



Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde LAG
Minutes of Meeting: 8th December 2016 (Renfrewshire House)

1. Present

- i. **Quorum:** the meeting was quorate
- ii. **Non-public/public ratio:** 5 non-public and 4 public

Non-Public:

Fraser Lang	Finlaystone Country Estate, Estate Manager (LAG Chair)
Charles Brindley	Uplawmoor Community Council
Lynn Rew	East Renfrewshire Independent resident
Bill Clements	CVS Inverclyde, Deputy Manager
Stuart Miller	Engage Renfrewshire

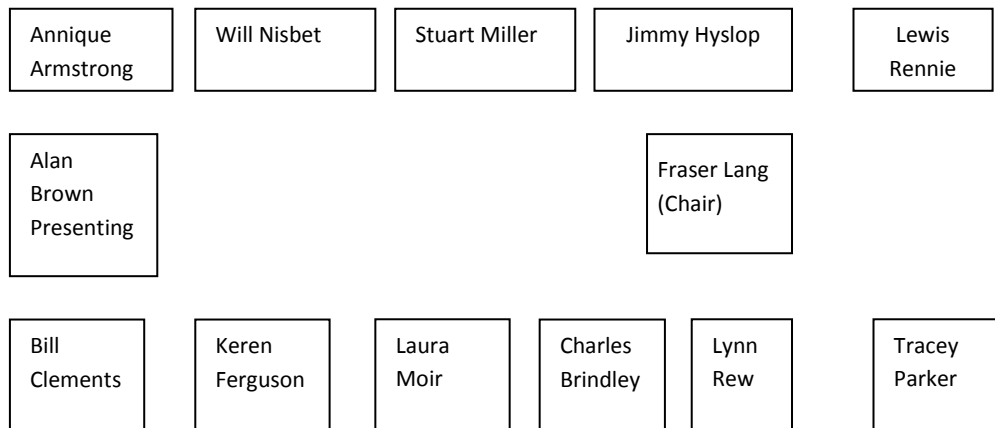
Public:

Jimmy Hyslop	Scottish Natural Heritage
Will Nisbet	Inverclyde Council
Annique Armstrong	Visit Scotland
Laura Moir	East Renfrewshire Council

Others Present:

Keren Ferguson	LEADER Programme Coordinator
Lewis Rennie	LEADER Development
Tracey Parker	LEADER Finance

Table Plan:



iii. Apologies

Non-public:

Susan Robinson	Inverclyde Independent Resident
David Blair	Kilbarchan Community Council
Bill McCallum	West Region Scouts

Public:

Susan Boath	Renfrewshire Council (Assist Manager, Econ Dev)
Ruth Cooper	Renfrewshire Council (Manager, Econ Dev)
David Low	Senior Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous LAG meeting on 1st November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair and co-signed by a second LAG member, Jimmy Hyslop.

3. Conflicts of Interest

Will Nisbet raised the issue that in his current role he was a funder of other activity at Gourock Golf Club. It was agreed that this was not considered to be a conflict of interest. No other conflicts of interest were raised.

4. Consideration of Applications

i. Application Presenting: Tag n Track

A presentation was made by Alan Brown from Clyde Muirshiel Park. There are two elements to the Tag n Track project: a visitor attraction and delivering something for local schools and providing locals with volunteering opportunities.

The LAG asked follow-up questions regarding number of events expected to be held and the lifetime of the equipment that they expected to buy. The LAG was satisfied with the answers given although there were some concerns over the applicant using a survey from 2010 to evidence the need for the project.

LAG Decision: Approved

Conditions: Applicant must record visitor information and report on this. Minimum detail to include:

- Number of visitors attracted by Tag n Track
- Schools that take part and/or school attended by visitors: identifying those from the LAG area
- Area travelled from
- Volunteers taking part: simply to know that the park has such a register to back up its summary report to the LAG
- Workshops held: identifying those from the LAG area
- Attendance for each workshop: identifying those from the LAG area

ii. Deferred Applications

(a) Gourock Golf Club

The LAG was impressed at the additional information supplied by the applicant and gave them credit for their effort since the requests made of them at the previous meeting.

LAG Decision: Approved

Conditions: If planning permission is not granted, no claims can be made.

(b) Shielhill Farm Biomass Production Facility

The LAG was still unclear even after reading the business plan supplied since the previous meeting.

Primarily, the LAG had three concerns:

- Lack of clarity over the relationship between Clyde Logs and West Coast Wood Fuels
- Match funding unconfirmed. The letter from Alistair McIntyre stating the intention to match fund was insufficient as it was not backed up by a bank statement from that account to confirm the ability to provide the funds. The business's bank statements did not provide evidence of the availability of resources. Letter from the bank only indicated support for cashflow.
- Minimal evidence regarding return on investment

The LAG decided that there were too many outstanding issues regarding this project.

LAG Decision: Rejected

(c) Park Farm Development and Expansion

The LAG was impressed at the additional information supplied since the previous meeting and once again gave credit to the applicant on their effort since the requests made of them at the previous LAG meeting.

Jimmy Hyslop suggested that this might be a good project to promote LEADER.

LAG Decision: Approved

Conditions: If planning permission is not granted, no claims can be made.

5. Financial Update

N/A at this meeting

6. Update on Programme Issues

N/A at this meeting

7. AOCB

Sir Ludovic Shaw has stepped down from the LAG.

8. Date of Next Meeting

TBC