

Argyll and the Islands LEADER Local Action Group Meeting
Meeting was conducted by Lync/Teleconference
Thursday 12th September 2019 at 14.30am

MINUTE OF MEETING

LAG Attendance		
Name	Organisation	Sector
Iain MacInness (Chair) (IMaI)	Cowal Area Network	non-public
Stuart Shaw (SS)	Scottish Natural Heritage	public
Reeni Kennedy Boyle (RKB)	Fyne Futures	non-public
Alastair Fleming (AF)	Scottish Islands Federation	non-public
In Attendance		
Ishabel Bremner (IB)	Argyll & Bute Council (Accountable Body)	
Mary Louise Howat (MLH)	Argyll & Bute Council (Accountable Body)	
Dorothy Middleton (DM)	Compliance Officer (minutes)	

IMaI opened the meeting by welcoming everyone attending and thanking them for taking the time to participate in the discussion, before handing over to MLH. She explained that the LAG had been asked to be a partner in a co-operation project. The lead LAG is Forth Valley & Lomond, and together with the Cairngorms the project involves three LAG areas.

Both Forth Valley & Lomond and Cairngorms LAGs have a deadline set by the SG to use any underspend by Monday 16th September 2019, hence the timing of the teleconference.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the project with those LAG members who scored the application. Five members had scored however one was not able to participate in the teleconference. The LAG agreed to discuss the project and for those LAG members attending to vote, with the remaining vote for the non-attending LAG member to be submitted by email at the earliest opportunity.

Consideration of Cooperation Application

IMaI opened the discussion on the project

1. 09/P00058 - Sustrans - Promotion of Cycle Tourism in Rural Scotland

Ref	Applicant	Project	Total Eligible Costs	LEADER Grant per LAG	Intervention Rate per LAG	Type of Consideration
09/P00058	Sustrans	Promotion of Cycle Tourism in Rural Scotland	£48,028.00	£16,009.33	33.33%	Full decision



No declarations of interest.

Scoring submitted prior to meeting			
Average Score	Number Scoring	High	Low
30	5	33	27

Comments

- Good project however LAG discussed on how it would bring benefit to Argyll and the Islands;
- LAG members discussed the return on investment to Argyll and the Islands. They agreed that although it seemed disproportionate overall, the benefits would still be considerable and as a partnership the synergies which would be achieved would be worth it;
- In terms of a longer term vision, LAG members agreed that this would benefit this niche tourism produce in Argyll and the Islands;
- It was inspiring to see routes either starting or ending in Argyll and the Islands, and this would hopefully lead to a dispersal of tourist away from the main routes and onto lesser known routes; and
- LAG members expressed concerns on the upkeep of the routes.

All members present voted to approve the project. One LAG member who could not be present was asked to submit a decision by email. This was received by the LEADER team on 16/9/19 and the project was approved. DECISION: Project is unanimously approved with the following condition:

1. The Offer of Grant letter will include the condition that Argyll and the Islands is equally represented in the learning visit to Germany. Specifically, a third of those attending this event should represent Argyll and the Islands.
2. The applicant will agree this in writing as part of the grant acceptance.

DECISION: Approved Subject to Conditions above

Signed _____

date _____

