

Kelvin Valley & Falkirk LEADER

Investing in Our Rural Communities

Heritage, Tourism & Leisure
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Annual General Meeting

Date and Times: Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 1.00pm

Location: Slamannan Community Centre

Present:

Non Agency	Ian Howarth (Chair)	Falkirk Community
Agency	Liz Buchanan (Vice Chair)	Visit Scotland
Non Agency	Mike Ewart	Central Scotland Green Network Trust
Agency	Pete Reid	Falkirk Council
Non Agency	Karen Herbert	CVS Falkirk & District
Agency	Ellen Archibald	North Lanarkshire Council
Non Agency	Ian Jarvis	Friends of Kelvin Valley
Non Agency	Paul Bishop	East Dunbartonshire Community
Non Agency	Maureen Hill	SWT (Substituting Katie O'Donnell)
Agency	Lynne Cooper	Scottish Enterprise

Apologies:

Agency	Jimmy Hyslop	Scottish Natural Heritage
Non Agency	Robert Hunter	Falkirk Community
Non Agency	Sandra Sutton	Twechar HLEC
Non Agency	Katie O'Donnell	Scottish Waterways Trust
Agency	Frances Tonner	East Dunbartonshire Council
Non Agency	Claire mennim/Ben Mardall	Falkirk Community Trust

Attending:

Tom Rutherford	Programme Manager, KVF LEADER
Amparo Echenique	Development Officer, KVL LEADER
Irene Watterson	Claims & Compliance Officer (Minute Taker)

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1. Welcome

IH welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced PB, our newest LAG Member. IH also welcomed TR, the new Programme Manager and IW the new Claims & Compliance Officer making KVF LEADER now fully staffed. IH also mentioned that he was sorry to lose EM.

2. Apologies

IH noted apologies from RH, JH, SS and KO'D

3. Annual report on work of LAG – Chairman

To begin his Annual Report, IH first wished to thank PR for his invaluable advice and Falkirk Council's Development Services, Growth & Investment Team at Falkirk Stadium for accommodating the LEADER Team. IH also thanked LAG Members, past and present for their commitment to the Programme.

IH advised that at the last Scot Govt audit, KVF was awarded a green audit and congratulated EM and AE for their hard work, emphasising that not many LEADER areas have been awarded a green audit.

IH gave a brief report advising Members that during 2016/17, there has been 38 Expressions of Interest totalling 60 for the whole of Programme to date, with the majority coming from the Falkirk area but a few from other areas too. IH advised that 8 projects had been allocated a total of £538,000, 2 of these being Farm Diversification projects.

IH reminded the Members that the LAG now only meets quarterly. He reported that the Programme was slow to get going but momentum is now growing with projects approved from the main budget, farm diversification budget and co-operation budget, however pointed out that no projects have come to the fore from the rural enterprise budget so far.

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<p>4. Annual Report on work of LAG</p> <p>He advised the Members that:</p> <p>£831K is still to be allocated from the Main Budget £180K - £190K is still to be allocated from the Farm Diversification Budget £270K is still to be allocated from the Co-operation Budget and the whole budget of £288K is to be allocated from the Rural Enterprise budget.</p> <p>5. LAG Membership</p> <p>IH confirmed that an election did not have to take place at this AGM and confirmed this would happen at the next AGM in 2018.</p> <p>6. Any other relevant business</p> <p>IH confirmed that a copy of his report would be sent to all Members.</p> <p>7. Closed of Meeting</p> <p>As there was no other relevant business, IH closed the Meeting.</p>	
<p>Minutes Proposed by (at subsequent LAG meeting):</p> <p>Name: <i>Paul Bishop</i></p> <p>Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i></p> <p>Date: <i>27/11/2018</i></p>	
<p>Minutes Seconded by (at subsequent LAG meeting):</p> <p>Name: <i>Lynne Cooper</i></p> <p>Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i></p> <p>Date: <i>27/11/2018</i></p>	

