

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Present:**

Keren Ferguson	Renfrewshire Council (Leader Coordinator)
Roy Morrison	Renfrewshire Council
Toby Wilson	RSPB
Bill McCallum	Scouts
Dave Lowe	Renfrewshire LACs
Jimmy Hyslop	Scottish Natural Heritage
Charles Woodward	Clyde Muirshiel Park
Donald Cochrane	National Farmers Union

### **2. Apologies:**

Ruth Cooper	Renfrewshire Council
Avril McLean	WRVS (Chair)
David Blair	Kilbarchan Community Council
Hua Chi	Renfrewshire Youth Voice

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved with no amendments.

### **4. Matters Arising:**

- Avril McLean has stepped down as LAG Chair; Jimmy Hyslop was elected as new LAG Chair.
- Roy Morrison gave an overview of the lead partners Internal Audit inspection. Renfrewshire LEADER Programme was awarded three C's, ('A' being the most serious). All issues have since been rectified and passed off by Internal Audit.
- REN 019 - Scrumptious Productions change request: re-profiling of funding package – approved.
- REN 005 - SRANI change request:

Extension of time for project completion, until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – approved.

Increased funding of £5,163, 60% of eligible £8,605 (match funding provided by Clyde Muirshiel Park) to continue the employment of the development officer until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – approved.

### **5. Financial Statement & Applications Update**

The coordinator issued a profile of spend so far. This showed:

- £203,984 has been committed to LEADER projects to date
- £126,000 has been committed to running the programme
- £329,984 is the total committed to date
- £300,016 is the available balance to spend from the Renfrewshire LEADER fund

## 6. Current Applications for Consideration

- Presentations were given by the following applicants prior to final consideration of their applications by the LAG:-
  - i. John Lynsday, Paul Birch, Roger Roddick - The Bridge: The Bridge Community Centre
  - ii. Peter Livingstone – Eadha: Lochwinnoch Beaver Reintroduction

## 7. Decisions on Applications

- The Bridge Community Centre:  
Approved – standard Terms and Conditions plus:  
More evidence of need and demand i.e. letters of support  
Timetable of use should be provided  
Confirmation of cash and in-kind match funding to be provided
- Lochwinnoch Beaver Reintroduction:  
Deferred:  
The steering group should be established so that input to the feasibility study is more representative of the views of the wider community.  
The steering group should have at least one non-conservation representative.  
The consultants brief should set out the requirement to investigate both positive and negative ecological, social, economic and educational impacts of beaver reintroduction.

## 8. Potential Future Projects

- Diversity Films, Starting Block – The aim of this programme is to provide wider-access to creative skills training in an informal, community based learning environment. This would be an Action 2 Project i.e. cross regional, working in conjunction with Fife, Argyll & Bute and Highland to nurture and develop new film making talent in Scotland. Expected in time for the December LAG.

## 9. AOCB

- The LAG was shown the newly published Scottish LEADER Guide and the general feedback was positive.

## 10. Date of next meeting

- 13th December 2011 – 5.30pm, venue to be confirmed.