/24, groups were to be encouraged to apply 2024/25.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kenny Harrow advised attendees that members of staff of Edinburgh Napier University were to be conducting interviews with adults who live in villages or towns across the Scottish Borders. They were to ask a broad range of questions about aspects of quality of life, traffic and travel and whether speed limit changes made any differences to people's lives and, if so, how and why. It was the intention to speak to people who had lived in towns and villages in the Scottish Borders since at least 2018. The interviews were to last no longer than 60 minutes and were to be conducted on-line, where possible. Face-to-face interviews were to be conducted in Council hub buildings accessible by the interviewees. The interviews were to be recorded, and required consent for the interviews from the potential interviewees. Interested persons were to contact the University directly; S.Tully@napier.ac.uk or A.Davis@napier.ac.uk.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership was noted as 19 March 2024 which was to be at Drill Hall, Walkershaugh, Peebles, EH45 8AU.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

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Make sure you read these guidance notes carefully before completing an application.

What is the Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund?

Our Neighbourhood Support Fund provides support and offers assistance with the development of new and innovative community based projects for voluntary and community groups that are active within their communities.

The scheme is divided up between each of the five Area Partnerships (Berwickshire, Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot and Liddesdale, and Tweeddale). The amounts provided are subject to periodic review by ourselves. Each Area Partnership may operate a different assessment process.

The Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund is operated in line with the principles of best practice and our Code of Practice for following the Public Pound.

These guidance notes explain who can apply and what grants can be used for. There is an explanation of the assessment and interview process which will be used to recommend which applications should be approved. Some pointers are given to assist you in planning your project and this is followed by a section taking you through the application form, with guidance to help you answer each question. Finally there is a list of the documents you must submit with your application.

Support

For advice on other funding opportunities, contact:

- Grants Administrator:
 - email: communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk
 - phone: 0300 100 1800

Applications for funding

To be able to apply for funding you need to meet the following conditions:

- you must be a voluntary or community group that is based in Tweeddale, or a non-Tweeddale-based voluntary or community group which can demonstrate direct benefits for the Tweeddale community

- if your group is not formally constituted, you need a constituted umbrella organisation to join with you as banker
- you should be committed to equality of opportunity for all

Alongside your application you should also provide copies of all supporting documents.

Applications are welcome from groups working in partnership but one group must be identified as the lead applicant.

We recommend that you should check other possible funding sources before applying and this is a requirement in any case for applications over £5k. Where there are alternative sources funding (you should apply to those sources first. It will help if applicants can demonstrate that they have matched funding in place or can at least demonstrate that they have attempted to secure funding from elsewhere.

Applications need to be submitted well in advance of project start dates as no retrospective funding is given.

Applications need to be submitted four weeks prior to Tweeddale Area Partnership meeting

See our **[guidance for completing an application](#)** for more information.

Who cannot apply?

- individuals
- groups that wish to pass the funding on to individuals
- organisations involved in party political activities
- companies which aim to make a profit for distribution to individuals/shareholders
- statutory bodies which are not Community Councils

How much can the grant be and what can it be used for?

- all groups can apply for up to £5k
- constituted groups may apply for an additional £2.5k making a total of £7.5k if they can evidence that they have sought additional funding elsewhere
- unconstituted groups can apply up to £5k
- at least 10% of the overall cost of the project must be met by the applicant group or from users of the services provided by the project

Two applications are permitted per annum from any one group provided that they are for different projects. The first project must be fully evaluated before a second application can be submitted. If you have previously received funding from us, an evaluation form must be submitted before an application can be made to the Neighbourhood Support Fund.

Funding can be used for a variety of purposes including:

- the purchase of equipment
- small capital works
- hire and running costs
- maintenance costs
- capacity building projects
- feasibility studies
- pilot schemes
- staff and other costs for up to 1 year for new projects.

Funding may also be used for local participatory budgeting (our Community Choices).

Funding cannot pay for:

- ordering or spending which has taken place prior to application approval
- alterations and improvements to licensed serving areas
- trips abroad
- maintenance of private roadways, unless vital for access to the group's facilities
- planning applications
- hospitality: food and drink
- ongoing core salary costs, though consideration may be given to support in exceptional situations where the continued existence of the group is threatened and no other sources of funding can be found.
- Infrastructure, land and buildings in public ownership, unless there is no alternative source of funding such as SBC funding or charges made to the public for events, lettings etc.
- A project which does not benefit the community but is a component of a larger project, unless there is clear evidence that the larger project will be beneficial and will get funded in due course.

The project you are seeking funding must be one which would make a real difference within the Tweeddale community. The impact it makes needs to

be measurable in terms of both the number of community members benefiting and the scale of that benefit, and you need to estimate these on the application form. Outcomes that we would look for groups/organisations to achieve are:

- communities have more access to better quality local services or activities (including arts, music, heritage, wellness or sports activities)
- communities have more access to a better-quality environment (including the built environment)
- communities have more pride in their community
- communities have more access to better quality advice and information
- building community capacity and fostering the sustainability of local initiatives
- increasing community involvement in local regeneration and development
- supporting the acquisition, development and use of community assets
- supporting skill development and not for profit initiatives that will help lead to job creation and a diverse local economy
- fostering social networks and increasing community engagement with local organisations, activities and initiatives
- overcoming the barriers that can prevent disadvantaged or excluded members of the community from enjoying a high quality of life, particularly young people and older people
- involving local people in the sensitive and sustainable stewardship of the natural environment.

Tweeddale Funding 2023/24

19th March 2024

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2023/24	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2023	£ 51,199.00
Plus NSF Underspend 2022/23	£ 8,939.77
Total available	£ 60,138.77
Less:	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2023	£ 47,211.24
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 15,284.00
Sub-total	£ 62,495.24
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	-£ 2,356.47
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	-£ 2,356.47

Other sources of grant funding - Tweeddale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 13,425.00	£ 10,175.00	£ 3,250.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 8,655.00	£ 7,125.00	£ 1,530.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 71,820.00	£ 28,473.00	£ 43,347.00
Common Good (Peebles)	£ 25,000.00	£ 22,050.00	£ 2,950.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 300.89	£ 300.00	£ 0.89
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 4,529.94	£ 3,810.00	£ 719.94
	£ 123,730.83	£ 71,933.00	£ 51,797.83

Summary of applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	20/03/2023	N'Hood Support	St Ronans Bowling Club	£ 1,200.00	Recycled Picnic Benches	Awarded
2	01/05/2023	N'Hood Support	Peebles Christmas Lights Association	£ 2,000.00	Santa Sleigh Illuminated Light Display	Awarded
3	12/05/2023	N'Hood Support	Eastgate Theatre	£ 3,000.00	Arts programme for 11-16yr olds	Unsuccessful
4	08/06/2023	N'Hood Support	The Dyslexic Collective	£ 2,500.00	Educational resources for dyslexic students	Unsuccessful
5	16/06/2023	N'Hood Support	Oor Space Youthy	£ 6,723.90	Staffing costs	Unsuccessful
6	20/07/2023	N'Hood Support	Conservation Without Borders	£ 7,500.00	Documentary on Osprey Conservation	Unsuccessful
7	07/09/2023	N'Hood Support	Conservation Without Borders	£ 7,500.00	Documentary on Osprey Conservation	Unsuccessful
8	29/09/2023	N'Hood Support	Linton Hotspur Football Club	£ 3,671.99	Mobile 11 a Side Football Goals	Awarded
9	13/12/2023	N'Hood Support	Home Basics Company Ltd	£ 1,320.00	Tablets and sim cards	Unsuccessful
10	12/12/2023	N'Hood Support	Innerleithen Pipe Band	£ 4,000.00	Instruments	Awarded
11	19/12/2023	N'Hood Support	Innerleithen & District CC	£ 4,200.00	Art Exhibition	Unsuccessful
12	30/12/2023	N'Hood Support	Clovenfords CC	£ 3,600.00	Flood Risk Assessment	Awarded
13	04/01/2024	N'Hood Support	Tweeddale Youth Action	£ 2,337.25	Staffing Costs	Awarded
14	06/01/2024	N'Hood Support	St Ronan's Silver Band	£ 1,500.00	Replacement uniforms	Awarded
15	06/01/2024	N'Hood Support	Greener Peebles	£ 5,000.00	polycrub	Awarded
16	06/01/2024	N'Hood Support	Innerleithen Community Trust	£ 5,000.00	Repainting of Memorial Hall foyer	Awarded
17	06/01/2024	N'Hood Support	Oor Space Youthy	£ 7,014.00	Staffing costs	Awarded
18	06/01/2024	N'Hood Support	Newlands and Kirkurd Playgroup	£ 3,888.00	Staffing costs for outdoor learning	Awarded
19	06/01/2024	N'Hood Support	Peebles Scout Group	£ 3,000.00	Renovation of outdoor meeting space	Awarded
20	06/01/2024	N'Hood Support	Tweed Toggs	£ 5,000.00	Storage unit rental	Awarded
21	20/01/2024	N'Hood Support	The Dyslexic Collective	£ 4,000.00	School supplies for Dyslexic students	Assessed
22	20/02/2024	N'Hood Support	Innerleithen Golf Club	£ 7,500.00	Tractor and trailer	Assessed
23	23/02/2024	N'Hood Support	Peebles County Cricket Club	£ 3,194.00	Equipment	Assessed
24	26/02/2024	N'Hood Support	Linton Lifts	£ 590.00	Start up costs	Assessed
Total				£ 62,495.24		

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Neighbourhood Fund Panel Recommendations 19th March 2024

The Dyslexia Collective

The Dyslexic Collective have applied for £4,000 to pay for practical items to help dyslexic learning students in their first year at Peebles High School. This is a re-submission of an application made in July 2023, which was not recommended for approval, even though it is recognised that dyslexic students need support. The group were unable to provide a letter of support from the school, explaining how these items would help or the impact they would have on the students. The panel felt that it was therefore premature at this moment to provide support for this first-year project. If however, further information was supplied the panel would recommend to fund. **Not recommended for approval.**

Innerleithen Golf Club

Innerleithen Golf Club, which has 217 members, would like to buy a second-hand tractor and trailer for £15,000 to replace their existing one which is at the end of its life. They have applied for £7,500 but as they have not applied elsewhere, they will be limited to £5,000. The panel recommends approval subject to sufficient warranties being in place. **Agreed to Fund £5,000.**

Peebles County Cricket Club

Peebles County Cricket Club have applied for £3,194 towards the £3,548 cost of a new bowling machine, which will be securely locked at Peebles High School when not in use. It will help to support the development of cricket at the High School through the coaching of pupils but will also be available for other clubs wishing to use it. The panel felt that this is a worthwhile activity which should be supported. **Agreed to Fund.**

Linton Lifts

Linton Lifts are taking steps to explore the possible introduction of a car scheme in the area to take people to doctors and hospital appointments (similar to a scheme in Broughton). The applicant has applied for £590 to meet the costs of leaflets and other expenses to assess demand. The panel recommends approval on the basis that it will be made clear to the applicant that the money cannot be used to finance the car scheme itself, where there are insufficient details. **Agreed to Fund.**

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