

LEADER North York Moors, Coast and Hills

LAG Executive Group Meeting

28th October 2009, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

National Park Office, Helmsley.

Present:

LAG Executive Members

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| Malcolm Bowes (Chair) | Elected | Public or non public |
| Peter Spencer (Vice Chair) | Appointed | Tees Valley RCC |
| Peter Barfoot | Appointed | NYMNPA |
| Liz Dowson # | Appointed | Scarborough BC |
| Jane Johnson # | Appointed | Ryedale DC |
| David Pybus | Appointed | Business – Cleveland Potash |
| Cllr George Dunning | Appointed | Redcar and Cleveland BC |
| Will Terry | Appointed | Farming - NFU/CLA |
| Claire Gallagher | Elected | Environment |
| Linda Bell | Elected | Voluntary/Community |
| Phil Bustard | Elected | Voluntary/Community |
| Eleanor Dowsland | Elected | Voluntary/Community |
| Patrick Holdsworth | Elected | Voluntary/Community |
| Janette Holt | Elected | Voluntary/Community |
| Marian Wheeler | Elected | Voluntary/Community |

Support Group

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| Julie Kidd* | North Yorkshire County Council |
| Rita Lawson * | North Yorkshire County Council |
| Mairi Macintyre* | North Yorkshire County Council |
| Mike Horrocks* | LEADER Programme Manager |
| Amy Thomas * | LEADER Programme Officer |

*non-voting

3 members share 1 vote.

1. Apologies:

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| Peter Cole # | Appointed | Hambleton DC |
| Sarah Robinson | Appointed | Rural Action Yorkshire |
| Rachel Donkersley | Elected | Young People |

2. Notes from the Executive Group Meeting 15th and 28th September 2009

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 15th September 2009 were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 The Executive Group were given an update on previous projects which had gained approval with 'special conditions' attached.

4. Programme Report – Verbal NYCC and NYMNP

- 4.1 **JL** circulated a spreadsheet to the Executive Group, which showed a 'Breakdown of Funding' up to and including today's projects.

RL informed the Executive Group that the programme would now be measured in 'calendar years' (1st January to 31st December), and no longer 'financial years' (1st April to 31st March), and the application forms would be changed to reflect this. As a result there would be a re-profile required by projects for Year 1. The deadline for claims submission for the Year 2009 will be 7th January 2010, and the related expenditure must be 'defrayed' by 31st December 2009. There will be some flexibility, as long as Projects notify the LEADER Team at NYCC immediately giving details of any problems with the deadline. **MH** reminded the group that there may be deadlines but it is important to note that submission of claims can be earlier than the deadline.

- 4.2 **MH** gave a brief update on project activity since the last Executive meeting. There have been 99 'Project Ideas Forms' submitted to date, however, that does not mean that these will all progress to the full application stage. It is estimated that there are 26 'Full Applications' in the system at present, many of which will require funding in 2010 and beyond. It is anticipated that there should be 8 or 10 ready for submission at the next meeting on 16th December 2009.

5. Declarations of Interest

| Project Ref. | Project Name | Exec.Member Initials |
|----------------|---|----------------------|
| LDR/M/0910/027 | 'A Centenary of Culture and Heritage' | GD, PS |
| LDR/M/0910/028 | 'Iron Awe presents Heartbreak Hill' | None |
| LDR/M/0910/029 | Moorsholm Memorial Hall and Renewal and Development Project | None |
| LDR/M/0910/030 | Cinder Track Improvement Team | LD, PH, PB |
| LDR/M/0910/032 | The Last Train to Pinchinthorpe | GD |
| LDR/M/0910/033 | Skinningrove 2gether | GD, LB |
| LDR/M/0910/034 | 'Get in ON' in your village | JJ |

6. Applications for Consideration

6.1 LDR/M/0910/027 A Centenary of Culture and Heritage

Grant requested: £19,260 (69.88%)
Total Project Cost: £27,560

- 6.1.1 **GD** 'declared an interest' in this project, and he left the room. **PS** 'declared an interest' in this project, but did not leave the room and did not vote.

- 6.1.2 The project was approved a grant of £19,260 on the conditions:-
A 'Job Description' for the new 0.5 FTE post must be evidenced; this 'new

post' must be advertised, to comply with the 'Equal Opportunities Policy' and; an 'Offer of Funding' letter from 'Foyle Foundation' - £1,000, must be evidenced.

6.1.3 **GD** re-entered the room.

6.2 LDR/M/0910/028 Iron Awe presents Heartbreak Hill

Grant requested: £50,000 (100%)
Total Project Cost: £50,000

6.2.1 The project was **rejected on the basis there was: - a lack of match funding for this project, which did not give the appearance of an exceptional project to warrant 100% funding; limited long term benefits or outputs; a lack of community consultation prior to application submission.**

6.3 LDR/M/0910/029 Moorsholm Memorial Hall Renewal and Development Project

Grant requested: £43,739 (84.54%)
Total Project Cost: £51,739

6.3.1 **GD** abstained from voting because of his links with Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

6.3.2 The project was **approved a grant of £43,739.**

6.3.3 Further discussion points:-

- That TVRCC be encouraged to discuss better insulation/heating with the above applicant.
- The recommendation that advice to applicants regarding the submission of the 'Project Idea Form', be more specific.
- 'Social Inclusion & Diversity' – equal opportunities – should be applicable to all (village halls inclusive), and in the new application the option of 'Not applicable' should be removed.

ACTION : AT to approach the applicant regarding further sustainable improvements to the hall.

6.4 LDR/M/0910/030 Cinder Track Improvement Team

Grant requested: £52,000 (18.77%)
Total Project Cost: £277,000

6.4.1 **PH, and PB** 'declared an interest' in this project. **PH** was asked if he wished to comment on the project before leaving the room. He then left the room along with **PB**. **LD** 'declared an interest' in the project, but had no involvement with the bid.

6.4.2 The Decision of approval/rejection was based on a 'Show of Hands'.

6.4.3 The project was **approved a grant of £52,000 on the condition that:-there was clarification on whether the Accountable Body was 'Groundworks' or**

'Scarborough Borough Council'; LEADER Procurement Procedures be adhered to when purchasing 'Capital' items, and evidence of Quotations or the 'Tendering Process' supplied; Confirmation and evidence of match funding offers be forthcoming for:- Future Jobs Fund -£156,000, North York Moors National Park - £20,000, and Sustainable Development Fund -£20,000.

6.4.4 **PH and PB** re-entered the room.

6.5 LDR/M/0910/032 The Last Train to Pinchinthorpe

Grant requested: £10,500 (46.92%)
Total Project Cost: £22,381

6.5.1 **GD** 'declared an interest' in this, and the following project, and left the room.

6.5.2 The project was **approved a grant of £10,500 on the condition that: - Confirmation is received and the leasehold agreement is in place, and is evidenced.**

6.6 LDR/M/0910/033 Skinningrove 2gether

Grant requested: £90,500 (100%)
Total Project Cost: £90,500

6.6.1 **LB** 'declared an interest' in this project, but had no involvement with the bid. She was asked if he wished to comment on the project before leaving the room. She did, and then left the room to join **GD**.

6.6.2 The project **was deferred on the basis there was: - a lack of clear objectives; no evidence of attempts to source match funding; lack of explanation how this project fits with what is happening in the wider area; no detail given on community involvement; a lack of quotations; and a lack of involvement and support from stakeholders. However, the Executive also agreed that if the applicant wished to re-submit an application having resolved these issues, this would be welcomed.**

6.6.3 Both **GD** and **LB** re-entered the room.

6.7 LDR/M/0910/034 'Get it ON' in your village

Grant requested: £100,000 (41.30%)
Total Project Cost: £242,138

6.7.1 **JJ** 'declared an interest' in this project, and did not leave the room but answered factual questions when asked, and did not vote..

6.7.2 The project **was deferred on the basis: - it had not demonstrated sufficiently the 'need', and did not qualify as being an exceptional project to warrant the £100,000 LEADER funding. The Executive Group would welcome a resubmission by the applicant on the basis of one of the following two options:- Option 1) to resubmit a 'smaller scale' application. Option 2) to resubmit in partnership with another suitable organisation able to operate in the LEADER area outside the North Yorkshire boundary, and as a result cover the whole LEADER area.**

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 **MB** informed the Executive Group that the Wider LAG meeting went well, and extended thanks to those of the Executive who attended the meeting.
- 7.2 **LB** informed the Executive Group that the LEADER event at Loftus was extremely good, well attended, and the presentations were well received. Members of the LAG and Executive Group attended.
- 7.3 **PB** requested that the subject of 'Developing Communities' and the delivery of 'Sense of Place' be put on the Agenda for discussion at the Meeting on 16th December 2009, with a view to 'Creating an Awareness' in local businesses of the facilities they have on their doorstep. This is of particular importance to the NYMR.
- 7.4 **MH** in reply to comments that many of the usual LAG are no longer in attendance at some of the events, voiced the opinion that these may already be 'satisfied' with the management of the programme, and no longer require guidance via these events. He was still of the opinion, however, that a 'presence' was still required at those events.
- 7.5 **MB** informed the Executive Group that the NYMNPA would be running a training session on 12th November 2009, 10 am to 3 pm, which would cover the topic of 'Standards and Ethics'. Any members of the Executive Group were welcome to attend. **DPy**, and **PS** both wished to attend.
There was also interest in attending the 'Carnegie Rural Convention'. **SR** had already indicated she was attending, but it was requested that **RR** also attend, acting as substitute for **GD**.
- 7.6 **MH** informed the Executive Group of the future application dates as indicated in the spreadsheets which were handed out at today's meeting. As January was going to be a very labour intensive and busy period for NYCC, it was suggested that 27th January meeting could be a training session, or a day to visit some of the 'live' projects, dependant on the weather. **JH** extended an offer to the Executive Group to visit 'Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum'. All suggestions welcome from the Executive.
- 7.7 **MH** asked if there was still a need to supply Project Sheets (aide memoires) for each meeting. There was general agreement that they were no longer necessary.
- 7.8 **MB** told the executive that they would be informed when confirmation is received from Yorkshire Forward on the 'Investment Decisions' of today's meeting.

8. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th December 2009, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, NYMNPA Offices, Helmsley.

Signature:

Malcolm Bowes, Chair

Date: