

Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme

Executive Group Meeting

Wednesday 16th November 2016

Langcliffe Village Institute

10:00-15:00

Minutes and Actions

Attending:

Voting members	Representing
Andy Barton	Business support (private sector)
Karen Booth	York, North Yorkshire & East Riding LEP
Jane Ellison-Bates	Small / micro business (private sector)
Cllr John Fort	NYCC
Martyn Glynn	Forestry (private sector)
Isabel Marshall	Tourism (private sector)
Rita Lawson (Chair)	Voluntary / Community Sector (private sector)
Neil Pickard (Vice Chair)	Agriculture (private sector)
Cllr Lawrence Grose	Richmondshire DC
Judith Richards	Small / micro business (private sector)
Cllr Chris Clark	Yorkshire Dales NPA
Cllr Ian Thompson	Craven District Council
Advisors	Representing
Rima Berry	YDMT – LEADER Co-ordinator
Helen Patchett	NYCC, Accountable Body

1. Welcome and Apologies

Introductions were made. Apologies were received from the following:

Voting members	Representing
Rachel Allen	Small / micro business (private sector)
Cllr Margaret Atkinson	Harrogate Borough Council
Susan Briggs	Tourism (private sector)

2. Minutes from the last meeting of 4th October 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 4th October 2016

HP went through the action points identified in the minutes (summary of actions).

4. Programme Update

HP presented the written report that had been circulated. The key point was that as per the paper attached, the Autumn Statement deadline is no longer in place; all contracts signed before leaving the EU (estimated to be 30/09/2018) will be honoured as long as they meet Value for Money (VFM) and National Priorities. LEADER is very vigorous on VFM for projects (not administration wise). There is still a grey area over these two emphasised criteria and awaiting official guidelines.

Two projects are still being reviewed by the RPA however the applicants are expecting a decision today. Of the projects coming forward today we have advised careful apportioning of budget so that they do not lose grant not spent by March 2018.

The Executive asked about the possibility of supporting Revenue through LEADER. RB reported this was unlikely as Officers have not been successful in getting approval for any revenue project activity, even where jobs are created (unfunded).

5. Full Applications for consideration

No declarations of interest in the projects being considered were made by any Executive members.

I. 103938 The Cheese Experience

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 103938 The Cheese Experience, subject to

- Confirmation of planning permission granted.

II. 103878 Proposed Dairy Cubicle Shed and Parlour

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 103878 Proposed Dairy Cubicle Shed and Parlour, subject to the

- Confirmation of planning permission granted.

III. 104033 Peaks and Pods

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 104033 Peaks and Pods, subject to the existing conditions suggested:

- Confirmation of planning permission granted.

IV. 104119 High Moor Farm

It was agreed (11 in favour, 1 abstention) to approve the project 104119 High Moor Farm, subject to:

- Written confirmation from the applicant that they meet the Call specific condition "A holding that is in the majority of a designated Less Favoured Area and contains a designated Severely Disadvantaged Area.

V. 104113 Old Home Farm Woodland Ecocabins

It was agreed (10 in favour, 2 abstentions) to approve the project 104113 **Old Home Farm Woodland Ecocabins**, subject to:

- Project Specific Condition that confirmation of planning permission granted.

VI. 104115 Castiles Farm Glamping Business

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 104115 Castiles Farm Glamping Business, subject to:

- Satisfactory QC from RPA, and
- Project Specific Condition that confirmation of planning permission granted.

VII. 103989 Woodhouse Biomass

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 103989 Woodhouse Biomass. No conditions apply.

VIII. 103999 Small Woodland Management

It was agreed to approve (8 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions) the project 103999 Small Woodland Management, subject to:

- Project specific conditions – cash flow is submitted to satisfaction of the Executive prior to issuing a GFA by AB. This would be requested by the next meeting with an absolute deadline of submission to January 18th panel. If not satisfactory to the Executive then the project could still be rejected.

Four projects were in Appraisal and awaiting a LAG Executive decision prior to the New Year. A further meeting was set for Wednesday 7th December.

6. Future Calls for Projects – papers circulated

RB outlined the revised invitations to apply for grant under “Dales Farm Capital Grant Scheme” and “Forestry Capital Grant Scheme”. Both of these are tightly governed by the lists of eligible equipment issued by the RPA, so few changes to address local strategic issues can be made. These would be launched on 17th November 2016 following the LAG Executive comments and approval.

These were approved subject to a reduction in the lower level of grant from £5,000 to £2,500 for both schemes.

7. Any other business

- RB reported an annual report would be available for December 2016;
- The next invitations under all other DEFRA priorities would be prepared for the December meeting for a planned relaunch in mid- December (subject to approval), and
- Sharing of Appraisals: several members are having issues with accessing documents from the Cloud.

8. Date and time of next meeting

7th December 2016.