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**Community Learning Local Development Fund**

**Local Action Group Meeting**

Monday 1st September 2025

The Buccleuch Arms, St Boswells 12:00 – 14:30

**NOTE OF MEETING**

**Present:**

Hans Waltl (HW) – Private –Chair

Pip Tabor, Southern Uplands Partnership (PT) – Third (2nd Chair)

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

Katy Jackson, SoSE (KJ) - Public

Dean Fisher, Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber (MS) –Third

Fiona Benton, Borders Community Action (FB) - Third

Shona Haddow, Scottish Borders Council (SH) – Public

Charles Dundas, Borders Forest Trust (CD) – Third

Trevor Jackson, Chamber of Commerce (TJ) - Private

Debbie Playfair, Tweed Forum (DP) - Third

**Secretariat:**

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

Jill Hamilton, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (JH)

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|  |  | **Action** |
| **1.0** | **Welcome** |  |
| **2.0** | **Apologies**  Margaret Simpson, Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber (MS) –Third, Dean Fisher Attended instead. |  |
| **3.0** | **Conflict of Interest**  Hans Waltl – Real Wood Studios  Dean Fisher & Simon Lynch – SBSEC |  |
| **4.0** | **Minutes**  Before the meeting commence one project due for discussion was removed as it had been granted funding from SPF earlier that morning.  Funding update was provided.  Substantial number of projects so far had been funded through the group. Today’s meeting to review the remaining funding requests of which 17 projects totalling £291,000.00 however the fund only has £81,000 funding remaining.  Due to the high volume of applications, it was agreed that every project would be reviewed and given a Red, Amber Green Rating.  The Green projects would then be circulated with the group to provide a rating on. Projects who scored the best would then be granted funding until the funds ran out.  Ministerial visit to take place 8th October in Selkirk to witness benefits of funding granted in the youth population.  **Capital Development Fund**   1. Greener Peebles – GREEN 2. South of Scotland Destination Alliance – AMBER 3. The Scottish School of Harp Making – Removed from project pool as received alternative funding earlier in the day 4. Lilliesleaf Community Development - RED 5. Newcastleton Polysort – GREEN 6. Live Borders – GREEN 7. Coldingham Community Council – GREEN 8. Real Wood Studios – Hans Waltl left the room for this due to conflict of interest. – GREEN 9. Firm of Sutherland – GREEN 10. Gala Rugby Club – AMBER 11. Karens Cottage – AMBER 12. The Courthouse – AMBER 13. Bird Garden Scotland – GREEN 14. Linton Hotspur – AMBER 15. Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber – Simon and Dean both left the room for this due to a conflict of interest – RED 16. Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development – GREEN 17. James Duffield - GREEN | Project scoring to be done my members. |
| **5.0** | **AOB**  Agreed that green project scoring would be turned around overnight so decision could be sent to successful applicants on Sept 3rd. |  |
| **6.0** | **Post Meeting Project Review Complete**  As a result of this scoring method 4 projects received full funding for their project with one other being partially funded |  |