



**Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde LAG
Minutes of Meeting: 1st November 2016,**

Renfrewshire House, 6pm

1. Present

Non-Public:

Susan Robinson	Inverclyde Independent Resident
Fraser Lang	Finlaystone Country Estate, Estate Manager (LAG Chair)
Charles Brindley	Uplawmoor Community Council
David Blair	Kilbarchan Community Council
Bill McCallum	West Region Scouts
Lynn Rew	East Renfrewshire Independent resident
Bill Clements	CVS Inverclyde, Deputy Manager
Stuart Miller	Engage Renfrewshire

Public:

Jimmy Hyslop	Scottish Natural Heritage
Charlie Cairns	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:

Stuart Miller	Bill Clements	Charlie Cairns	Annique Armstrong	Jimmy Hyslop	Bill McCallum
Applicants Presenting					Lynn Rew
					Fraser Lang (Chair)
					Charles Brindley
Tracey Parker	Keren Ferguson	Susan Robinson	David Blair	Laura Moir	Lewis Rennie

2. Apologies

Non-public:

Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart Ardgowan Estate

Public:

Susan Boath	Renfrewshire Council (Assist Manager, Econ Dev)
Ruth Cooper	Renfrewshire Council (Manager, Econ Dev)
Michael McKernan	East Renfrewshire Council (Econ Dev)
David Low	Senior Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council
Will Nisbet	Inverclyde Council

3. Format for this evening: brief explanation and overview

Fraser Lang outlined matters arising. These included:

Lynn Rew officially accepted as a new LAG member (independent local resident, East Renfrewshire)

Keith Thom (National Farmers Union Scotland) has resigned from the LAG.

The spectre of the Autumn Statement of November 23rd having caused the accelerated timetable that led to tonight's LAG decision-making meeting is no longer an issue. The accountable body will no longer be bound by that deadline.

4. Applications:

(a) **Gourock Golf Club:**

Alan Warwick and Ian McNaughton gave the presentation

The LAG deferred this application for a number of reasons; views and concerns are listed below:

- The club's constitution does not allow them to apply for funding. The LAG needs clarification that the club would amend its constitution to allow it to apply for funding.
- There is a risk that the club could pass an amendment to make the facility for members-only. The LAG would not approve the project until the use by non-members was guaranteed as a priority.
- The LAG felt that more evidence should be provided to justify the application, including: 1) evidence of need/demand from schools and non-members of the club; 2) evidence of community support; 3) an activity plan; 4) assurances of no charge at the point of use (paid via the community sports hub); 5) two year financial projections for economic return on investment; 6) evidence of social return on investment; 7) business plan

LAG decision: deferred

(b) Shielhill Farm Biomass Production Facility

Alasdair McIntyre presented

The LAG deferred this application for a number of decisions, views and concerns are listed below:

- A business plan is required for Clyde Logs, which outlines the potential for growth.
- A list of all the confirmed suppliers is required.
- Evidence that match funding is available is required.

LAG decision: deferred

(c) Park Farm Development and Expansion: 7.10pm

Mary Miller and Fraser Miller gave the presentation

The LAG deferred this application for a number of decisions, views and concerns are listed below:

- A business plan is required, which outlines the potential for growth and employment.
- More evidence of return on investment is required. The LAG felt that this was not enough given how high the funding applied for was.

LAG decision: deferred

5. Financial report

Tracey Parker presented the financial report. See attached sheet.

6. AOCB

There was no other competent business.

7. Date of next meeting

To be decided.

LAG Chair Signature



Date: 8/12/16.

Second Signatory



Date: 8/12/16

