



# Scottish Borders LEADER

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## SCOTTISH BORDERS LEADER PROGRAMME 2014-2020

### Local Action Group meeting

24 January 2017

Tweed Horizons – 10am- 2.40pm

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Heather Batsch, The Bridge (HB) - Voluntary  
Clare de Bolle, YouthBorders (CdB) - Voluntary  
Luke Comins, Tweed Forum (LC) - Voluntary  
Gordon Harrison, Scottish Borders Community Council Network (GH) - Voluntary  
Bryan McGrath, Scottish Borders Council (BMcG) - Public  
Jane Rosegrant, Borders Forest Trust (JR) – Voluntary  
Bosco Santimano, You Can Cook (BS) – Voluntary  
Annabelle Scott, Mssrs A A Scott (AS) - Private  
Ian Tod, The Hippodrome Arts Centre CIC Ltd (IT) - Voluntary  
Hans Wautl, Federation of Small Businesses (HW) - Private  
Gary White, Peebles CAN (GW) - Voluntary

#### Secretariat:

Hugh Williams, Scottish Borders Council (Principal Officer Rural) (HBW)  
Fiona McDougall, Scottish Borders Council (LEADER Co-ordinator) (FM)  
Simon Lynch, Scottish Borders Council (LEADER Facilitator) (SL)  
Bartje Magee, Scottish Borders Council (European Programme Support Officer) (BM)  
Nesta Todd, Scottish Borders Council (European Programme Support Officer) (NT)

		Action
1.0	<p><b>Apologies</b> Jules Horne, Borders Creative (JH) – Private Ian MacDonald, NFU Scotland (IMacD) – Private Andrew Mitchell, Berwickshire Community Councils' Forum (AM) – Voluntary Douglas Wilson, VisitScotland (DW) – Public Lateness Bryan McGrath, Scottish Borders Council (BMcG) – Public Missing Frank Beattie, Scottish Enterprise (FB) - Public</p> <p><b>Conflict of Interest</b> Frank Beattie – SE is major funder and partner in Mountain Bike project Bosco Santimano – Has an interest in the Abundant Borders Project</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:</b> The minutes were adopted as being a true reflection of the last meeting. John Dougan, Forestry Commission Scotland, has resigned. HBW expressed thanks on behalf of LAG for all his hard work.</p>	



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	<p>The following action points were followed up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.1 SBO/010/192C. After the meeting it came to light that there were problems with this project's match funding as it was not going to be within the 60 day timescale. LAG has now received confirmation from HLF that their funding decision has been brought forward to fit with the required LEADER timescale and an Offer of Grant letter has been signed and received.</li> <li>• 3.2 SBO/011/192C. Additional electricity savings information was supplied by the organisation and LAG approved by e-mail.</li> <li>• 3.3 SBO/012/192C. Majority of project about fundraising for the organisation which is not supported by LEADER. Currently on hold.</li> <li>• Promotion of LEADER at SG Readiness event which SL will attend.</li> <li>• 4.0 Scoring system &amp; strategic fit criteria. Covered in item 4</li> <li>• Business sub-group to include AS. (Proposed HW; seconded GH).</li> <li>• 6.0 Project outlines. Number these so that timescales are clearer. Useful for LAG to receive reminder and update on their responses.</li> </ul>	SL
3.0	<p><b>Re-election of Chair, Vice-chair and Business Sub-group Chair.</b>          Thanking them for their work, the group unanimously re-elected:          Chair: JR          Vice-chair: GW          Business Sub-group Chair: HW</p>	
4.0	<p><b>Ratification of Scoring system adaptation as agreed by the LAG.</b>          4-7 There is fit with 1 or 2 LDS aims and support for 2 or more development themes. LAG happy with this ratification and had used it to score this round of projects.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>Project Applications Round --</b>          It was noted that 9 members were present (quorate), 0 members represented the public sector (&lt;50%). HW left meeting after item 5.3 and rejoined for item 6.0. BMcG joined the meeting for item 6.0.</p>	
5.1	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p><b>(SBO/013/192C)</b>  <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £102,881</b>  <b>LEADER grant requested: £51,440.50 (50%)</b>  <b>Average Score: 64.62%</b>  <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The project was approved by unanimous vote.</p>	



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5.2	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p>(SBO/014/192C) Total Eligible Project costs: £ £79,655.00 LEADER grant requested: £ £44,500.00 (55.87%) Average Score: 50.69% Decision: REJECT</p> <p>Decision: Unanimous reject.</p>	
5.3	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p>(SBO/015/192C) Total Eligible Project costs: £140,936 LEADER grant requested: £ 77,515 (55%) Average Score: 61.78% Decision: APPROVE</p> <p>Decision: This project was approved by majority vote.</p>	
5.4	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p>SBO/016/192C Total Eligible Project costs: £284,242 LEADER grant requested: £149,994.50 (52.77%) Average Score: 58.33% Decision: APPROVE</p> <p>Decision: This project was approved by majority vote.</p>	
5.5	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p>(SBO/017/192C) Total Eligible Project costs: £20,000 LEADER grant requested: £12,000 (60%) Average Score: 54.42% Decision: APPROVE</p> <p>Decision: This project was approved by majority vote.</p>	
5.6	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p>(SBO/019/192C) Total Eligible Project costs: £139,427 LEADER grant requested: £83,656.20 (60%)</p>	



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	<p><b>Average Score: 57.48%</b>  <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> This project was approved by majority vote.</p>	
5.7	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p><b>(SBO/021/192C)</b>  <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £12,400</b>  <b>LEADER grant requested: £7440 (60%)</b>  <b>Average Score: 59.30%</b>  <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> This project was approved by majority vote.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>LEADER Programme Progress Report to LAG</b>          FMcD provided the report (attached).          2.2 Community projects are having difficulties with cash flow and match funding but this is easier for farms and rural businesses.          4.1 Three projects are now 'live' on LARCs.          Precede documents with a project number to distinguish them i.e. not just 'LEADER Application'. Claims course on LARCs next step.          Project name on scoring documents.          Scottish Government On The Spot inspection very satisfactory.          8. Finance budget – Review this for next LAG meeting.</p>	
7.0	<p><b>Scottish Borders LEADER Annual Report</b>          HBW presented annual report and thanked for work.</p> <p>Financial report needs to be reviewed to give interpretation of spend. Report to be published on LEADER, Scottish Rural Network and SBC website.</p> <p>Report highlights training young people, engagement, sharing learning; the Borders have a good reputation for partnership working so it is important that funders see it. Include lessons learnt – cash flow/match funding restricts some community groups.</p>	
8.0	<p><b>AOB</b>          HBW is retiring 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – a great loss to SBC, LEADER (and Fisheries) and Rural Development.</p>	
9.0	<p><b>Dates and times of future meetings</b>          (28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 application deadline - 12 projects in the pipeline, including Enterprise Facilitator project(s)).</p>	



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	<p><b>LAG meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, Tweed Horizons, 10am – 3pm.</b></p>	
10.0	<p><b>Business Sub-Group</b>            It was noted that 6 members were present (quorate) and 1 member represented the public sector (&lt;50%).</p> <p>LAG members confirmed that there was no conflict of interest in relation to any of the applications presented to the LAG at this meeting.            Applications discussed 10.2; 10.3; 10.4; 10.1.</p>	
10.2	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p><b>(SBO/023/192B)</b>  <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £87,898</b>  <b>LEADER grant requested: £43,949 (50%)</b>  <b>Average Score: 69.36%</b>  <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> This project was approved by majority vote.</p>	
10.3	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p><b>(SBO/024/192F)</b>  <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £74,486.21</b>  <b>LEADER grant requested: £37,243.10 (49.99%)</b>  <b>Average Score: 62.69%</b>  <b>Decision: APPROVE</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> This project was approved by majority vote.</p>	
10.4	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p><b>(SBO/025/192B)</b>  <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £82,800</b>  <b>LEADER grant requested: £41,400 (50.00%)</b>  <b>Average Score: 56.26%</b>  <b>Decision: REJECT</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> This project was rejected.</p>	
10.1	<p>[Project details and LAG discussions are not published in these minutes.]</p> <p><b>(SBO/022/192F)</b>  <b>Total Eligible Project costs: £378,615.48</b>  <b>LEADER grant requested: £50,000 (13.21%)</b></p>	



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	<p><b>Average Score: 58.21%</b> <b>Decision: REJECT</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The project was rejected.</p>	
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