

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2020/21*

*Please note this is a fund of last resort – you will need to demonstrate to the Common Good Fund Committee that you have tried to secure funding from other sources.

Applicant Group/Organisation:	ClubSport Tweeddale
Name of your project:	Future Peebles Sporting Provision
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Peebles

What does your organisation do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. 100 words)

Tell us what your group does, the activities it undertakes and in what way it benefits the community.

ClubSport Tweeddale is one of four local networks working together under the umbrella of ClubSport Borders. ClubSport Tweeddale represents and supports local member clubs, organisations and individuals to help reach sporting goals and support the local community needs. ClubSport Borders play an important role within the Scottish Borders especially within local communities providing a voice for local sports clubs regardless of size or sport. This makes ClubSport Tweeddale positioned well in the community for raising important local sporting issues with their local authority and locally elected members. As such, a sub committee was formed in September 2021 to bring together the users of Whitestone Park to look at how the park usage could be better used to meet the changing needs of the clubs and the community. We were made aware from the council of the levelling up fund. This seemed a good opportunity to bring to the clubs to see if there was merit in to potential upgrade of Whitestone Park and incorporate other sporting facilities across Peebles including Peebles High School. Following meeting with all the clubs in September 2021, we identified a common need between the club users of Whitestone Park that included other facilities across different seasons to meet the needs of their sports. Whilst carrying out this work, we exposed the current inadequacies across the current sporting provision available in Peebles and the club's future leagues as the standard of sport increase along with the population of Peebles.

The project has the backing of both the Chief Executive of SBC Netta Meadows and CEO of Live Borders, Euan Jackson. The clubs and CEOs have all signed a memorandum of understanding (attached).

Summarise what you want to use this funding for (max. 100 words)

(i.e. will it increase access, improve quality of life etc.)

We would like to fund an evaluation of the project that is brought to life in a format such as virtual reality 3D video of the proposed plans to take to the public for consultation. Having been involved in previous projects including the proposal for a 3G pitch in Peebles we feel strongly that the best way to get the public onside is to share visually what our plan is so that there is nothing to fear in any possible changes we will make to improve the sporting provision in Peebles. We hope this will allow the consultation to operate smoothly and gather the data and support we need to increase and enhance the sporting provisions for all age groups.

The overall aim would be to enhance equipment storage, changing facilities, hospitality at Whitestone Park, potential relocation of Peebles Rovers Football Club to Violet Bank along with some enhanced sporting facilities. This would also include winter provision and usage of facilities at Peebles High School. All of the above will be done in harmony with the new school build.

Following a number of meetings, a collection of the needs of each club were gathered with many common needs highlighted across all the clubs using Whitestone Park. This indicated a common need and agreed shared facilities to enhance their sports. Following this we contacted SBC and SportsScotland to ask for their preferred consultants to allow the group to consult. After discussion with SBC and the clubs, Turner and Townsend were the preferred choice of consultants/architects to take the project forward as seen from the minute from the meeting on 4th.April 2022 below:

After much discussion Adrian explained that Scottish Borders Council had supplied him with three companies from their [SBC] list of approved. To qualify for inclusion they will have each been tested for due diligence, competitiveness and value for money.

The three companies were:-

- 1. Stantec, 5th Floor, Lomond House, 9 George Square, Glasgow, G2 1DY*
- 2. JOHNSTON HOUSTON 2 - 12 Montgomery Street, Belfast, BT1 4NX*
- 3. Turner & Townsend Ltd Atria One, Level 2, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EX*

Turner & Townsend are currently engaged to providing project management, architectural and design expertise for the new/replacement Peebles High School. They [T&T] had been at the forefront of the extensive consultation process with very impressive artist's impressions and had gone beyond the brief given by SBC.

Adrian had met with them [T&T] on several occasions in his role as Chairman Clubsport Tweeddale.

The time we as a committee have to create a brief that is 'shovel ready' and compliant with the Government Green Book is/was very tight and time is of the essence.

Adrian met with the consultants Turner and Townsend along with Lori Lee and Niall Burns on Thursday 24th March, 2022 to walk the Whitestone Park/Gytes site and Violet Bank. Accompanied by two Consultants and two Architects extensive examination of the areas, the Gytes, flooding issues, car parking etc. was accomplished during the visit.

The Chairman acknowledged Councillor Tatlers' observation that a tender process had not taken place. Given the due diligence undertaken by SBC and the assiduous nature of their [SBC] procurement process the Committee agreed with the decision to work with Turner and Townsend.

Extracted from minute of meeting held on Monday 4th April with all club in agreement.

Summarise how the outcomes of the project will be measured/evaluated (max. 100 words)

The evaluation has a number of actions that are part of the plan to improve the sporting provisions in Peebles. The consultation is the first stage and the desired outcome of stage 1 would include the following for consultation with the public and meet the needs of the clubs

1. To replace the current changing facilities and equipment storage of Peebles Rovers and the Cricket Pavilion currently at Whitestone Park, Peebles, with A new build which will house enhanced equipment storage, changing facilities and some Hospitality space.
2. Improve the current changing facilities at the Gytes Leisure Centre, located along side proposed new facility.
3. Relocate Peebles Rovers FC to Violet Bank, into purpose-built accommodation and facilities that comply with the requirements of the accrediting body in which they are operating.
4. Create additional athletics facilities within Violet Bank, such as running track/running path.
5. Provide some improved hospitality facilities at the Tweeddale FC Pavilion.
6. All of the above to be complimentary to the sports facilities current and planned for the New Peebles High School (Following the Fire several years ago) including a new 3G pitch.

We believe by achieving the above we can create excellent sporting facilities for Peebles, meet the requirements of accrediting/ sports awarding bodies. Bringing the current facilities up to date, we hope to future proof this with the support of SBC and their figures that show the development of Peebles with information on ages etc of the growing population.

Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the current/former Burgh (max. 200 words)

Tell us what activities you plan to carry out and how you will deliver it.

The project will not make any material difference to our organisation but the project will make a fundamental difference to the sporting provision for Peebles for years to come. It will allow clubs to blossom and offer more opportunities within their sports at a local level. ClubSport Tweeddale fund clubs and individual athletes and as such support a number of athletes travelling further afield to train on better facilities to gain competition experience and more opportunities to progress.

Sport has the opportunity to improve mental and physical wellbeing as well as bring the opportunity to socialise and blow off steam. Following lockdown, sport and physical activity has already shown that it has a place in society and we would like to enhance that. The use of the 3G will complement the pathway of the current clubs with walking football and rugby being played on softer pitches protecting joints of older adults. Continuation of both hockey and netball that is growing in popularity can be taken indoors in the winter. These groups provide an opportunity to socialise following activity. A better path will improve walking conditions for spectators of games, dog walkers and runners. The gymnastics club at the Gytes use the park weekly for running sessions and a path would improve winter running conditions for club and public of all ages.

Tell us how your project will be sustainable in the future (max. 100 words)

The current projects aim is to future proof the current and future facilities available to the residents of Peebles. By enhancing the facilities at Whitestone Park including some hospitality it would increase accessibility for the community including disability and opportunities for others to get involved in other roles to support the community. By moving Peebles Rovers FC Whitestone Park, all clubs would have more opportunities to develop and expand meeting the clubs waiting lists for all ages. This would give Peebles further access to wide open space for other recreational activities. Consideration has been taken to other users of the space including dog walkers, Beltane Sports, Active Schools activities including Sport Relief challenges, Sports Development programmes that including cycling and holiday programme provision delivered in collaboration with the national governing bodies. All would benefit from better toilets, changing and potential hospitality if spectators are coming from far who may even like some warmth, shelter and a hot drink.

Expenditure: Please tell us how much money you need for the entire activity/project (you may be asked to provide up to 3 quotes to support your application)

Item of Expenditure	Cost (£)
Turner and Townsend Consultation	£10782
Total Expenditure	£10782
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£5782

Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	Attached
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Have you received funding in the last 5 years from Scottish Borders Council or any other external funders? If so, please detail the fund name, the amount and the purpose of the grant.		
Fund	Amount	Purpose
Live Borders (annual Grant-2021/22)	£9361	Grant distribution to clubs to support development of sport and community

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.		
	Amount	Purpose
ClubSport Tweeddale	£2500	Towards costs to support local clubs
Clubs (x5)	£2500	Five clubs have contributed £500 each to show their commitment to the project.

Individual/Group/Organisation details:	
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Equalities
Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010

The protected characteristics are in mentioned in our constitution and we work hard to include everyone in sport no matter their gender, race, sexual preference, religion or disability.

Public Protection

Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes No

If yes what public protection policies do you have in place and how often are these reviewed? Please provide a copy of these or give full details below.

Write here...

All the clubs have child welfare officers in place for children and vulnerable adults. As such, their role is to support the club in making provision, decisions and support to accommodate and protect children and vulnerable adults under 18 years old. Each club has a child protection policy, officer with contact details and known to many of the parents and players. This allows ease of communication with parents, coaches and players should an issue arise.

Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes No

If yes do you have the following? (please tick relevant)

- A lease agreement (Date of lease _____ and duration _____ years)
- Written permission of owner
- Planning permission (Reference No. _____)

Common Good Funds

Common Good Funds in Scotland originated in the 15th century and are the assets and income of some of the current/former Burghs. They can represent a substantial portfolio of land, property, some moveable items and investments and by law continue to exist for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Burghs to which they relate. Scottish Borders Council is the owner of these Funds and each Fund has a sub-committee comprising the relevant local Councilors who make the decisions on the management of the Fund's assets and approval of any requests for funding (up to a limit of £20,000 above which full Council approval is required).

If you are successful in being awarded Common Good Funds, you will be asked to complete a monitoring & evaluation form when your project is complete or within 1 year of receiving funding. Future applications will not be considered until this has been received and the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee are satisfied with the evaluation you have provided.

This completed form and supporting documents should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: lmcgeoch@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone: 01835 825005