



**Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde LAG
Minutes of Meeting: Thursday 1st February 2018 (Renfrewshire House)**

1. Present:

Non-Public:

Fraser Lang	Private Business – IT Consultant (LAG Chair)
Bill McCallum	West Region Scouts
Charles Brindley	Uplawmoor Community Council
David Blair	Renfrewshire Independent Resident (Kilbarchan)
Stuart Miller	Engage Renfrewshire
Daniel McCusker	Renfrewshire Independent Resident (Lochwinnoch)

Public:

Gary Kenyon	Renfrewshire Council
Laura Moir	East Renfrewshire Council
Jimmy Hyslop	Scottish Natural Heritage

Others Present:

Keren Ferguson	LEADER Programme Coordinator
Lewis Rennie	LEADER Project Development

Table Plan:

Laura Moir	Stuart Miller	Jimmy Hyslop	David Blair	Charles Brindley
Fraser Lang (Chair)				
Lewis Rennie	Keren Ferguson	Daniel McCusker	Bill McCallum	Gary Kenyon

- i. **Quorum:** the meeting was quorate
- ii. **Non-public/public ratio:** 6 non-public and 3 public

2. Apologies

Will Nisbet	Inverclyde Council
Lynn Rew	East Renfrewshire Independent Resident
Annique Armstrong	Visit Scotland
Tracey Parker	LEADER Finance
Lisa Roberts	National Farmers Union

3. Financial Update:

There is £1,405,962 available to commit to projects. Approvals to date include three projects based in Renfrewshire, three projects based in Inverclyde and no projects based in East Renfrewshire. There are potentially twelve projects in the pipeline with a combined value of approximately £992,843. Approximately half of these should be ready for the March and May deadlines,

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the previous LAG meeting on Thursday 2nd November August 2017 were agreed and signed by the LAG Chair and co-signed by a second LAG member, Stuart Miller.

5. Matters Arising:

Bill Clements (CVS Inverclyde) and Susan Robinson (Inverclyde Independent Resident) have both stepped down from the LAG. Susan Robinson had nominated Charlie Cairns to take her place on the LAG. However, his employment with Inverclyde Council unfortunately precludes his membership on the LAG, even as an independent Inverclyde resident.

Inverclyde Council already has a representative on the LAG. The GRI Business Plan (companion document to the Local Development Strategy) is unequivocal in its rule that there is only 1 representative per local authority. However, the LAG would welcome Charlie's expertise and input in an advisory capacity on an ad-hoc basis.

There were no conflicts of interest declared with respect to the application under consideration.

6. Project Application: Ceilidh Trail

Grant McFarlane of Fèis Phàislig presented on his application to GRI LEADER. The LAG rejected the project due to the following reasons:

- (i) Unsatisfactory research and planning. The LAG was of the opinion that the impact on the LEADER area would be limited
- (ii) No evidence that the people benefitting from this project would be from the GRI areas
- (iii) Insufficient evidence of value for money and return on investment

LAG Decision: Rejected

7. Live Project Change Request: Tag n Track

Alan Brown from Clyde Muirshiel and senior applicant of the Tag n Track project presented on his change requested submitted on LARCS. The project has underspent to date due to costs being cheaper than the original quotes or the project no longer required certain items. The project would like to use the underspend to purchase items that were not part of their original offer.

The LAG agreed to the change request given that it was a reasonable request to use money already allocated for different items in order to enhance the project; it was not asking for more money and asking to radically alter the initial ethos of the project.

8. AOCB:

The LAG expressed sadness over the passing of Susan Boath, assistant manager in the Economic Development section at Renfrewshire Council.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 17th April (with a project deadline date of Thursday 8th March) with possible venue of Gourrock Golf Club, in order to showcase the LEADER funded project.

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