

Community Learning Local Development Fund

Local Action Group Meeting

Tuesday 18th July 2023

(9.30am – 10.30am Microsoft Teams meeting)

NOTE OF MEETING

Present:

Hans Walzl (HW) – Private –Chair

Pip Tabor, Southern Uplands Partnership (PT) – Voluntary

Miriam Adcock, Zero Waste Scotland (MA) –Third Sector

Hazel Smith, Re-Tweed (HS) – Third

Luke Fisher, Tweed Forum (LF2) – Third

Charles Dundas, Borders Forest Trust (CD) – Third

Fiona Benton, Borders Community Action (FB) - Third

Margaret Simpson, Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber (MS) –Third

Lesley Forsyth, Scottish Borders Council (LF) – Public

Anna Griffin, SEPA (AG) – Public

Secretariat:

Simon Lynch, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (SL)

Linda Cornwall, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (LC)

Gail Blacklock, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (GB)

Nesta Todd, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (NT)

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1.0	Welcome HW introduced himself as Chair of the LAG and welcomed LAG members.	
2.0	Apologies Kate Musgrave, SoSE (KM) -Public Louisa Gardiner,(LG) Private Gordon Smith, VisitScotland (GS) –Public SL confirmed the meeting was quorate	
3.0	Conflict of Interest There were no conflicts of interest noted.	
4.0	Minutes from last meeting and matters arising HW asked members present to agree the minutes of 27 th June 2023. Proposer: HS Secunder: PT	

<p>5.0</p>	<p>CLLD 2023/24 Programme Progress Report SL updated the LAG that to date, CLLD monies only spent on staffing.</p> <p>There have been 28 EOI's/or contacts made to SBC. 4 of which are being looked at through Shared Prosperity Funding. 8 EOI's have been sent to the LAG for scoring.</p> <p>PT highlighted that he hasn't received all the EOI's for scoring. SL to send again. Generally a little confusion over e-mail circulation as it appears that not all members were getting every e-mail. A test e-mail is to be sent out after the meeting to check this out.</p> <p>The plan is to continue to promote the CLLD fund for the next month and hopefully this will generate more applications.</p> <p>The YLAG have created a possible logo for the LAG and SL shared this with the group for comments. The general consensus was that it was good and great to have a design from the young people, but uncertainty about the 'face' and could the 'A' for Action be introduced. Also wanted the reason for the choice of colour, and PT wondered if we needed Scottish Borders. SL to comment back to Youth Borders.</p>	<p>SL</p> <p>SL</p> <p>SL</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Review of Final Application(s) Response process SL gave an overview of the application received from Selkirk General Store to open new premises in the town centre to sell refurbished items, mainly electrical. CLLD grant request £20,000 for fixtures, staff salary (6 months), tools, upgrading premises, and marketing.</p> <p>Project very well received as it tackled net zero, was great for the environment and it's a good social enterprise and has delivered some amazing work, involving young people and also supporting mental health.</p> <p>Decision: All were in agreement to fund Selkirk General Store.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Government Funding SL updated the LAG that we have been offered £120k of capital money which has to be spent with the same conditions and themes as the revenue budget.</p> <p>SL stressed that it was crucial that all CLLD budget was totally committed or there may be repercussions for future allocations. He was concerned because CLLD funding 22/23 had been underspent due to an under-committed staffing budget and highlighted the risk that this may be repeated again this year.</p> <p>HS suggested that a risk assessment should be conducted to identify spend, and monies could be re-allocated to avoid underspend, and if</p>	<p>ALL</p>

	necessary what development work is required to maximise funding potential and ensure that funding is allocated in the best possible way.	
8.0	Dates and times of future meeting	
	SL sent through doodle polls for preferred date. LAG to respond	
9.0	AOB Meeting closed: 10.30 am	