

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Via Microsoft
Teams on Monday, 27 September 2021 at
9.00 am

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Haslam and E. Small
Apologies: Councillor S. Bell
Absent:- Councillor K. Chapman
In Attendance:- Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Democratic Services Team
Leader, Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall)

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. **COMMUNITY FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **Carlops Community Apiary**

There had been circulated an application for funding of £1367 from Sustainable West Linton and District who hoped to work with West Linton and District Beekeepers Association to establish a community apiary on land in Carlops. The application was deferred until the 2 November meeting to allow time for additional questions to be answered.

2.2 **Tweedsmuir Super-Fast Broadband**

There had been circulated an application for funding of £1629.90 to fund the installation and set-up and of a service satellite system to provide super-fast broadband in Tweedsmuir village hall. The funds requested would also cover the rental of the service for one year. Members discussed the application and accepted the recommendations of the panel.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Tatler declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion.

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Councillor Tatler, Councillor Anderson chaired the meeting.

4. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND APPLICATIONS:**

4.1 **Tweed valley Tourism Bid**

There had been circulated copies of an assessment form for an application to the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund from Tweed Valley Tourism Bid who were seeking a grant of £8065.80 to provide a free shuttle bus service for the local community and visitors during the Enduro World Series Tweed Valley mountain biking event over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd October 2021. Four 16 seater buses would run continuously between 9am and 4pm to the Enduro event and three buses from 5pm to midnight for the evening entertainment. Members discussed the merits of the application, and following considerable discussions agreed to delegate power to Mr Harrow to make a decision in consultation with the members as considerable uncertainty remained on key unresolved issues.

CHAIRMAN

Councillor Tatler re-joined the meeting following the discussion of the above item

4.2 PHD Fundamentals

PhD fundamentals were applying for a grant of £14,128.59 to help run a new programme designed to encourage children back into active sport. The funds applied for would allow the purchase of 2 new trampolines, safety mats and allow the group to offer 20 funded spaces on the programme for a 6 month period. Members praised the application and unanimously agreed to grant the funding in full.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 am