

SCOTTISH BORDERS LEADER PROGRAMME 2014-2020

Local Action Group meeting

Tuesday 28th May 2019 10.00am at Tweed Horizons, Newtown St Boswells

MINUTES

Present:

Heather Batsch, The Bridge (HB) - Voluntary Luke Comins, Tweed Forum (LC) - Voluntary Jane Rosegrant, Private Annabelle Scott, Messrs A A Scott (AS) - Private Hans Watl, Federation of Small Businesses (HW) – Private Gary White, Peebles CAN (GW) - Voluntary

Secretariat:

Linda Cornwall, Scottish Borders Council (LEADER Coordinator) (LC) Simon Lynch, Scottish Borders Council (LEADER Facilitator) (SL) Bartje Magee, Scottish Borders Council (European Programme Support Officer) (BM)

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1.0	 Apologies Bryan McGrath, Scottish Borders Council (BMcG) – Public Gordon Harrison, Scottish Borders Community Council Network (GH) – Voluntary Frank Beattie, Scottish Enterprise (FB) – Public Jules Horne, Creative Arts Business Network (JH) – Private Ian MacDonald, NFU Scotland (IMcacD) - Private Paula Ward, Visitscotland (PW) – Public It was noted that only 6 members were present (inquorate), no members represented the public sector (<50%) As there were no applications on Agenda requiring a decision on funding it was decided to go ahead with the meeting as items on Agenda were for discussion only. 	
2.0	Conflict of Interest GW declared a conflict of interest in respect of Item No. 5 16/P00091 and stated he would not be voting via written procedures on this item.	



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3.0	Minutes of Last Meeting Due to the meeting being inquorate, the Minutes of the 6 th February 2019 meeting could not be signed off. The Minutes were however agreed by the Members attending, proposed by HB and seconded by GW. The Minutes will be circulated around the absent members and asked for their confirmed agreement before formal sign off by the Chair	LC/JR
	Matters Arising: [Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these Minutes]	
	 17/P00069 17/P00063 	LC/SL
	 LDS Change Request – LDS Change Request is ready for submission to Scottish Government – just awaiting the signed off Minutes for meeting 6th February 2019, via written procedure. 	LC
3.1	 LEADER Programme Progress Report incl budget update, staffing etc LC provided an overview of the content of the Report which was noted by the Members. LC pointed out that there was an error in 2.1 which stated "11 projects now completed, 5 are approaching completion, 16 are still to make first claim" which should read " 11 projects now completed, 8 are approaching completion, 14 are still to make first claim". Information in table at No. 9 is correct. JR fed in that the proposed joint bid with Dumfries & Galloway LAG to SOSEP would not now be going ahead. In terms of any possible national follow-on to LEADER post-Brexit, there continue to be suggestions that it could be implemented through the LARCS system. Concern expressed about LARCS system from Third Sector as well as other LEADER groups/teams. JR also fed in that Scottish Borders was one of two areas with highest performance and congratulated the LEADER team on the number of good quality projects and their performance throughout the current programme. 	
4.0	[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these Minutes] 16/P00091	ALL
5.0	LEADER Event/Videos	



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	Discussion around LAG requirements for LEADER Event proposed at last meeting took place. Rather than purely a celebratory event, agreed a focus on lessons learned be key theme to feed into evaluation process. New proposal is:- (am) – small group facilitation (pm) – Project Presentations/Videos/networking Venue - Thirlestane Castle (new event space funded by LEADER) Catering – TYA Food Punks/Overlangshaw Ice Cream (both funded by LEADER) Date – early April 2020 Limit the number of MP/MSP invites to only those connected with rural development	
6.0	Format of Future Meetings Discussion around viability of hosting future LAG meetings at project accommodation. Felt too much to turn into full day event. SL confirmed some projects very keen to host LAG meetings. SL will look into hosting the October meeting at Bird Garden Scotland if completed, with possible visit to Overlangshaw Ice Cream.	SL
7.0	AOB N/A	
8.0	Dates and times of Future Meetings Tuesday 22 nd October 2019 – venue and time tbc	