

**Kelvin Valley & Falkirk LEADER LAG Meeting**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015, 10am @ Mugdock Country Park**

<b>Present:</b>	Ian Howarth (Chair) David Greer Frances Tonner David Tollick Robert Hunter Frank Beattie Paul Carter Jimmy Hyslop Karen Herbert	Falkirk Community North Lanarkshire Council East Dunbartonshire Council Falkirk Council Falkirk Community Scottish Enterprise Kilsyth & Villages Community Forum SNH CVS Falkirk
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ian Jarvis Jim O'Donnell Mike Ewart Katie O'Donnell	Friends of Kelvin Valley New College Lanarkshire CSGNT Scottish Waterways Trust
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Liz Buchanan Emma McMullen Anne-Michelle Ketteridge	Visit Scotland KVF Development Officer FVL LEADER

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Ian Howarth welcomed all to meeting including Liz Buchanan, Regional Partnership Director for Visit Scotland. Apologies given.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Mugdock Country Park</b> Mary Coulshed (Team Leader, Mugdock Country Park) gave an overview of developments & upcoming projects/events at Mugdock Country Park, followed by a tour of the visitor facilities at the park. The presentation also included details of projects previously funded by LEADER.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Previous Minutes and Matters Arising</b> Minutes were proposed by Ian Howarth and seconded by Robert Hunter for accuracy.  Scottish Government is hosting an event on farm diversification at the end of March. Emma, David Tollick and Caroline Brown (Falkirk Council) will all be attending.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Spatial Targeting</b> In response to Scottish Government's LDS feedback the question of spatial targeting was raised and discussed in great detail. This included justification for spatial targeting, rational behind our approach, datazones/settlements etc.  This exercise is only being used to identify areas with a need for	

additional officer support for capacity building/project delivery and does not relate to financial support or have any impact on the scoring of applications.

Looking at the 20% most deprived areas meant there were less areas of support identified in EDC & NLC than in Falkirk. Through spatial targeting, Dunipace was identified as the area most in need of additional assistance. Other areas identified all had similar statistics, the LAG could not differentiate between them and targeting all of these would be too large an area to cover.

It was noted that if Dunipace was the only area identified (via spatial targeting) for additional officer support, assistance would still be available to other areas that approached the LAG for Support.

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### **Business Plan/LDS Update**

Annex B was circulated in advance. Emma highlighted the changes that had already been made and additional changes required to reflect today's LAG discussions were also noted. These include;

Emma

1. Core Target Groups to include unemployed (particularly long term), Youth and those with access issues due to rural locations.
2. Spatial Targeting to be changed to reflect LAG discussions regarding Dunipace.
3. March stakeholder event info and list of stakeholders to be added. The term "strategic routes" to be changed to "linear features". Employability approach to be expanded.
4. Info on Millenium link, Mugdock Country Park and Carron Valley all to be added. (Logic model to be circulated in the next week).
5. Info on employability partners, community Planning Partnerships and building on previous programmes etc. to be added (Falkirk Employment Training Unit to attend the next LAG meeting).
6. Stakeholder consultation info to be added. Document numbering to be updated.
7. Publically advertised events to be mentioned to express the inclusiveness of our engagement process. Highlight the fact that full consultation details can be found in appendix. Info on Third Sector Interfaces to be mentioned.
8. Last paragraph on spatial targeting (4.2.2) to be removed. Third Sector Interface info to be added to this section and into the business plan.

LAG consensus was that the newest version of the LDS & Business Plan should be submitted once all changes/updates were made.

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### **LAG Recruitment/Skills Audit**

Noted that the skills audit currently being developed was on going.

- 7                    **Community Launch Event and Stakeholder Consultation**  
A community launch event will be held once Scottish Government has announced programme allocations.  
Stakeholder consultation to be held at the end of March (after national event). Invites to go out within the next week (BG & TSI to be invited). Event will focus on farm diversification and rural business.                    Emma
- 8                    **Consultancy Support Contract**  
Updated version of work plan was circulated before meeting. Emma went through the details with the LAG.  
  
Emma excused herself while the LAG discussed support contracts. Posts, grading scales, length of contract etc. were all discussed. Someone from LAG to be involved in the recruitment process.
- 9                    **AOCB**  
Latest Canal News was circulated. No other business reported
- 10                  **Date of Next Meeting**  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 10am at Falkirk CVS offices.