

LEADER North York Moors, Coast and Hills

LAG Executive Group Meeting

28th April 2010, 09.30 am to 12 noon

National Park Office, Helmsley.

Present:

LAG Executive Members

Malcolm Bowes (Chair)	Elected	Public or non public
Peter Spencer (Vice Chair)	Appointed	Tees Valley RCC
Peter Barfoot	Appointed	NYMNP
Liz Dowson #	Appointed	Scarborough BC
Vacant	Appointed	Business
CLlr George Dunning	Appointed	Redcar and Cleveland BC
Bill Cross*	Appointed	Rural Action Yorkshire
Will Terry	Appointed	Farming - NFU/CLA
Linda Bell	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Eleanor Dowsland	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Janette Holt	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Claire Lawrence	Elected	Environment
Vacant	Elected	Young People

Support Group

Julie Kidd*	North Yorkshire County Council
Mairi Macintyre*	North Yorkshire County Council
Mike Horrocks*	LEADER Programme Manager (NYMCH)
Amy Thomas *	LEADER Programme Officer

Guest

Liz Scott *	LEADER Programme Manager (Yorkshire Forward)
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*non-voting

3 members share 1 vote.

1. Apologies:

Jos Holmes#	Appointed	Ryedale DC
Peter Cole #	Appointed	Hambleton DC
Phil Bustard	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Rita Lawson *		North Yorkshire County Council
Patrick Holdsworth	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Marian Wheeler	Elected	Voluntary/Community

2. Notes from the Executive Group Meeting 16th December 2009

2.1 Section 8.3. It should read as "Both **MB** and **LB** attended this event."

2.2 The minutes of the meeting on 3rd March 2010 are to be amended accordingly.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Section 7.6.3. **MB** informed the Executive Group members that the applicant of the project 'Revitalisation of Fylingdales Village Hall' had fulfilled the criteria set by the Executive Group, and had subsequently been issued with an offer letter.

WT made the recommendation that the services of the Village Hall Advisors be utilised in a more efficient manner which could be of benefit to the Executive Group. The provision of regular updates/feedback on individual future Village Hall applications seeking funding to install 'sustainable resources' could aid Executive Group members with their decision-making.

PB voiced some concern over difficulty in accessing/communicating with the Village Hall Advisors.

BC representative from Rural Action Yorkshire was agreeable to the request made by **WT** to provide the service mentioned.

4. Programme Report – Verbal NYCC and NYMNPA

- 4.1 **JL** circulated a spreadsheet to the Executive Group, which showed a 'Breakdown of Funding' up to and including today's projects. Contracted value (grants) YR1 = £527,000, and claimed in Yr 1. The Contracted value (grants) Yr2 = £669,000. **PB** inquired about the total spend.

- 4.2 **MB** extended thanks to **JK** and all the Team for their hard work throughout this 1st year. **LD** also mentioned that the team had been 'hugely' supportive, and referred to one project in particular that had been appreciative of that support.

- 4.3 **MH** had two document 'handouts' to give the Executive Group:-

- 4.3.1 The first document was an update from Clair Shields on the 'LEADER Small Scale Enhancement Scheme – NYMNPA'. Applications have been received, and approved and there are more enquiries on the way. The Ryedale SSES is also going well. The schemes will be promoted at the Heritage Conference at Duncombe Park, Helmsley on 7th and 8th May 2010. Executive Group members were encouraged to attend.

- 4.3.2 The second document was a list of the Project Ideas Forms:
There are 150 at application stage. A third of these have been turned into applications. **MH** informed the Executive Group that there are still plenty of project ideas which could come to fruition.

5. Declarations of Interest

Project Ref.	Project Name	Exec.Member Initials
LDR/M/2010/047	Art Geo Cache	
LDR/M/2010/048	Young children's Play Area and Adjacent Grass Play Area (Husthwaite Recreation Area)	
LDR/M/2010/049	Heritage Coast Festival	GD
LDR/M/2010/050	North York Moors, Coast and Hills sustainable Communities	PB
LDR/M/2010/051	LEADER Small Scale Enhancement Scheme – East Cleveland	GD

6. Applications for Consideration

6.1 LDR/M/2010/047 Art Geo Cache

Grant requested: £16,000 (50%) - over 2 years
Total Project Cost: £32,000

6.1.1 The project was **rejected on the basis that it:-**

- 1) **does not contribute sufficiently to LEADER objectives,**
- 2) **is considered to give low 'value for money', with low outputs.**

6.2 LDR/M/2010/048 Young Children's Play Area and Adjacent Grass Play Area (Husthwaite Recreation Area)

Grant requested: £29,543 (80.84%)
Total Project Cost: £36,543

6.2.1 **Action** : MH to provide a factual report to the Executive Group at the 23rd June meeting on breakdown of spend by project type including play areas.

6.2.2 The project was **approved a grant of £ 29,543 LEADER funding.**

6.3 LDR/M/2010/049 Heritage Coast Festival

Grant requested: £10,475 (90.50%) – over 2 years
Total Project Cost: £11,575

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

6.3.2 The project was **deferred until the next Executive Group Meeting on 23rd June 2010 to allow the applicant the opportunity to:-**

- 1) clarify financial figures with the aid of quotations/estimates,
- 2) provide evidence of support, in the form of 'letters of support' from e.g. Parish Council etc..
- 3) give clarification on links with 'Loftus Community Forum'

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

6.4 LDR/M/2010/050 North York Moors, Coast and Hills Sustainable Communities

Grant requested: £44,984 (58.99%) – over 3 years.
Total Project Cost: £76,258

6.4.1 **PB** 'declared an interest' in this project, and left the room.

6.4.2 The project was **approved on the condition that:-**

- 1) feedback on the project performance is received after 6 months, and thereafter on a quarterly basis.

6.4.3 **PB** re-entered the room.

6.5 LDR/M/2010/051 LEADER Small Scale Enhancement Scheme – East Cleveland

Grant requested:	£256,716 (96.58%)
Total Project Cost:	£265,808

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

6.5.2 The project was **deferred until the next Executive group meeting on 23rd June 2010 to allow:-**

- 1) the applicant the opportunity to have discussions with Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council in regards any Local Authority contribution in this project,
- 2) a letter to be sent to the R&CBC Chief Executive informing them of this 'LEADER-NYMCH Executive Group' decision.

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

7. Programme Review (including feedback from LAG Event)

MH informed the Executive Group that the Programme Annual Review 2009/10 was in the final stages , requiring only detail from the recent survey carried out by NYCC. A copy of the final report will be submitted to Liz Scott at Yorkshire Forward.

Executive members were given a copy of the review by **MH**, for reference, and taken through a brief presentation of the 'Lessons Learnt' from the process.

LB left the meeting at 11.55am.

MH – reminded the Executive Group of the need to be able to accept different innovative projects.

MB extended a thank you to all involved with the LAG event on 14th April 2010, which was very well organised and attended – with over 60 people present.

MB informed the Executive Group members, that feedback will be given on the 'Sustainable Community Halls' project at the next Executive Group meeting on the 23rd June 2010. A summary of the feedback from the LAG workshops will also be given.

8. Communications Plan 2010/11

A copy of the communications Plan 2010/11 was handed to each of the Executive Group members. There was a significant level of activity in the 1st year and there will be a similar amount in the next.

ACTION: MH to include actions in the lessons learnt section of the Programme Review feedback to show what we will be doing to further improve communications.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Mulgrave Community Sports Association

The Executive were informed that the MCSA, who had submitted an application last year and were refused, wished to have it acknowledged that the Executive Group had seen the comments they were putting forward in response to their refusal.

MB read out the comments made by the applicant and they were duly noted.

9.2 Esk Valley News

A letter is to be released in the Esk Valley News, which will have a rather negative slant on LEADER funding. EVN have given MH as LEADER Programme Manager an opportunity to respond to the article, and this response will be published in the June issue. EVN had already been notified that some elements of the original article to be released were incorrect.

10. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Wednesday 23rd June 2010, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, NYMNPA Offices, Helmsley.

Signature:

Malcolm Bowes, Chair

Date: