



OUTER HEBRIDES LEADER 2014-2020 PROGRAMME



Note of the Meeting of the Outer Hebrides LEADER Local Action Group
In the Committee Room 3, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Stornoway
with video-conference to Comhairle offices in Balivanich and Barra Comhairle office

on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 10.00am

Present: Ian Fordham, Outer Hebrides Tourism (Private) (Vice Chairperson)
Alistair MacLennan, Federation of Small Businesses (Private)
Cllr. Donald Crichton, Chair of Sustainable Communities Committee CnES (Public)
Duncan MacInnes, Western Isles Fishing Association (Private)
Bill MacMillan, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (Public)
Matt Bruce, Lewis and Harris Horticultural Producers (Private)
Murdina Naylor, Tagsa Uibhist (Private)
Neil Campbell, Community Land Scotland (Private)
Donnie Macdonald, MG Alba (Public)
Iain MacLennan, Skills Development Scotland (Public)
Johanne Ferguson, Scottish Natural Heritage (Public)

In attendance: Kathlene Morrison, Outer Hebrides LEADER Co-ordinator (KM)
Charlene Macmillan, Outer Hebrides LEADER Finance and Project Officer (CMM)
Catherine Myles, Outer Hebrides LEADER Project Support Assistant (CM)
Domhnall MacDonald, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Accountable Body Representative (DMD)

**Apologies/
Absent** Colin Gilmour, Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership (Private) Chairperson
Alison MacCorquodale, Tourism Outer Hebrides 2020 Leadership Group (Private)
Andrew Ross, North Uist Development Company (Private)
Hector MacLeod, Third Sector Hebrides (Private)
Lorna Macaulay, Harris Tweed Authority (Private)
Michael Smith, Mossend Residents Association (Private)
Cllr. Iain Macaulay, Princes Trust (Private)
Sarah MacLean, Scottish Crofting Federation (Private)
Eoin MacNeil, Co-Cheangal Innse Gall (Private)

	<i>Action for:</i>
<p>1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Colin Gilmour, Alison MacCorquodale, Andrew Ross, Hector MacLeod, Lorna Macaulay, Michael Smith, Cllr Iain Macaulay and Sarah Maclean. A quorum was not achieved.</p> <p><i>Representation from 5 Public and 6 Private members of the LAG were present.</i></p>	



<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/P00035 – Grinneabhat Taigh Ceilidh – Bill Macmillan, Alistair MacIannan • 15/ P00048 - KKC Innovation & Development Manager – Bill Macmillan • 15/ P00049 – Deeds Not Words – Bill Macmillan, Donnie Macdonald • 15/ P00054 – Gharadhs Growing Spaces – Bill Macmillan • 15/ P00057 – Winter Season Development – Bill Macmillan • 15/ P00059 - Urras Dualchas Shiabost Heritage Centre – Bill Macmillan, Alistair MacIannan, Donald Crichton 	
<p>3. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT NOTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS AND MATTERS ARISING THEREOF</p> <p>The note of the meeting on 28 September 2017 could not be ratified due to the absence of a quorum at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5: The Coordinator reminded the LAG to note the recently circulated meeting attendance record, reminding them of the audit requirement that members not attending for three consecutive meetings jeopardise their place on the LAG. • Item 7: The Coordinator informed the LAG that the over-commitment report would be going to the next Committee series the following week and the outcome would be notified to the LAG thereafter. • Item 8: The revised Local Development Strategy would be going to Scottish Government for approval in the coming weeks. 	
<p>4. PROJECTS</p> <p>a) Expressions of Interest/Enquiries The current list of enquiries and pipeline projects was presented to the LAG. Several applications which were expected in the October funding round have delayed until the new year. Work is underway to promote the next funding round and at this time there are more pipeline projects seeking support than there is available funding.</p> <p>b) Project decisions to be ratified Eight projects had been presented to the LAG for scoring in the October round however a quorum was not achieved for all but one, 15/P00053 - Na Fèisean Geamhraidh / Innovative Winter Festivals.</p> <p>Project 15/P00053: An Lanntair - Na Fèisean Geamhraidh / Innovative Winter Festivals - £89,875.00 Decision: APPROVED</p> <p>The project from An Lanntair was scored by a quorum and approved.</p> <p>Of the scoring received for the remaining projects thus far, the threshold for approval was met on all, albeit with the requirement that a minimum of at least one more LAG member score the projects to achieve a quorum. The Chair asked the LAG</p>	

<p>to approve the projects in principle which the LAG agreed to on the understanding that once the outstanding scores were received, the LAG would ratify the decisions by email.</p> <p>The Coordinator explained the conditions that were attached to each of the projects.</p> <p>c) Future Funding Round – 14 February 2018 The LAG were presented with a report showing that funding remains to be allocated in future rounds and were asked to consider whether they wish to revise the current funding priorities or leave them unchanged. Following a discussion the LAG agreed to leave the priorities unchanged.</p>	
<p>5. CO-ORDINATOR UPDATE</p> <p>Kathlene Morrison presented the Co-Ordinator’s update. Kathlene and the LAG Chair, Colin Gilmour met with Comhairle nan Eilean Siar CEO, Malcolm Burr to discuss his role on the Scottish Government’s Standing Council on Europe in respect of CLLD in a post-Brexit era. The Outer Hebrides LAG has agreed to coordinate the collation of investment statistics from LAG areas across Scotland to inform the discussion at future meetings.</p> <p>Domhnall MacDonald informed the LAG that future CLLD Working Group meetings would be attended by other rural Accountable Bodies in future.</p> <p>Work continues on the development of Co-Operation project ideas. Kathlene also provided an update on her attendance at the 2017 UK Rural Network Conference in Belfast.</p> <p>The LAG noted the report on the Annual Confirmation Certificate.</p>	
<p>6. YOUTH LAG PROGRESS REPORT</p> <p>Charlene Macmillan presented an update report highlighting the work undertaken in respect of the youth fund since the previous LAG meeting. A number of informal enquiries have already been received and publicity materials will be circulated shortly.</p> <p>LAG members were asked to put themselves forward to represent the LAG at launch events planned for January. Bill Macmillan volunteered to be the link LAG member for the Youth LAG. The LAG approved the Terms of Reference which were proposed.</p>	
<p>7. AOCB</p> <p>The LAG reported back that the new system of scoring projects through the website had worked well.</p>	
<p>8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20th February 2018 @ 10am in the Stornoway Comhairle offices (Committee Room 3) with v/c to Comhairle offices in Balivanich and Castlebay.</p>	