

Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme

Executive Group Meeting

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Bentham Golf Club*

10:00-12:00

Minutes and Actions

Attending:

Voting members	Representing
Jane Ellison-Bates	Small / micro business (private sector)
Martyn Glynn	Forestry (private sector)
Isabel Marshall	Tourism (private sector)
Rita Lawson (Chair)	Voluntary / Community Sector (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. Thanks were expressed to Isabel for providing the venue.

Apologies were received from the following:

Voting members	Representing
Rachel Allen	Small / micro business (private sector)
Susan Briggs	Tourism (private sector)
Neil Pickard	Agriculture (private sector)
Andy Barton	Business support (private sector)
Cllr John Fort	NYCC
Karen Booth	York, North Yorkshire & East Riding LEP

2) Minutes from Last Meeting of 16th November 2016 (paper attached)

Proposed and agreed as a true record.

3) Matters Arising from minutes

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

	Action	Outcome
1	Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) to be issued for 103938 The Cheese Experience	GFA issued and inception meeting held
2	Grant Funding Agreement to be issued for 103878	GFA issued and inception meeting

	Proposed Dairy Cubicle Shed and Parlour	held
3	Grant Funding Agreement to be issued for 104033 Peaks and Pods	GFA issued and inception meeting held
4	104119 High Moor Farm written confirmation that Applicant meets the Call specific condition "A holding that is in the majority of a designated Less Favoured Area and contains a designated Severely Disadvantaged Area.	Confirmed criteria met 16/11/16 Total area 312.36 ha Non LFA 13.58 LFA 222.48 SDA 76.30. Total LFA/SDA 298.78
5	Grant Funding Agreement to be issued for 104119 High Moor Farm	GFA issued and inception meeting held
6	Grant Funding Agreement to be issued for 104113 Old Home Farm Woodland Ecocabins	GFA issued and inception meeting held
7	Grant Funding Agreement to be issued for 104115 Castiles Farm Glamping Business	GFA issued and inception meeting held
8	Grant Funding Agreement to be issued for 103989 Woodhouse Biomass	GFA issued and inception meeting held
9	Advise 103999 Small Woodland Management with their business cash flow to be presented to the Executive no later than January 18 th	On agenda
10	Launch of calls for Forestry Capital Grant and Farm Capital Grant schemes	Done on 17 th November 2017
12	Investigations with NYCC IT department on an alternative platform to the Cloud for sharing documents.	Query has been asked of NYCC IT department

4) Programme Update (paper attached) – HP

HP presented the written report that had been circulated.

The Yorkshire Dales is in a good position with awarding finance to applicants; the LAG were thanked for their proactive approach in promoting the Invitations to apply.

5) Declarations of Interest

Chris Clark declared an interest (member has advised on business planning): 102557 Artisan Cheese Production in Upper Nidderdale

6) Full Applications for consideration (HP):

a) 103999 Small Woodland Management

Project specific conditions from the last meeting of the LAG were:

- cash flow must be submitted to satisfaction of the Executive prior to the issuing of a Grant Funding Agreement by the Accountable Body. This was requested by January 18th panel. If the cash flow was

considered not satisfactory to the majority of the Executive then the project could still be rejected. HP and RB would arrange a meeting with the applicant to facilitate this.

LAG Reviewed and discussed draft amendment, felt it was not ready for a formal decision. The Executive agreed that the LAG member for this sector should meet with the applicant (as the January 18th deadline was still valid) in order to give their expert opinion. The Executive would then review this cash flow once more prior to the January 18th meeting.

Action : HP/MG

b) 103990 Yorkshire Dales Dog Hydrotherapy

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 103990 Yorkshire Dales Dog Hydrotherapy.

Action : HP

c) 104104 Heritage Timber Construction Training Centre

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 104104 Heritage Timber Construction Training Centre.

Action : HP

d) 102557 Artisan Cheese Production in Upper Nidderdale

It was agreed unanimously to approve the project 102557 Artisan Cheese Production in Upper Nidderdale subject to the RPA Quality Check.

Action : HP

e) 104114 Car and Kitchen No papers supplied

The applicant has withdrawn the application as the delayed timescale does not meet the business requirements.

7) Future Calls for Projects – papers were supplied to be discussed on the day

RB reported on the content of the three Invitations to Apply under Micro, Small Enterprise and Farm Diversification Capital Grant (one call), Sustain and Enhance Rural Services Capital Grant (one call) and Tourism, Heritage and Culture Capital Grant (one call). LAG Executive approved that all Invitations would remain open (no application deadline date) until all finance was allocated, with a financial and practical completion date of 31st September 2018, (as advised by National Policy – after that date any project requiring finance needs to be discussed with Rural Payments agency staff prior to allowing a project submission) .

RB expressed thanks to the Advisory Board for their work in formulating the calls within the National Policy/process framework. The approved Invitations would open on December 8th.

LAG approved that the Forestry Capital Grant and the Dales Farm Capital Grant would re-open immediately after June 12th (the advertised deadline for these Invitations) subject to finance being available. These would revert to a rolling programme.

8) Any other business

None

9) Date of Next Meeting – 18th January 2017

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