



TWEEDSMUIR SUPERFAST BROADBAND NEWSLETTER

Dear Resident,

Progress report from Tweedsmuir Community Council's (TCC) sub-committee regarding the introduction of superfast broadband to the area:

GREAT NEWS!

The Glenkerie winfarm fund notified Tweedsmuir Community Council on Wednesday (March 20) that it has approved our application for £69,000 for the superfast broadband project in Tweedsmuir.

THIS MEANS WE HAVE NOW SECURED ALL THE NECESSARY FUNDING TO ENABLE THE PROJECT TO GO AHEAD.

The Glenkerie funds were the last piece of the jigsaw, with £69,000 already secured thanks to a grant from SSE windfarm. These monies, added to the £76,000 raised by the Gigabit Voucher Scheme, make a grand total of £214,000 - the cost of the project (£184,000, main BT scheme, and £30,000 for the self-dig element at Fruid and Talla)

The community council would like to thank both Glenkerie and SSE and all their panel members for decisions that will have a major impact on our community. We would also like to thank everyone who supported both applications,

including local MP David Mundell, MSP Christine Grahame, Scottish Borders Councillors Heather Anderson, Eric Small and Kris Chapman as well as every resident who has backed this project from the outset. One of the deciding factors in both windfarm decisions was undoubtedly the response from the Tweedsmuir community, with 86 per cent of residents taking part in the Gigabit Voucher scheme. This involvement was absolutely crucial.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The community council will arrange a meeting with the BT build team to outline a timeline of works. We will then proceed to the signing of a contract with BT.

After the conclusion of those talks, we plan to hold a public meeting, where BT will be present, when any questions residents may have can be answered.

Tweedsmuir resident Mark Cullen, a former a former European Head of Product & Technology Strategy, EMTG GmbH, E.ON SE, has agreed to take on the role of project manager. The community council would like to thank Mark for this and also for his guidance over the last few months. Finally, if anyone is still to verify their Gigabit voucher, there is still time to do so. If you need any help, don't hesitate to contact Paul Greaves at pgreavesalex@gmail.com.