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**Scottish Borders Local Action Group (LAG)   
Community Led Local Development Fund 24/25**

Tuesday 22nd of October 2024

TEAMS Online 10:00-10:45

**NOTE OF MEETING**

**Present:**

Hans Waltl, Chair of the LAG (HW)

Pip Tabor, Southern Uplands Partnership (PT)

Miriam Adcock, Zero Waste Scotland (MA)

Charles Dundas, Borders Forest Trust (CD)

Hazel Smith, Re-Tweed (HS)

Lesley Forsyth, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (LF)

Fiona Benton, Borders Community Action (FB)

Trevor Jackson, Charlesfield Farms / SBSEC (TJ)

**Secretariat:**

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

Emma Hamilton, Scottish Borders Council (Economic Development) (EH)

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|  | | **Action** |
| **1.0** | **Welcome** |  |
| **2.0** | **Apologies**  Lianne Drummond, Berwickshire Swap (LD)  Jan Pringle, South of Scotland Enterprise (JP)  James Playfair-Hannay  Debbie Playfair  Margaret Simpson |  |
| **3.0** | **Conflict of Interest**  NA |  |
| **4.0** | **Minutes**  **CLLD Update**  No further detail on Tranche 2 funding and will likely be the case until Autumn budget at the end of the month. There’s been comments from Government officials that it is likely that money will be coming forward for Tranche 2, however, the sum is unknown; this could be anywhere from a few thousand to a few hundred thousand.  £2,400 left in revenue costs so all applications beyond this will move to Tranche 2 for approval. SBC staff will be reapproaching applicants to request they review and reduce their staffing costs due to the limited funds available.  £12,300 left in capital, however, there will be no further capital funding in Tranche 2, so those applications funded will be final.  Most of the Growing the Economy fund remains.  Projects are required by October 31st to declare any underspend and to return. |  |
| **5.0** | **Luckenbooth Café Appeal decision (Growing the Economy Fund)**  Panel agreed no further discussion and their previous decision stands. |  |
| **6.0** | **Funding Decisions**  All projects scored green and will be sent to LAG for ranking. Projects which rank the highest will be funded in this tranche. Any other project will remain on the pipeline until Tranche 2 is announced.  **Business**  Yetholm Community Shop - GREEN  **Community Capital**  The General Store, Selkirk  Stable Life  Selkirk Regeneration  Peebles Youth Theatre  Waverley Tennis Club  **Community Revenue**  At Birkhill  Burnfoot  Café Recharge  Berwickshire Marine Reserve  Cheviot Youth | Panel to review and score. |
| **6.0** | **Discussion on Best Practice**  It was noted that the LAG would see groups looking into more sustainable endeavours and less relying on funding financially.  The panel were keen to get together and work on upskilling around the CLLD pillars.  There was a wish for LAG comments made on EOI to be included within the summary document to refresh their memory when reviewing applications. |  |
| **7.0** | **AOB**  It was raised for awareness that there is a pathways programme being delivered through Chamber of Commerce and SoSE – coaching and mentoring for entrepreneurs in Tweeddale in Berwickshire |  |
| **8.0** | **Meeting Closes – 10:45** |  |