

Community Learning Local Development Fund

Local Action Group Meeting

Monday 20th November 2023

TEAMS Online 10.00am – 11.30pm

NOTE OF MEETING

Present:

Fiona Benton, Borders Community Action (FB) - Third
Charles Dundas, Borders Forest Trust (CD) – Third
Lesley Forsyth, Scottish Borders Council (LF) – Public
Anna Griffin, SEPA (AG) – Public
Jan Pringle, SoSE (JP) - Public
Margaret Simpson, Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber (MS) –Third
Pip Tabor, Southern Uplands Partnership (PT) – Third (Acting Chair)

Secretariat:

Simon Lynch, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (SL)
Nesta Todd, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (NT)

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1.0	Welcome	
2.0	Apologies Miriam Adcock, Zero Waste Scotland (MA) –Public Sector Luke Fisher, Tweed Forum (LF2) – Third Hazel Smith, Re-Tweed (HS) – Third Hans Wautl (HW) – Private –Chair Linda Cornwall, Scottish Borders Council (Ec Dev) (LC) Gail Blacklock, Scottish Borders Council (Ec DevGB) Linda Kerr, Scottish Borders Council (Ec Dev) (LK) SL confirmed the meeting was quorate.	
3.0	Conflict of Interest None declared.	
4.0	CLLD 2023/24 Programme Progress Report SL had circulated a Progress update detailing 26 grants awarded, 1 approved, 2 applications to be considered at today's meeting which would be the last funding round.	

	<p>Overall finances have not changed since last report and revenue underspend approx. £1k and capital £11k, but this may increase if approved projects have underspend.</p> <p>Delivery of Poverty Alleviation Project (<i>discussed after 5. Review of Applications</i>):</p> <p>Discussions have been underway with Youth Borders, SBC and others as to how to use up remaining CLLD funds productively. It is proposed that Youth Borders (and their members) will provide support for individual young people and their families in need, by provision of suitable items like slow cookers, air fryers and individual personal support. This will build on their project from 2022-23 in providing additional winter support for young people.</p> <p>Other organisations with current CLLD projects tackling poverty may also be involved ie Outside The Box; Connect Berwickshire Youth Project plus organisations from previous years, such as TYA. Also suggested was Joint Health Improvement Team; Healthy Living network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve <p>Youth LAG</p> <p>Members attended the Rural and Islands Parliament and enjoyed meeting with the 70+ other young people attending. Youth Borders ran several workshops on young people’s rural transport needs which was presented to MSP attending.</p> <p>Youth LAG have met to discuss their grant scheme and good progress has been made designing and implementing the scheme.</p> <p>A national discussion with other 5 Y-LAGs on collaborative video making is underway.</p> <p>LAG pleased with all the projects that have been awarded funding and would like to promote achievements, which would reinforce value of CLLD approach. SL advised that this was the intention after all funding was allocated. SBSEC already promoting CLLD projects in their newsletters.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Review of Applications</p> <p>SWLD – modification of project budget.</p> <p>SWLD will now only be working with one community group, Sustainable Selkirk but intend to pilot the use of a thermal imaging camera in neighbourhoods with capable households. Adjustments to original budget headings due to change in project delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve. <p>Round 7:</p> <p>Hawick EBikes</p> <p>Start of the project to get staff in place and initiate the process, rent, support and salaries. Future Hawick has other funding applications pending.</p>	

	<p>LAG discussed that it was a good project, anything that gets people onto bikes. Link to Coast to Coast cycle route is good but also important that they network with other ‘bike groups’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve <p>Hawick Acorn Project (HAPi) Well structured application but would like group to co-ordinate with other gardening projects in Hawick, such as Burnfoot, Salvation Army, Veterans and Wilton Park, and perhaps even have a Garden Open day! Slight confusion over costings but considered original application which made it a capital project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve 	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Dates & Times of Future Meetings</p> <p>Next meeting: 13th December at 11.00- 13.30 at Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St Boswells, to review the application process (includes lunch). End Jan/early Feb, 2024 – Meeting to see what’s been achieved so far.</p> <p>SL now intends to e-mail out monthly updates, instead of weekly.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>AoB</p> <p>AG explained that SEPA requires her to concentrate on national priorities so would no longer be able to be a LAG member. She was thanked for her contribution.</p> <p>Meeting closed 11:02. PT thanked everyone.</p>	