

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE  
AREA PARTNERSHIP held Via Microsoft  
teams on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 12.30 pm

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Present:- SBC Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Haslam and E. Small;  
Ms E. Daborn (Skirling CC), Mr L. Hayworth (Peebles & District CC and  
Peebles Community Trust), Mr J. Taylor (Eddleston & District CC).

Apologies:- Councillor S. Bell

Absent:- Councillor K. Chapman

In Attendance:- Clerk to the Council and Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow)

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## 1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the special meeting of the Area Partnership held via MS Teams and outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the Livestream could participate.

## 2. TWEEDDALE COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL

- 2.1 With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of 15 June 2021, there had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Customer & Communities, seeking approval for the appointment process for members of the Tweeddale Community Fund Assessment Panel and how that Panel would operate with regard to meetings. In terms of appointments of applicants from the Tweeddale area public to the Assessment Panel, it was proposed that this be delegated to the Service Director Customer & Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Tweeddale Area Partnership. The names of the successful candidates would then be notified at the next available meeting of the Area Partnership. Suitable training would be provided to all members of the Assessment Panel. Details of the proposed constitution and procedural rules for the Assessment Panel were contained in the Appendix to the report.
- 2.2 The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Mr Kenny Harrow, presented highlights of the report and advised that while it was hoped of the 6 members to be appointed from the community, that this would include a young person, an older person, a representative from the Access Panel, a representative from the environmental sector, and a representative from the social enterprise sector, this would depend on who submitted an application. Recruitment was open for 3 weeks, with details on the Council website, and Mr Harrow confirmed he would email the information out to the Area Partnership group so they could also help with publicity. A further 2 Community Council members could be part of the Panel, representing Community Councils in each Ward, but this additional membership would need formal approval at an Area Partnership meeting. Councillor Haslam asked that a further bullet point was added to the procedural rules that "SBC would provide officer support to record the decisions of the Panel meetings and provide support to the Group", and this was unanimously accepted. In response to some questions, it was confirmed that notes of the Panel members could be open to FOI enquiries and this would be covered in training of Panel members; no-one could be co-opted on to the Panel as the community members would all need to complete application forms and go through the recruitment process which could be re-opened as necessary, and all Panel members would require training. It was indicated that the Tweeddale Access Panel and the Youth Panel may struggle with capacity to become one the community members, but discussions were underway to see if they could observe or provide input to the process in some way.

## **DECISION**

### **AGREED:**

- (a) **To delegate authority to the Service Director, Customer & Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Tweeddale Area Partnership, to appoint members of the Tweeddale community to the Tweeddale Community Fund Assessment Panel, following a suitable recruitment process; and**
- (b) **To approve the constitution and procedural rules for the Assessment Panel as detailed in the Appendix to this Minute.**

### **3. BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS FUND**

Copies of an assessment form for an application to the Build Back a Better Borders Fund from Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Parish Church of Scotland had been circulated. The Church was seeking a grant of £5,634 to run weekly arts and crafts classes, predominantly for older residents in Walkerburn and Cardrona, with a total of 40 classes over 6 months. The classes, delivered in Cardrona and Walkerburn Village Halls, would offer a mixture of arts and crafts opportunities with each session finishing with refreshments and an opportunity to socialise in a safe space. The project was aimed at vulnerable people living the villages of Walkerburn, Traquair and Cardrona who had been isolated by poverty, age, mental and physical health, and it was estimated that 30 people from each village would be involved over the course of the project.

## **DECISION**

**AGREED to award Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Parish Church the sum of £5,634 from the Build Back a Better Borders Fund for an arts & crafts project covering Walkerburn, Cardrona and Traquair.**

### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other items of business were raised.

### **5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Area Partnership was confirmed as Tuesday 21 August 2021 via MS Teams. The Chairman advised that should further applications for the Build Back a Better Borders Fund be received and assessed before then, an additional special meeting of the Area Partnership would be set up to consider those. The Local Development Co-ordinator confirmed that the application agreed at that day's meeting would receive publicity as the first approved application from the Fund from across the Borders.

***The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm***