



# Scottish Borders LEADER

Developing Enterprising Communities

## SCOTTISH BORDERS LEADER PROGRAMME 2014-2020

### Local Action Group meeting

14 June 2018

10am-1pm, Tweed Horizons

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Heather Batsch, The Bridge (HB) - Voluntary

Gordon Harrison, Scottish Borders Community Council Network (GH) - Voluntary

Jules Horne, Creative Arts Business Network (JH) - Private

Bryan McGrath, Scottish Borders Council (BMcG) - Public

Jane Rosegrant, Borders Forest Trust (JR) – Voluntary

Annabelle Scott, Messrs A A Scott (AS) - Private

Hans Waltl, Federation of Small Businesses (HW) – Private

#### Secretariat:

Linda Cornwall, Scottish Borders Council (LEADER Co-ordinator) (LC)

Simon Lynch, Scottish Borders Council (LEADER Facilitator) (SL)

Nesta Todd, Scottish Borders Council (European Programme Support Officer) (NT)

		Action
1.0	<b>Apologies</b> Frank Beattie, Scottish Enterprise (FB) – Public Luke Comins, Tweed Forum (LC) – Voluntary Clare De Bolle, Youthborders (CdB) – Voluntary (via e-mail) Ian MacDonald, NFU Scotland (IMacD) – Private Ian Todd, The Hippodrome Arts Centre CIC (IT) – Voluntary Gary White, Peebles CAN (GW) – Voluntary	
2.0	<b>Conflict of Interest</b> There were no conflicts of interest to record.	
3.0	<b>Project Applications Round --</b> It was noted that 7 members were present (quorate), one member represented the public sector (<50%), however BMcG required to leave the meeting at 11.30am which would result in the meeting becoming inquorate. It was decided to deal with the community applications first to enable decisions on funding to be reached. Chairman only votes when a casting vote is required.	



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<b>3.1</b>	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes]</p> <p><b>(17/P00051)</b> <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £459,852.00</b> <b>LEADER grant requested: £149,999.00 (32.62%)</b> <b>Average Score: 55.87%</b> <b>Decision: DEFER</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b> This project was approved by 4 votes, 1 abstained, 1 against</p> <p><b>Condition</b> Deferred subject to funding becoming available.</p>	
<b>3.2</b>	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes]</p> <p><b>(17/P00062)</b> <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £192,123.69</b> <b>LEADER grant requested: £109,212.94 (56.84%)</b> <b>Average Score: 63.73%</b> <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b> This project was approved by 5 votes, 1 abstained.</p>	
<b>3.3</b>	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes]</p> <p><b>(17/P00065)</b> <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £325,400</b> <b>LEADER grant requested: £115,000.00 (35.34%)</b> <b>Average Score: 56.71%</b> <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b> This project was unanimously approved by 6 votes.</p>	
<b>3.4</b>	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes]</p> <p><b>(17/P00067)</b> <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £351,230</b> <b>LEADER grant requested: £149,999.99 (42.71%)</b> <b>Average Score: 62.73%</b> <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p>	



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	<p><b>Decision</b> This project was approved by 5 votes and rejected by one.</p>	
3.5	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes]</p> <p><b>(17/P00071)</b>  <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £239,579.00</b>  <b>LEADER grant requested: £82,566.96 (34.46%)</b>  <b>Average Score: 64.55%</b>  <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b> This project was unanimously approved by 6 votes.</p> <p>BMcG left the meeting at 11.25am resulting in the meeting becoming inquorate due to lack of sufficient attendees</p>	
4.0	<p><b>PRIORITISATION OF COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>Due to the lack of available funding to accommodate all applications put before the LAG for decision (total funding available £485k, funding sought £613k) it was agreed to prioritise applications for funding based on a pre-agreed prioritisation model. Each member of the group was asked to score all five applications in order of their own priority, 5: highest priority to 1: lowest priority. BMcG scored before leaving the meeting at 11.25am.</p>	
5.0	<p>No further business could be undertaken due to the main meeting being inquorate, however an informal discussion regarding the crowdfunding project was undertaken to enable a decision to be obtained via written procedures quickly.</p>	SL/LC
6.0	<p><b>Business Sub-Group</b> Due to the Business Sub-Group being inquorate no decision could be taken on the business application and it was agreed a decision would be obtained via written procedures in the usual manner.</p> <p>As it is becoming difficult to achieve quorate for the Business Sub-Group due to commitments of some Members, it was agreed that Members of the Business Sub-Group be asked if they would like to remain on the LAG or take a sabbatical.</p>	SL/LC  JR
7.0	<p><b>Meeting closed at 12.30pm.</b></p>	