

**Yorkshire Dales LEADER
Notes of Management Group meeting
17th September 2010, 10.00am – 4.00pm
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes**

Present:

Management Group:

Kevin Lancaster – Chair	Yorkshire Dales National Park
Prue Keigwin – Vice Chair	Community/rural services representative
Mike Keeble	Heritage/culture representative
Colin Bailey	North Yorkshire Work & Skills Partnership
Stephen Ramsden	Agricultural representative
Cllr John Fort	North Yorkshire County Council
Tom Wheelwright	Business/tourism representative
Alan Simpson	Richmondshire District Council (Substitute)
David Doorbar	Business/tourism representative
Cllr Les Ellington	Harrogate Borough Council
Cllr Margaret Atkinson	Nidderdale AONB
Graham Wilkinson	Community/rural services representative
Rachel Allen	Community/rural services representative

Support Officers:

Rita Lawson	North Yorkshire County Council
Rima Berry	LEADER Co-ordinator
Norma Hood	North Yorkshire County Council

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Jimmy Wilson-Petch	Richmondshire District Council
Richard Foster	

2. Declarations of Interest

This will be declared at the start of each application. The Chair thanked everyone for attending the extra meeting, NYCC and Rima Berry were thanked for all their hard work in getting the applications ready for this meeting.

3. Commissioning Applications: these projects have been pre approved and require formal approval

LDR/D/2010/082 Local Food Scoping Study

Grant requested: £20,000

This project has been agreed with the LEADER Support Group and was discussed in detail at a previous Management Group meeting.

- 2 representatives for the Management Group John Fort and Stephen Ramsden will sit on their management group

The project was **approved** and awarded **£20,000**

LDR/D/2010/094 Sustainable Mobility for the Dales

Grant requested: £57,500

This project has been agreed with the LEADER Support Group and was discussed in detail at a previous Management Group meeting.

There were many issues and concerns with this project. In the present financial climate it was felt that this wasn't a priority in its present form due to the changes in Government funding and thinking.

The project was **rejected**, Rima and Rita will meet with the applicant and the support group to take further, expressing the concerns of the Management Group and how they would like the project to progress.

4. Project applications seeking approval:

a) **LDR/D/2010/072 Wharfedale Beekeepers Fencing and Hedging**

Grant requested: £8,000.00
Total Project Costs: £13,500.00

The project was **approved** and awarded **£11,500** instead of £8,000 requested

b) **LDR/D/2010/073 Thornton Steward Village Green Improvement**

Grant requested: £7,440.00
Total Project Costs: £20,880.00

The project was **approved** and awarded **£7,440.00**

c) **LDR/D/2010/076 Gayle Mill Trust**

Grant requested: £80,000.00
Total Project Costs: £100,192.00

The project was **approved** and awarded **£80,000**

d) **LDR/D/2010/077 Lower Wensleydale Aiming High**

Grant requested: £86,015.00
Total Project Costs: £107,518.00

Colin Bailey, Alan Simpson and Rachel Allen declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room.

This project was **deferred**, as whilst the Management Group supported the concept of the project they felt in its present form the costs were too high and didn't represent value for money. Rita and Rima will meet with the group to resubmit the project with the concerns of the Management Group addressed.

Colin, Alan and Rachel rejoined the meeting.

e) **LDR/D/2010/078 Effective Business Networking in Richmondshire**

Grant Requested: £14,600.00
Total Project Costs: £18,250.00

Colin Bailey, Alan Simpson, Rachel Allen and David Doorbar declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room.

The project was **approved** and awarded **£14,600**

Colin, Alan, Rachel and David rejoined the meeting.

f) LDR/D/2010/079 Hawes a great place to stay or come for the day
Grant requested: £14,256.00
Total Project Costs: £17,820.00

Colin Bailey, Alan Simpson and Rachel Allen declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room.

The project was **approved** and awarded **£14,256**

Colin, Alan and Rachel rejoined the meeting.

g) LDR/D/2010/080 Yorkshire Dales Hill Farm Apprenticeship Scheme
Grant requested: £138,779
Total Project Costs: £242,702

Stephen Ramsden declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room.

The project was **approved** and awarded **£138,779**

Stephen rejoined the meeting.

h) LDR/D/2010/081 Dacre and Harwith Playing Fields
Grant requested: £110,000.00
Total Project Costs: £221,046.00

Les Ellington and Tom Wheelwright declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room.

The project was **approved** and awarded **£110,000**

Les and Tom rejoined the meeting.

i) LDR/D/2010/087 Surfacing THE CURTAIN Eppleby
Grant requested: £18,265
Total Project Costs: £22,831.00

Alan Simpson declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room.

The project was **approved** and awarded **£18,265**

Alan rejoined the meeting.

j) LDR/D/2010/090 Settle Riverside Project Phase 2
Grant requested: £72,776.00
Total Project Costs: £201,776.00

Tom Wheelwright declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room.

The project was **approved** and awarded **£72,776**

Tom rejoined the meeting.

k) LDR/D/2010/093 Bentham Play Fields Under 8's Play Area

Grant requested: £5,000.00

Total Project Costs: £6,329.00

The project was **approved** and awarded **£5,000**

5. Any other business

Rima's update:

The Co-operative projects are all moving forward, Sowing the Seeds worked with neighbouring County and now working with schools education.

22nd September, Burton Agnes event, no need for bus now, two cars will be taking all attendees.

Way of the Roses will be coming back to the panel.

The deadline for the next round of Parish Caretaker applications is 1st October, they will go to the Management Group Meeting on 15th December, expects between 10-15 applications.

The applications approved today should be able to spend before December, therefore reducing any monies that may be re-allocated through Yorkshire Forward, we are 91% committed.

Rita's update:

She has carried out spot checks on some of both the LEADER Dales & Moors projects as part of the accountable body role. Issues with LDR/D/2010/029 Lower Wensleydale Youth Worker project regarding monitoring and claims have been resolved after a meeting with Yvonne, Rachel, Rita and Rima. Rita has had conversations with Rick Faulkner re LDR/D/2010/033 Art Geo Cache, still some answers needed re match funding. Rita and Rima will be meeting with Ann Harding re unclaimed LEADER grant for LDR/D/2009/016 Settle Hydro, if the matter cannot be resolved Rita may have to withdraw the remaining funds that were allocated to the project. She then asked the Management Group for their support in this action **ALL** agreed to this. If the issues cannot be resolved it will be minuted and agreed at the next meeting.

LDR/D/2010/038 Bentham Community Youth Project, have contacted NYCC with regards to extra funding as dry rot has been discovered in the building. They have received a quote and the money requested would be over the 5% that Rita can approve, this would be £7,800. Rita is seeking approval from the Management Group to approve £10k which would be enough to sort the problem. As this affects two LEADER projects the Management Group were fully supportive and **ALL** agreed to this. Rima, Rita and Norma will make sure we obtain the correct quotes etc.

Only projects that have serious issues will be brought back to the Management Group, usually it is minor mistakes in claims etc and is dealt with by the accountable body.

Prue mentioned monitoring projects and the role the Management Group could take, this could be two members visiting projects. Pam Preston is currently reviewing Monitoring Forms that have been used for other programmes and tailoring it to meet the requirements of LEADER Dales and Moors, when this is done Rita will look at training for the Management Group so they can carry these out.

Prue has volunteered to come to NYCC or YDMT to contact any applicants that haven't started yet to see if we can offer any help etc.

Publicity, the group discussed their delight on seeing the LEADER logo on Swaledale Mountain Rescue Vehicle. Unfortunately there still hasn't been any answer from Yorkshire Forward re branding and NYCC are making their own plaque. The group asked if stickers could be obtained to used, Rima will look into this. **Rima**

The group would like to know what other LEADER areas are doing, Rima will resend the link to the group. **Rima**

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th October, venue to be arranged. There being no further business the meeting was closed.