

# Argyll and the Islands LEADER Local Action Group

MINUTE of MEETING of LOCAL ACTION GROUP held in CAMERON HOUSE,  
OBAN on FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2008

**Present:** (Eleanor MacKinnon, Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre ,in the Chair)  
Ian Downie Secretariat  
Gordon Gray Stephens Scottish Native Woods/ AGWA  
Kerrie Redington HIE  
Christina Noble ABSEN  
Ewan MacPherson SGRPID  
Keith Miller Forestry Commission Scotland  
Iain Macinnes LLTNP Community Partnership  
Jim Nichols Arran CVS  
Ailsa Clark Fyne Homes  
Graeme Howard Scottish Natural Heritage  
John Davidson Islay and Jura CVS

**In Attendance** Lorna Elliott Project Co-ordinator  
Sheila McLean Project Co-ordinator

**Apologies:** Sue Minns LLTNP Community Partnership  
Leslie Cuthbertson Lochgoil Community Trust  
Marina Curran-Colthart Argyll & Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership  
Fergus Younger Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum  
Jane Fowler Argyll and Bute Council  
Grant Moir LLTNP Authority  
Matthew Lewis GRAB Trust  
Nicola Welsh Association of Argyll & Bute Community Councils  
Catherine Gillies Argyll & Bute Museums & Heritage Forum  
Andy Lee North Ayrshire Council  
Ian Gillies Scottish Islands Federation  
Gary Groves Federation of Small Business

## 2. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING OF 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

Circulated on 5<sup>th</sup> June - was approved as a correct minute.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting was advised that Nicola Welsh had taken over From Archie Reid as the representative of the Association of Argyll & Bute Community Councils.

Agenda Item 3.2 : A letter from Iain Matheson (dated 17June) regarding the convergence funding allocation was circulated for consideration and approval of the request contained in the letter to “pledge” the required public sector match funding to co-finance a proposed Convergence Fund allocation of £4.28m. to the LAG.

Following discussion the meeting agreed that it will pledge a total of £10.22m of public sector match funding relating to both our LEADER allocation of £2.74m and Convergence allocation of £4.28m (totalling £7.02m of European Funding).

Agenda Item 4.9: The Secretariat advised that the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Community Partnership's application had fallen through.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Indirect involvement in brackets.

John Davidson 9.14 (9.2 & 9.12)

Lorna Elliott 9.11

Ailsa Clark 9.4 (9.13)

Kerrie Redington 9.4

Keith Miller 9.8

Eleanor MacKinnon 9.1

Christina Noble 9.10

#### **5. PROPOSAL TO FORM APPLICATION APPRAISAL ADVISORY GROUP**

Following the circulation of a background paper (circulated 19<sup>th</sup> June) containing proposed Terms of Reference and Draft Rules of Procedure and an amended proposal from Ailsa Clark (circulated 23<sup>rd</sup> June), it was agreed that a **training / workshop day be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September** for all LAG members, to look at how this can be taken forward.

#### **6. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO RPAC**

Ewan Macpherson gave a verbal report on the existing RPAC membership.

It was agreed to write to the RPAC (Bill Dundas) proposing Eleanor MacKinnon as the LAG member to the RPAC.

#### **7. PROJECT COORDINATORS PROGRESS REPORT**

Sheila McLean presented the above report – (circulated 16<sup>th</sup> June)

#### **8 FORECAST BUDGET COMMITMENT PROFILE**

Lorna Elliott presented the above budget profile – (circulated 16<sup>th</sup> June)

#### **9. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE**

**9.1. L1/08/R/321/030 - Oban Community Sensory Garden**

Eleanor MacKinnon declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

**Approved**

**9.2. C5/08/R/321/021 - Jura Development Trust**

**Approved**

**9.3. L1/08/P/313/031 – Visit Arran**

**Approved**

**9.4. L1/08/P/312/016 - A&B Council on behalf of A&B Social Economy P'ship**

Kerrie Redington and Ailsa Clark each declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

A comment from Grant Moir by email was noted.

**Approved**

**9.5. L1/08/P/313/026 - Argyll & Bute Council (Homecoming)**

A comment from Grant Moir by email was noted:

Following discussions it was agreed that in recommending approval the following conditions would require to be followed.

There should be LAG representation throughout the approval process, and Christina Noble was nominated.

That community support be demonstrated in the application process from small organisations.

It was recognised that up-front payments may be required where necessary.

**Approved, subject to both conditions above**

**9.6. L1/08/P/341/019 - Development Coll**

**Approved**

**9.7. C5/08/P/341/027 - Argyll College UHI Ltd**

**Approved**

**9.8. L1/08/P/341/022 - Mull & Iona Community Trust**

Keith Miller declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

**Approved**

**9.9. L2.2/08/P/313/029 - The Lomond 4B's Journey Association**

**Approved**

**9.10. L1/08/P/341/018 – AliEnergy**

Christina Noble declared an interest and left the meeting for this item

A comment from Grant Moir by email was noted.

**Approved**

**9.11. L1/08/P/313/025 - North Argyll Community Trust**

Lorna Elliott declared an interest and left the meeting for this item

**Approved**

**9.12. L1/08/P/312/017 - Iomairt Chille Chomain**

**Approved**

**9.13. C5/08/P/321/032 - West Highland Housing Association**

Ailsa Clark declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

**Approved**

**9.14. L1/08/P/341/020 - Islay and Jura CVS**

John Davidson declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

**Approved**

**9.15. L1/08/R/323/023 - Argyll Fisheries Trust**

A comment from Grant Moir by email was noted.

**Approved**

**9.16. L1/08/R/323/024 - Argyll Fisheries Trust**

The good community support for this project was noted.

## **Approved**

### **9.17. C5/08/P/323/028 - Bute Conservation Trust**

Kerrie Redington declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

Concerns were raised regarding the applicant's compliance with the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, ([charity in compliant stage](#)), and a condition of award was imposed that the applicant comply fully with the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Approved, subject to the above condition.

In light of this, it was agreed that the Secretariat would, in future, verify charities registrations with the OSCR.

[Administrative note – Scottish charity registrations can be checked on [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk) .]

### **10. AOCB**

None

### **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

26 September - venue to be arranged

Prepared by Ian Downie  
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