

LEADER Dales Management Group

**Swaledale Mountain Rescue HQ
Hipswell Road West, Catterick Garrison, DL9 3EH**

Wednesday 24th August 2011 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Present:

Management Group:

Kevin Lancaster – Chair	Yorkshire Dales National Park
Prue Keigwin – Vice Chair	Community/rural services representative
Jill Armstrong	Environmental representative
David Doorbar	Business/tourism representative
Cllr Margaret Atkinson	Nidderdale AONB
Colin Bailey	North Yorkshire Work and Skills Partnership
Cllr Melva Steckles	Richmondshire District Council
Christopher Beazley	Community/rural services representative
Rita Lawson	North Yorkshire County Council (substitute for Cllr. J. Fort)

Support Officers:

Rima Berry	LEADER Co-ordinator
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Apologies for absence:

Cllr Les Ellington	Harrogate Borough Council
Rachel Allen	Community/rural services representative
Cllr John Fort	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Richard Foster	Craven District Council
Mike Keeble	Heritage/culture representative
Catherine Maudsley	North Yorkshire County Council
Stephen Ramsden	Agricultural representative
Tom Wheelwright	Business/tourism representative

2. Programme Update

Cllr Melva Steckles was welcomed to the group; thanks were expressed for the input of Cllr Jimmy Wilson-Petch.

The group re-affirmed their support of Kevin Lancaster as Chairman. It was agreed that the Vice Chair would write a letter to the National Park Authority outlining the strong support Kevin has from the group. Particularly, the importance of the Chairman's continuity and historical knowledge of the LEADER Local Development Strategy, with a suggestion that the Chairman continue to represent local interests for a time-limited period to the end of the Programme (ending March 2014).

Action: Prue Keigwin

There was a minuted resolution last meeting that, following the allocation of the budget position from DEFRA, the group requested in the region of £200k be moved into 2012. Robust consultation via email between the Chairman, Vice Chair, LEADER Co-ordinator, and NYCC had taken place on this issue. Under advice, a proposal to re-

profile £150k to 2012 had been submitted to DEFRA by the deadline of 8th August. An e-mail acknowledging receipt of this re-profile has been received from DEFRA. There has been verbal confirmation to the LEADER Co-ordinator and the Chairman that this is acceptable. The Management group were in approval that the Chairman and Vice Chair had acted in the spirit of the resolution made at the Masham meeting.

The up to date budget figures including the re-profile were presented to the group. It was noted that the letters previously sent to MPs had had an effect. A meeting had been held with Tim Kirkhope, MEP and attended by the LEADER Co-ordinator and David Doorbar. It was agreed that David would be following up on the discussions held at the meeting and would report back to a future meeting.

Concern was expressed at the lack of communication regarding handover of roles within NYCC. No further communication has been received by the LAG regarding which Officer at NYCC would be leading the Accountable Body role at NYCC following Rita's departure on the 9th September. It was agreed that the LAG Chair and Vice Chair would contact James Farrar, NYCC, to request further information as it appears there is a little over 2 weeks before Rita leaves.

Action: Kevin Lancaster and Prue Keigwin

Whole-hearted thanks were expressed by the whole group for the work done by Rita Lawson, Norma Hood and Catherine Maudsley for and on behalf of the Local Action Group.

3. Declarations of Interest

The following members declared an interest.

Project ref	Project name	Management Group member
LDR/D/2010/101	Mealbank Quarry Phase 2	Kevin Lancaster – non prejudicial (former member of YDNPA) (Did not leave the room).
LDR/D/2010/105	Real Food Network	Cllr. Melva Steckles – member of Deliciously Yorkshire (Did not leave the room)
LDR/D/2010/106	Malhamdale Enhancement	Jill Armstrong – Project Officer for Green Communities of which Malhamdale is one (Did not leave the room).

4. Projects:-

(i) LDR/D/2010/101 - Mealbank Quarry Phase 2

Grant Requested: £13,379

Total Project Costs: £17,379

The Management Group discussed the project in detail and it was agreed that this project should be **approved** with a condition that the project's management group increase the community involvement on the group to gain "more vigorous community input".

(ii) LDR/D/2010/103 - Long Preston Wet Grassland

Grant Requested: £18,347

Total Project Costs: £23,011

The Management Group **approved** the project unanimously.

- (iii) **LDR/D/2010/105 – REAL Food Network**
Grant Requested: £62,950
Total Project Costs: £79,950

The Management Group **rejected** this project unanimously on the basis that the viability of the business model for this project was not demonstrable of warranting good use of the limited LEADER funding available.

- (iv) **LDR/D/2010/106 – Malhamdale Enhancement**
Grant Requested: £13,264
Total Project Costs: £23,464

The Management Group considered that this was a project that stood out as being community led and with a good mix of funding. The project was **approved** unanimously.

5. Additional Funding Requests:

- (i) **LDR/D/0910/012 – Extending Practice Celebrating Place**
Uplift Requested: £3,450

The request for additional LEADER funding was discussed and they were not satisfied that there would be any added value in what they were proposing to do with the additional funding of producing a publication of the project. It was noted that the applicant had secured funding from the Arts Council of £6k to produce a booklet for this project and would not be geographically restricted. It was therefore unanimously **rejected**.

- (ii) **LDR/D/2010/056 – Rural Transnational Exchange and Development**
Uplift Requested: £2,991
This request was unanimously **approved**.

6. Any Other Business

A resolution was put to the Management Group that the Local Food Map document is presented to the LEADER Support Team for strategic consideration. This was agreed and would be taken forward by Rima. It was also agreed that when the hard copies were available that they are forwarded to partners to seek their feedback on how they intend to use the document.

The Management Group agreed that discussions on the split of the budgets between Measures be delegated to the Chairman, Vice Chair, LEADER Co-ordinator and Accountable Body, NYCC to progress.

7. Date of Next Meeting

21st September 2011, venue: Kettlewell Village Hall

RL recommended that the 16th November 2011 meeting is cancelled to allow additional time for project appraisals to be carried out. The Management Group agreed and two dates were set as **30th November 2011** and **14th December 2011**. Clearly if the December meeting is not required then this will be cancelled.