

Community Fund Assessment Panel for Tweeddale Area Partnership:

Recommendations from meeting, 5pm on Tuesday 14th September

CF2122-TW-06 Carlops Community Apiary - £1367.00

Aims of the project;

Sustainable West Linton and District (SWLD) aims to work with West Linton and District Beekeepers' Association (WLDBKA) to establish a community apiary on land in Carlops to

- Establish a focus for demonstrating beekeeping
- Act as a centre for training local beekeepers who will be encouraged to sit exams in beekeeping through the Scottish Beekeeping Association
- Work with WLDBKA's queen rearing programme to breed indigenous bees to provide bees to local beekeepers.

Comments

The project objectives could make some difference to the community as a whole, not just to those who keep bees already. The resources for the project are to be locally sourced, with some items contributed in kind. However, the application is unclear in these areas

- How many people are committed to programme? And what is the need within the community
- How many training/ educational classes does the group hope to provide within a year?
- What steps will be taken to raise 'general interest in bee welfare and the need for pollinators'?

Recommendation

The Panel feel that they don't have all the information required to provide an accurate assessment and would like to follow up with the group. Therefore the **panel recommend that this application is deferred until the Area Partnership meeting in November**. This would allow time for sufficient follow up questions.

CF2122-TW-04 Tweedsmuir Super-Fast Broadband - £3341.70

Aims of the project;

- To address the on-going problem of slow broadband speeds in the Tweedsmuir Area (c.80 households) caused by the withdrawal of Openreach from a fully funded superfast installation project. This is now delayed until 2024-25.
- To install and manage a satellite system to provide superfast broadband connection in Tweedsmuir Village Hall.
- To offer superfast broadband access to both individuals and groups. Individuals could book the Hall for office type space for work or study at subsidised rates through the day. Groups could use it for hybrid meetings and enjoy more social events in the evening (using the new media system to show films, provide music etc.)

Comments;

This project offers a pragmatic solution for an ongoing connectivity problem. The Village Hall Committee has been effective, firstly in obtaining funding for the Openreach contract and then, after Openreach pulled out, in using 4G for hybrid meetings in the Hall (with varying success). There was some uncertainty about how many households would take advantage of the provision in the Hall.

Recommendation

To fund the installation and set-up of this project, plus rental of service for one year. Funding for subsequent years will be considered based on records of bookings and feedback from users.

Note;

Hardware: £439

1 yr Service: £1068

Installation on Hall: £250

Shipping costs - £54

Total: £1,811

Total proposal from assessment panel to Tweeddale Community Fund; £1629.90