

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA LOCALITY COMMITTEE  
INFORMAL MEETING**

NOTE of an Informal Meeting of the TEVIOT  
AND LIDDESDALE AREA LOCALITY  
COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber,  
TOWN HALL, HAWICK on Wednesday 11  
October 2017 at 3.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors: S Marshall (Chairman), W McAteer, D Paterson, C Ramage, N Richards, G Turnbull, S Aitchison.  
In Attendance:- Communities and Partnership Manager, Lead Officer for Localities, Democratic Services Officer (J Turnbull).

**1. LOCALITIES BID FUND**

- 1.1 The Communities and Partnership Manager, Ms Smith, advised that the Informal Meeting had been arranged for Members to agree arrangements for the Teviot and Liddesdale Localities Bid Fund. It was noted that the Teviot and Liddesdale locality had been allocated £78k. Ms Smith clarified that the maximum award was capped at £5k for a non-constituted group; the amount that could be allocated to constituted groups would be at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee agreed not to set a maximum amount for constituted groups.
- 1.2 Ms Smith outlined the bid process and clarified that existing projects would not be eligible for funding, the Fund being for new and innovative projects. However, if an existing organisation applied for funding for a new project this would be considered. Bids that weren't successful or did not meet the criteria would be signposted to alternative sources of funding. The Borders Assessment Panel would assess the projects going forward to public vote.
- 1.3 The weighting of the allocation was discussed and Ms Smith advised that she was meeting with the Democratic Society on Tuesday and would advise on other models of allocating funding in rural areas and any adjustment that required to be made for the second phase.
- 1.4 With regard to marketing the Fund, Ms Smith circulated at the meeting, promotional leaflets and posters. These would be sent to all community councils, Hawick Contact Centre and village halls. There would also be a media release, Twitter and Facebook promotion. Members were asked to promote the project in their Wards and offer support to applicants. Members agreed that no additional marketing would be necessary as this would have to be financed from the Fund.
- 1.5 The allocation of the Fund was then considered. It was agreed that £38k would be allocated from the first release, which would close on 1 December 2017; with £40k for the second release. It was also agreed that the £38k be allocated to all the themes of the Community Plan. A decision would be made to the allocation of the second release once the Committee could gauge interest and likely community projects.

**DECISION**

**AGREED:-**

- (a) That £38,000 be the allocation from the first release of the Teviot and Liddesdale Localities Bid Fund;
- (b) That the £38,000 be aligned to all themes of the Community Plan;
- (c) That no additional marketing was required; and
- (d) There would be no maximum amount set for constituted groups.

*The meeting concluded at 3.50 pm.*