

**Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme  
Executive Group Meeting  
Richmond Town Hall  
10.00 – 12.00 pm, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Notes of the meeting**

Attending:

Name	Representing
Cllr Margaret Atkinson	Harrogate Borough Council
Andy Barton	Business Support
Rima Berry (non-voting)	Programme Sponsor, YDMT
Karen Booth (non-voting)	Local Enterprise Partnership
Cllr Chris Clark	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Jane Ellison-Bates	Small and micro businesses
Martin Glynn	Forestry
Cllr Lawrence Grose	Richmondshire District Council
Rita Lawson (Chair)	Voluntary & Community sector
Isabel Marshall	Tourism
Helen Patchett (non-voting)	Programme Manager, NYCC
Neil Pickard (Vice Chair)	Agriculture

Apologies:

Name	Representing
Susan Briggs	Tourism
Judith Richards	Small and micro businesses
Cllr Ian Thompson	Craven District Council

**(1) Welcome and apologies**

Apologies had been received as listed above.

**(2) Minutes from the last meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were agreed as accurate. A copy of the minutes was signed by RL(Chair) to be retained on file.

**(3) Matters arising from the minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

An update on each of the matters arising was given.

- RB written to CP to thank him. Vacancy had been advertised through Mail Chimp mailing list (over 200 recipients). Only 1 member expressed interest. HP advised that as Farm Productivity is a list of equipment supplied by RPA/Defra, perhaps just one representative might suffice. This was agreed by the LAG.

- HP had emailed the Executive with the formal response given by Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on the advertising and potential users of the Swale Trail.
- All projects have had inception meetings, just waiting for one offer letter to be signed and returned.
- Old Home Farm Ecocabins does now have its planning permission, granted on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

No further matters arising were identified that were not on the agenda.

#### **(4) Programme Update**

HP previously sent round the brief programme update. The re-opening Farm Productivity (SP2) took place immediately following the last meeting. No virement of budgets across the Priorities is required.

The tender for the Evaluation is a month behind anticipated schedule. Intention is it will be advertised by 1<sup>st</sup> October. Currently with NYCC Legal team. Delay mainly due to various external issues over the past 6 weeks across the LEADER team.

RB reported that the Yorkshire Dales is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 79 English LEADER areas for performance and spend.

RB gave an update on potential applicants that were working on Full Applications.

The Chair wished that it be recorded in the minutes the LAG's thanks to the Leader team for their tenacious work to date in raising the profile of the Programme.

#### **(5) Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Margaret Atkinson declared an interest in Old Home Farm Woodland Ecocabins. No interests declared in projects to be considered at this meeting. None declared.

#### **(6) Applications to be considered**

- i. 106107 Installation of robotic milkers at Middle Biggin Farm (Vasey)

It was unanimously agreed to approve the project 106107 Installation of robotic milkers at Middle Biggin Farm (Vasey). There were no specific conditions to be associated with this project.

**Action: HP**

- ii. 106104 Arbortech Tree Specialists Ltd – Mossie Mire Shed

It was unanimously agreed to approve the project 106104 Arbortech Tree Specialists Ltd – Mossie Mire Shed. There were no specific conditions to be associated with this project.

**Action: HP**

iii. 104966 Cragdale Laundry Services

It was unanimously agreed to approve the project 104966 Cragdale Laundry Services. There were no specific conditions to be associated with this project.

**Action: HP**

iv. 105590 Longthornes of Hebden

It was unanimously agreed to approve the project 105590 Longthornes of Hebden. There were no specific conditions to be associated with this project.

**Action: HP**

v. 105650 Harrison Farm Egg Packing Expansion

It was unanimously agreed to approve the project 105650 Harrison Farm Egg Packing Expansion. There were no specific conditions to be associated with this project.

**Action: HP**

vi. 106424 Raw Milk Cheese Production (Spence)

The project 105424 Raw Milk Cheese Production (Spence) was agreed by a majority; 1 against, 8 for. There were no specific conditions to be associated with this project.

**Action: HP**

## **(7) AOB**

- Limits of all Calls were discussed; concern expressed around increasing rates on farming and forestry calls. LAG agreed no action would be taken at present to vary detail of the Calls for Projects.
- RB reminded all to claim for travel expenses.
- Letter received from potential Applicant updating panel on their project was read out.
- Dates for 2018 will be circulated at the next meeting
- A group of academics from Japan came to visit earlier this month to hear about community development from the bottom up in the UK. Very interested in the LEADER approach perspective from earlier programmes.

## **(8) Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at 10.00 am at Dales Countryside Museum.

## **Summary of Action Points**

	Action	To be completed by
1	Grant Funding Agreement to 106424 Raw Milk Cheese Production	HP

	(Spence) Complete inception meeting with applicant	
2	Grant Funding Agreement to 105650 Harrison Farm Egg Packing Expansion Complete inception meeting with applicant	HP
3	Grant Funding Agreement 105590 Longthornes of Hebden Complete inception meeting with applicant	HP
4	Grant Funding Agreement to 104966 Cragdale Laundry Services Complete inception meeting with applicant	HP
5	Grant Funding Agreement to 106104 Arbortech Tree Specialists Ltd – Mossie Mire Shed Complete inception meeting with applicant	HP
6	Grant Funding Agreement to 106107 Installation of robotic milkers at Middle Biggin Farm (Vasey) Complete inception meeting with applicant	HP
7	Circulate dates of 2018 meetings	RB

*Rima Berry*  
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