
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS/QUALITY OF LIFE

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM

4 March 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval from Tweeddale Area Forum for proposals to deliver projects throughout the Tweeddale area using Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life budgets and updates Members on the progress of schemes previously agreed.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood schemes have been requested for the consideration of the Tweeddale Members from quality of life budget:-
Contribution of £10,000 towards improvements to the play area at Clovenfords, utilising the carried forward balance of £5,562 from 2014-15 and supplementing that with a contribution of £4,438 from 2015-16;
Installation of a traffic island at A72 Peebles junction with Young Street, complete with dropped kerb accesses, road lining and demountable bollards, £4,209.65.
- 1.3 Appendices A and B detail the current position of the small schemes and quality of life proposals previously agreed by the Tweeddale area forum.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Tweeddale Area Forum approves to fund the following Quality of Life schemes:-**
 - i) **Contribution of £10,000 towards improvements to the play area at Clovenfords, utilising the carried forward balance of £5,562 from 2014-15 and supplementing that with a contribution of £4,438 from 2015-16.**
 - ii) **Installation of a pedestrian refuge complete with road markings, dropped kerb accesses and demountable Bollards, A72 Peebles junction with Young street, £4,209.65 from 2015-16 budget.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request financial support to enable delivery of local improvement projects and initiatives via Small Schemes and or Quality of Life budgets. Additionally requests for direct work to be undertaken by Neighbourhood Operations can be made by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

4 Neighbourhood Small Schemes

- 4.1 The following schemes have been requested for consideration utilising quality of life support to enhance the Tweeddale Area:-
- 4.2 Clovenfords is served by a play situated adjacent to Muscat Brae. The Council has recently secured a contribution from a housing development at Clovenfords (06-01404-FUL), which is able to be used to provide additional equipment at the play area. Following discussion with the Community Council, additional funding is being sought to establish a larger more significant budget to enable not only the new equipment to be installed but also to update some of the existing equipment and improve safety surfacing and access/boundary treatments.
- 4.2.1 At the meeting of Tweeddale Area Forum on 18 December Members agreed to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services, to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to Quality of Life, subject to consultation with and approval by the majority of the members of the Tweeddale Area Forum via email.
- 4.2.2 Members were consulted on 19 January 2015, via email, on the proposal at 2.1 (a) (i). A majority agreed to earmarking £5,562 of the balance to take forward into 2015-16 and allocating a further £4,438 from the 2015-16 budget of £20,000, subject to a report being brought to the Tweeddale Area Forum in March 2015.
- 4.2.3 Officers are already engaging with the young people of the village with the support of the Elected members, Community Council and the school to determine the preferred design and subject to the approval of this proposal anticipate that the project could be delivered before the end of the school year which is in late June 2015.
- 4.3 A proposal has been received via Scottish Borders Council's Network Management Team to create a pedestrian traffic island close to the junction of the A72 and Young Street in Peebles. This would aid pedestrian movement in the area whilst not inhibiting the free movement of traffic.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 The proposals detailed at 2.1 (a) (i) and (ii) both require funding decisions to be taken for 2015-16. The available budget includes an earmarked carry forward of £5,562. The total available budget for 2015-16 is therefore £25,562. The impact of both proposals being agreed would leave a remaining quality of life budget for 2015-16 of £11,352.35.
- 5.1.2 To facilitate the proposal at 2.1 (a) (i) it is necessary to establish a capital project budget of £33,662.32. This budget would consist of £23,662.32 from the developer contribution (06-01404-FUL), which is in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the developer and the Council, added to that is £10,000 from the quality of life budget for 2015-16.
- 5.1.3 The small scheme budget for 2014-15 is now fully committed. There is a remaining balance under the quality of life budget of £435.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

- 5.2.1 If the small schemes and quality of life budgets are not spent, the local area may not fully benefit from potential improvements the budgets enable.
- 5.2.2 The developer contribution (06-01404-FUL) must be utilised in accordance with the terms of the agreement, failure to do so may result in the developer being repaid any sums including interest charges. Officers are already working to ensure delivery and compliance and will ensure both in accordance with the agreement.

5.3 Equalities

It is anticipated there will be no adverse impact due to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.4 Acting Sustainably Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of positive economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in paragraph 2.1.

5.5 Carbon Management – Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

There are no significant effects anticipated to Council carbon emissions by approving the proposals in this report.

5.6 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes required to the scheme of administration or delegation arising from the contents of this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, the Interim Service Director Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council will be consulted and any comments received will be incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Service Director Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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Background Papers: None

Previous Minute Reference: Tweeddale Area Forum, 18 December 2014, Item 2.
Tweeddale Area Forum, 3 December 2014, Item 13.

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Provisional Programme for Approved Neighbourhood "Small Schemes"

APPENDIX A

Date	Scheme	Estimate (£)	Final Cost	Current Up-date	Estimated Completion
May	Manor, Road gully	500.00		on-going	March 2015
May	Peebles, Bridgegate resurfacing	4,442.50		on-going	March 2015
May	Broughton, Primary school parking gully	1,100.00		on-going	March 2015
May	Peebles, Wemyss place resurfacing	2,320.30	2,320.30	Complete	
May	Peebles, Whitestone/ kerrfield and haylodge parks, gate refurbishment	2,968.50	2,968.50	Complete	
May	Clovenfords, Contribution to floral developments	100.00	100.00	Complete	
May	Walkerburn, Creation of hard standing at Victoria Park	2,500.00	2,500.00	Complete	
Sept	Ramped access @ Innerliethen Victoria Park	1,607.15	1,607.15	Complete	
Sept	Young Street footway, Peebles	2,306.00		on-going	March 2015
Sept	Seven Pedestrian dropped kerb accesses, Peebles	3,150.00		Partially complete	March 2015
Sept	Removal of old concrete slide base, Innerliethen	1,500.00		on-going	March 2015
Dec	Slatewullies, A72 Gulleys	5,973.00		on-going	March 2015
Dec	Drainage D38/1	1,310.00		on-going	March 2015
Dec	New gully & Crossing D83/1	3,263.00		on-going	March 2015
Dec	External water tap, Kingsmeadows	340.00	340.00	Complete	
Dec	New street nameplates	1,400.00			March 2015

Total 34,780

Budget 34,702

Balance +/- -78

Provisional Programme for Approved "Quality of Life" Funding - Appendix B

Date	Scheme	Estimate (£)	Final Cost	Current Up-date	Estimated Completion
June	Innerleithen Community Trust, contribution towards purchase of grass cutting equipment	200.00	200.00	Complete	
Dec	Rose, Park, Peebles, installation of a handrail to aid access for residents	835.00			Mar-15
Dec	Broughton, Creation of a section of footway to aid access to residents with mobility issues	4,640.00			Mar-15
Dec	Traquair road area, Innerleithen, repairs to footway surface and creation of dropped accesses	2,955.00			Mar-15
Dec	Innerleithen, Peebles Multi use path - purchase and installation of seats along the length of the path	750.00	750.00	Partially Complete	
Dec	Walkerburn, Contribution towards purchase of Litter pickers etc	250.00	250.00	Complete	
Dec	Innerleithen, Repairs to the play area at St Ronans Primary School	1,852.00			Feb-15
Dec	Newlands, Contribution towards the PTA activities in gardening	300.00	300.00	Complete	
Dec	Meldons, fabricate and supply six anti littering signs to be used at the Meldons	156.00	156.00	Complete	
Dec	Newlands OOSC, Contribution to rent costs	1,500.00	1,500.00	Complete	
Jan	Carry forward into 2016-17 financial year	5,562.00	5,500.00	Complete	
Feb	Walkerburn, Contribution towards purchase and installation of AED unit	564.95	564.95	Complete	
Total		19,565			
	Budget		20,000		
	Balance +/-		435		