

Community Learning Local Development Fund

Local Action Group Meeting

Tuesday 2ndth November 2023

TEAMS Online 10.00am – 12.00pm

NOTE OF MEETING

Present:

Miriam Adcock, Zero Waste Scotland (MA) –Public
Fiona Benton, Borders Community Action (FB) - Third
Charles Dundas, Borders Forest Trust (CD) – Third
Anna Griffin, SEPA (AG) – Public
Hazel Smith, Re-Tweed (HS) – Third
Luke Fisher, Tweed Forum (LF2) – Third
Pip Tabor, Southern Uplands Partnership (PT) – Third (Vice Chair)-Acting Chair

Secretariat:

Simon Lynch, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (SL)
Linda Kerr, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (LK)

		Action
1.0	Welcome	
2.0	Apologies Louisa Gardiner, Private (LG) tendered apology and has now resigned Hans Waltl (HW) – Private –Chair Margaret Simpson, Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber (MS) – Third Lesley Forsyth, Scottish Borders Council (LF) – Public Jan Pringle – SoSE (JP) -Public Nesta Todd, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (NT) Gail Blacklock, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (GB) Linda Cornwall, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (LC) SL as the meeting was not quorate due to members unable to make the start time of 9:30 am, it was agreed to reconvene at 10:00 am when others could join. PT- As Vice Chair kindly agreed to be acting chair for this meeting.	

3.0	<p>Conflict of Interest No conflicts of interest declared.</p>	
4.0	<p>CLLD 2023/24 Programme Progress Report -Moved due to time till after point 5.0 SL sent round progress of 18 projects approved, 6 have had offer of grant sent. There is a small number of Eol's coming forward.</p> <p>Youth LAG are at Rural Parliament. All Y-LAGs are getting together so that they could come up with collective projects.</p> <p>Finance – this has changed since documents were sent out. SL presented updated salary figures from end of month which have gone up from £14k to £35k. Salary budget is now much closer to being spent. Any underspend will be used for proposed LAG poverty alleviation project which will purchase items like slow cookers, air fryers etc. to be distributed through Youth Borders/schools.</p> <p>SL SG have informed us that the LAG's Collaboration application was successful. We received £15k that went to the Youth LAG, £1k for video, they are hoping to film while they are up at the Youth Parliament.</p> <p>PT asked how many projects we have now and how much funding is left. SL stated 24 projects approved and £21k in revenue and £30k in capital is left. There are projects in the pipeline that would use all funding up.</p> <p>PT how many more rounds – SL had hoped we would be completed by now but thinks one more round which he is thinking will happen the week beginning 20th November.</p> <p>AG asked about meeting to discuss application process. It was agreed to meet up on 13th December from 11:00 until 13:00 at the Buccleuch Inn, St Boswells.</p>	
5.0	<p>Review of Applications -moved due to time/quorum to be before 4.0</p> <p>Round 6: SWLD SL explained West Linton, Selkirk and Peebles, had £4k to find for Greener Peebles. Greener Peebles have now stepped back as they cannot complete by February 2024. Can they: Option 1 - go ahead without Greener Peebles or Option 2 - can they look for another community partner. Likely to have to find funding for city and guilds. Decision - Option 1 was approved by all.</p>	

One Step Borders

Deferred for more information about how the money would be used and what the effect on people who would lose jobs. What would the impact be on 2 members of staff – they are able to retain both members of staff on current hours if they get funding, already looking for more funds to keep it going.

Approved

Borders Search and Rescue (BS&R)

Looking to make now building energy efficient. Pulled original EoI and put another in one for a solar panel and battery to allow new premises to be net zero.

Would like them to promote what they are doing to volunteers.

Approved

Hike n Bike

£20k originally, LAG members were unhappy about value for money now cut to 5k predominantly for the managers salary.

No concerns. Good liked business plan.

Approved

Peeblesshire Foodbank

Warm boxes for 100 families, electric blankets, Peeblesshire Foodbank will provide staff to distribute it themselves.

Approved

5 approved, no conditions

6.0	<p>Dates & Times of Future Meetings</p> <p>Round 7 Decision making Mon 20th November 2023 at 10:00 – 12:00 Online Meeting</p> <p>CLLD Application process meeting 13th December from 11:00 until 13:00 at the Buccleuch Inn, St Boswells</p>	SL
7.0	<p>AoB</p> <p>Meeting closed at 10.50</p> <p>PT thanked everyone at meeting closure.</p>	