

Tyne & Esk Rural Communities Development Fund

Local Action Group Meeting

8th December 2022 (9.30am-1:45pm): Virtual Meeting by MS Teams

Members Present:

A McDonald (Chair); A Hastie (Vice Chair); S Poole (Independent/Business); H Smith (Community - North Berwick Area Partnership); C Brown (Third Sector), Karen Calvert (Independent/Business), Andrew Bayne-Jardine

Members Apologies:

S Pettigrew (Edinburgh College); J McMillan (ELC Elected Member); D Bowen/ K Parry (Midlothian Council Elected Member); L Wyper (Scottish Enterprise); P Playfair (Independent/Business)

Observers Present:

E Carmichael (East Lothian Council ED)

Observers Apologies:

A Watt (Midlothian Council ED); L Kelly (MC Community Planning Partnership Rep/Midlothian TSI); M Allan (East Lothian TSI)

In Attendance

J Adamson (CLLD Officer)

AMcD welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to introduce themselves as some LAG Members hadn't met JA.

There were no Declarations of Interest. Confirmed the meeting was quorate.

Minutes of previous meeting (5th October 2022). **Approved.**

The LAG were made aware that Cllr Bowen had been replaced by Cllr Parry to represent Midlothian Council. The LAG sent their thanks to Cllr Bowen

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

Legal and Incorporation Structure

AH had spoken to Brodies Solicitors and the document was being drafted and planned to be with the LAG in early January 2023.

CLLD Programme – Governance Matters

Memorandum of Understanding is with East Lothian Council Legal

Action: EC

Memorandum of Understanding, Register of Interests and Group Protocol. JA updated that all members had signed

Complaints and appeals forms from previous LEADER Programme

AH has been working with Midlothian Council to resolve the issues

Discussion with SG licence/training for Social Value Engine

JA and AH have been on the training and Tyne & Esk has been set-up

1.Budget

The Scottish Government (SG) has increased the Tyne & Esk Capital Budget to £83,352 spend. The overall total of funding from the SG hasn't changed, £204,382.

ACTION:

AM to contact SG to ask them to give a clear definition of Capital and Revenue for the next Programme.

2. Project Assessment

It was to be minuted that Cllr McMillan had contacted AM and JA stating that with him being absent from the meeting EC will have his voting rights as per Protocol section 5.7.

The LAG were in quorum to discuss the Projects.

TECLLD01

Viarama

Legal Status: Community Interest Company

Area: East Lothian

Revenue: £10,000

LAG DECISION: Declined

- The LAG likes the innovation of the project but felt they had too many questions to allow approval in the short space of time allocated for the Tyne & Esk funding
- Would like the Project to come back in the future

TECLLD02

John Bellany Day Centre (for Older People)

Legal Status: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Area: East Lothian

Revenue: £3,376.80

LAG DECISION: Approved

- The LAG has approved a grant of £10,000 for “start-up” costs to this project. This could be a year’s lease on the vehicle or lease and insurance.

TECLLD03

DOTELOCAL CIC (Gorebridge Farm Shop)

Legal Status: Community Interest Company

Area: Midlothian

Capital: £2,911.85

LAG DECISION: Approved

- The letter from Network Rail re 25 year lease, dated 22nd July 2022 will be viewed as a “Comfort” letter
- LAG would like DOTELOCAL to confirm what is their plan B to selling veg if lease not approved e.g. pop-up facility

TECLLD04

Kings Meadow Development Association Dunbar (KIM DAD)

Legal Status: Community Interest Company and Company Limited by Guarantee

Area: East Lothian

Capital: £5,000

LAG DECISION: Approved

- LAG would like confirmation on the legacy and maintenance plan for the Park
- LAG would like to know why a local company can't be used for the chipping

TECLLD05

Rosewell Development Trust Community Company Ltd

Legal Status: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and Trust

Area: Midlothian

Revenue: £4,642

LAG DECISION: Approved

- LAG Approved the £950 for Materials and agreed to increase this amount
- Confirmation required that the staff time is not being double funded
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TECLLD06

Whiteadder Watersports Trust

Legal Status: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Area: East Lothian

Revenue: £6,900 and Capital: £3,000

LAG DECISION: Approved – condition of area?

- Not new website but “website development, £2,000
- Approval of £1,000 towards purchase of audio-visual teaching equipment
- Confirmation that payment to staff that they understand the consequences of short term contracts changing to long term contracts

TECLLD07

Yarrow Cookery School

Legal Status: Sole Trader

Area: East Lothian

Capital: £ 4,955.74

LAG DECISION: Approved

LAG request the following:

- Update on the Community events they plan on attending/ being active in 2023
- Will this lead to future staff being employed?

TECLLD08

JGR Farming (Holdings) Limited (Ritchie Grit & Clear)

Legal Status: Sole Trader

Area: Midlothian

Revenue: £10,000

AH Declared a possible conflict of interest

LAG DECISION: Declined

- No Legacy and finance from business already committed prior to funding

TECLLD09

John Grant Ritchie Farm & Agricultural Contracting (Grant Ritchie Farm and Agricultural contracting)

Legal Status: Sole Trader

Area: Midlothian

Capital: £5,000

AH Declared a possible conflict of interest

LAG DECISION: Declined

- No Legacy and finance from business already committed prior to funding

TECLLD10

Dunbar Trades Association

Legal Status: Constituted Community Group

Area: East Lothian

Revenue: £2,690

AM Declared a possible conflict of interest

LAG DECISION: Approved

TECLLD11

The Ridge SCIO

Legal Status: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Area: East Lothian

Revenue: £10,000

LAG DECISION: Approved

TECLLD12

Volunteer Centre Midlothian

Legal Status: Company Limited by Guarantee

Area: Midlothian

Capital: £850 and Revenue: £2,868.84

LAG DECISION: Approved

- Project to be asked if they would like to increase their Capital expenditure?
Additional Laptop
- Confirmation required that the staff time is not being double funded

Could have funding up to £5,000

TECLLD13

FRINGE BY THE SEA (FRINGE BY THE SEA Ltd)

Legal Status: Company Limited by Guarantee

Area: East Lothian

Capital: £4,863.60 and Revenue: £90

LAG DECISION: Approved

Funding to be £5,000 Capital not split

TECLLD14

George Gibson & Sons (Carfrae Farm Shop)

Legal Status: Partnership

Area: East Lothian

Capital: £5,000

PP Declared a conflict of interest

LAG DECISION: Approved

TECLLD15

Ez Riders NB Ltd

Legal Status: Company Limited By Guarantee

Area: East Lothian

Capital: £4,928.50

LAG DECISION: Approved

TECLLD16

Penicuik Estate Partnership LLP

Legal Status: Limited Liability Partnership

Area: Midlothian

Capital: £5,000

LAG DECISION: Approved

TECLLD17

Midlothian Sure Start

Legal Status: Company Limited by Guarantee

Area: Midlothian

Capital: £5,000

CB Declared a conflict of interest

LAG DECISION: Approved

TECLLD18

Play Midlothian

Legal Status: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Area: Midlothian

Capital: £2,710

- LAG approved a maximum of £5,000 grant. Possible to purchase additional items?

TECLLD19

Lower Impact Living (Lil) CIC

Legal Status: Community Interest Company

Area: East Lothian

Revenue: £5,000

AH Declared a possible conflict of interest

LAG DECISION: Declined

- The LAG likes the innovation of the project but felt they had too many questions to allow approval in the short space of time allocated for the Tyne & Esk funding
- Would like the Project to come back in the future

TECLLD20

AVIATION PRESERVATION SOCIETY, SCOTLAND SCIO

Legal Status: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Area: East Lothian

Revenue: £2,208 and Capital: £4.578

LAG DECISION: Approved

- LAG approved a maximum of £10,000 grant. Possible to purchase additional items or revenue costs?

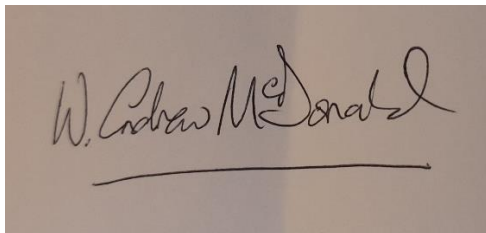
- 16 Projects were approved
- 6 Projects from Midlothian
- 10 Projects from East Lothian
- 2 Projects were Rejected
- 2 Projects were Rejected but asked to reapply in the future
- £47,495.84 Capital was awarded
- £47,100.84 Revenue was awarded

Time Attendees Left The Meeting	
Cheryl Brown	11:30am
Anne Hastie	1:30pm

It was agreed by the LAG Members present to close the meeting and discuss the undiscussed agenda items at the next meeting in January.

DONM

**JA to invite LAG Members to an in-person meeting at the Craigie Hotel in
January 2023**



W. Andrew McDonald

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