

**Yorkshire Dales LEADER  
Notes of Management Group meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 10.00a.m. – 2.00p.m.  
Middleham Key Centre**

**Present:**

**Management Group:**

Kevin Lancaster - Chair	Yorkshire Dales National Park
Colin Bailey	North Yorkshire Employment & Skills Partnership
Cllr Richard Foster	Craven District Council
Prue Keigwin	Community / rural services representative
Tom Wheelwright	Business / tourism representative
Rita Lawson	North Yorkshire County Council
Stephen Ramsden	Agricultural representative
Cllr Les Ellington	Harrogate Borough Council
Cllr Jimmy Wilson-Petch	Richmondshire District Council
Ann Harding	Environmental representative
Graham Wilkinson	Community/rural services representative

**Support Officers:**

Rima Berry	LEADER Co-ordinator
Catherine Maudsley	North Yorkshire County Council
Julie Kidd	North Yorkshire County Council

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

**Management Group:**

Mike Keeble	Heritage / culture representative
Mark Haynes	Hambleton District Council
Dawn Clarkson	Business / tourism representative
Cllr John Fort	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Margaret Atkinson	Harrogate Borough Council
Sue Vasey	Voluntary sector representative

**2. Minutes of the last meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

It was pointed out to the Group that there was an error next to Cllr Les Ellington's name indicating that a 'sub attended'.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

Rima Berry gave an update on three matters from the previous minutes:

- a) The Basic Services rate has been increased from 40% to 80%. The Rural Access to Opportunities Fund will commence in March 2010 and this will be available as match for LEADER. The intervention rate for this programme is to be 50% but it is flexible. All projects have to work on the annual year not the financial year in order that their claims can be paid out for the first year before the final YF claim is submitted. It was decided to keep the intervention rate at 80% until after March 2010.

b) The Parc Regional de la Millevaches Task and Finish Group meeting has now taken place alongside a free mini training event by Rima Berry. The T&F Group are aware of what the French are expecting to gain from the Yorkshire Dales but more investigation needs to take place to establish what we need to find out from them. They have commissioned a short research project to discover how the Yorkshire Dales should appear to the French visitors. It is known that the Yorkshire Dales has commonalities with the Millevache. Those who attended the meeting are happy to be the steering group. The report is due next week and will be circulated to the Group. More development will start again in January 2010. Prue Keigwin offered her assistance.

c) Way of the Roses Cycle Route - Rima circulated a note as an update on the project which was agreed at the previous Management Group meeting in October. Bridlington Regeneration Partnership, Coast, Wolds & Wetlands LAG and Visit Hull and East Yorkshire have all joined with LEADER in their enthusiasm to deliver the project. Coast & Wolds are putting in £8,000 of their own LEADER money.

Groups involved: Bridlington regeneration partnership, Visit Hull and East Yorkshire, Coast, Wolds & Wetlands LAG. CWW LAG have put in £8K Co-operation Measure, we have put £4K co-operation measure. In addition CWW Lag has approved £50,000 from their 323 Measure towards the infrastructure of the Way of Roses. Rima will keep the Management Group informed as to the progress of this project.

d) The Razem na Wyzny group have been difficult to contact as the emails are not being answered – Rima will persevere.

e) There is a meeting at the Dales Countryside Museum on 17<sup>th</sup> December about a transnational hydro project – Rivers Systems - which includes Spain, Greece and Italy.

f) Task & Finish Group is to look at a transnational project of our own, need to decide on what basis and who the partners could be.

g) One Planet Food – looking at seminars over several years

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were recorded.

<i>Project ref</i>	<i>Project name</i>	<i>Management Group member</i>
LDR/D/0910/022	Changing Lives	Cllr Les Ellington – non-pecuniary interest
LDR/D/0910/025	Grassington Hub	Kevin Lancaster – Personal but non-prejudicial interest
LDR/D/0910/021	Caring for the Parish	Tom Wheelwright – non-pecuniary interest
LDR/D/0910/025	Grassington Hub	Cllr Richard Foster – non-pecuniary interest
LDR/D/0910/024	Heritage Volunteering Project	Les Ellington – non-pecuniary interest
LDR/D/0910/024	Heritage Volunteering Project	Tom Wheelwright – non-pecuniary interest

#### 5. Feedback on Carnegie Event

A report on the event was circulated to the group and Ann Harding gave a brief and enthusiastic account of her visit. She had had discussions with several Local Action Groups

with experience of both large and small projects. Northern Ireland had had £700,000 of LEADER money and only allocated £30,000 as cash flow had been a problem for groups. LAGS felt it was good to take risks some of the more unusual and challenging projects and if they didn't work then learn from them and not consider any of them to be a failure. She had been able to discuss the Settle Hydro project as both a beneficiary and a member of the Management Board of LEADER.

Ann hoped that as many people as possible would try and attend the next event as it had been not only enjoyable but an opportunity for discussion with like minded people.

## 6. Financial update

Julie Kidd from NYCC have a financial update on the LEADER Dales so far and circulated the spreadsheet to the Management Group.

LEADER Dales – Value Year 1	£430,000
Total committed to date (Yr 1)	£131,601
Balance to Commit (Yr 1)	£298,339
Total today if all approved	£428,788

## 7. Project applications seeking approval

### (a) LDR/D/0910/019 Art in the Pen Development

Grant requested: £14,118 (39.80%)

Total Project Costs: £35,470

The project was **approved**.

### (b) LDR/D/0910/020 Wigglesworth Community Centre

Grant requested: £98,937.00 (24.27%)

Total Project Costs: £407,700.00

The project was **approved**.

### (c) LDR/D/0910/021 Caring for the Parish

Grant requested: £57,822.00 (76.26%)

Total Project Costs: £75,822.00

Tom Wheelwright declared an interest.

The project was **approved subject to discussions re the specific requirements of delivery**

### (d) LDR/D/0910/22 Changing Lives

Grant requested: £79,962 (80%)

Total Project Costs: £99,953

Cllr Les Ellington declared an interest

The project was **deferred as members were unclear as to the practicalities of the project and therefore unable to make a decision. They wish to know how respite care will be provided whilst the carers are training etc.**

**(e) LDR/D/0910/023 Dales Wheels to Work**

**Grant requested: £100,200 (71.98%)**

**Project costs: £139,200**

The project was **rejected as it is continuation funding**

**(f) LDR/D/0910/024 Heritage Volunteer Project**

**Grant requested: £54,741 (65.30%)**

**Project costs: £83,832.00**

Cllr Les Ellington and Tom Wheelwright declared an interest

The project was **approved.**

**(g) LDR/D/0910/025 Grassington Hub**

**Grant requested: £146,024 (56.70%)**

**Project costs: £257,254**

Kevin Lancaster and Richard Foster declared an interest in the project

The project was **rejected as it had no added value and was a duplication of existing services. The application was unclear and unfocused.**

**(h) LDR/D/0910/026 Community Hub Richard Whiteley Theatre**

**Grant requested: £54,000 (40%)**

**Project costs: £134,000**

The project was **rejected as not sufficient evidence of support to the community**

**(i) LDR/D/0910/027 Keld Countryside & Heritage Centre**

**Grant requested: £62,521.70 (70.15%)**

**Project costs: £89,121.70**

The project was **approved subject to confirmation of planning permission and new lease.**

**(j) LDR/D/0910/028 Burnsall Village Hall**

**Grant requested: £87,624.00 (79.28%)**

**Project costs: £110,530.00**

The project was **approved with a condition that they are able to confirm the match funding by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – One week after panel on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

**(k) LDR/D/0910/027 Lower Wensleydale Youth Worker**

**Project withdrawn will reapply for February Panel due to change of circumstances with the planned project**

**(l) LDR/D/0910/030 Swaledale Village Agent**

**Project not presented as further information requested from applicant has not been supplied**

**8. Any Other Business**

The outline agenda for the LAG meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 was circulated for approval and any comments. It was decided that the agenda was fine and that the Swaledale Mountain Rescue members should be invited to attend.

The chair hoped that the whole of the Management Group would be able to attend and to put the date in their diaries now. There will be re-elections next year and the nomination forms will be given out at the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February and held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

It was felt that the Management Group should visit some of the successful projects in other LEADER areas to widen their knowledge of how the fund operates and to get some ideas for future projects in the Dales.

**9. Date, time and venue of next meeting:**

The next meeting is to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute to make decisions on the Parish Caretaker applications. The meeting in the New Year on 10<sup>th</sup> February will be to discuss other LEADER application.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Signature:

Kevin Lancaster - Chair

Date: 2009