

Moray DMB

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 7th April 2010

Present:

DMB Members

Paul Timms (SNH) **Chair**
Alastair Kennedy (Joint Community Councils of Moray)
Bridget Oatridge (Moray Businesswomen)
Cllr John Russell (The Moray Council)
Eileen Bush (MVSO)
Matthew Young (Forestry Commission)
Rosella Smith (MFCHA)

In attendance

David Watson (Moray LEADER programme Manager)
Lindsay Grant (Moray LEADER programme Co-ordinator)
Pierre Masson (The Moray Council)

1. Apologies

Anita Milne (Moray Forum)

2. Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Applications

AK declared an interest in the first application to be discussed and therefore left the meeting.

- Cullen and Deskford Community Council

The DMB felt this was a strong application. The support from other organisations was welcomed, however DMB members would like some way of tracking the outcomes of such a website.

The application was approved by the DMB on the condition that all other funding is in place and when writing claims, to specifically track and report the outcomes.

AK returned to the meeting.

- Lossiemouth Heritage Association

Although there is not a great deal of innovation in this project, there was universal support for this application as it helped to celebrate local achievements and included the local school.

The application was approved by the DMB on the condition that all other funding is in place.

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It was commented that what the application was trying to achieve was worthwhile. However, there was discussion surrounding the fact that there is a lot of existing provision for the target group in Moray. The DMB also discussed

the problem of getting the young people to engage, and there was no tie-in, or evidence of discussions with other groups and therefore no evidence of sufficient research. The DMB also felt that the outcomes were in doubt. *The application was rejected by the DMB on the grounds that there is a lack of demand, possible displacement issues, no connections or evidence of discussions with other providers and it is seen to be a very high risk project.*

- The Moray Textile Project

The DMB felt this was a well written application with many positive outcomes. There was some discussion over the organisation's history, however it was felt that due to the strength of the application the project should be approved with the success to be measured correctly, as in the past the organisation's success has not been measured.

The application was approved by the DMB on the condition that all other funding is in place.

4. Budget update

There is no change in the budget from the last LAG meeting.

It was discussed that there is a substantial gap between commitment and spend, however there are no major issues which concern LEADER staff.

It was mentioned that the Knockando Woolmill project has been delayed due to an application for match funding being rejected.

It was agreed that LEADER staff will produce a spreadsheet with all relevant financial information for the next DMB meeting.

5. Proposed times and venues of future meetings

It was agreed to change the structure of meetings so that the DMB meeting will now take place 2 weeks before a LAG meeting, therefore meaning there is a chance for questions and reservations to be answered before the LAG meeting.

The next DMB meeting will therefore take place on 11th May, venue and time TBC.

The next LAG meeting is on 27th May in Elgin Youth Café at 12.30pm.

6. Any other business

1. LAG Strategy Day - the strategy day will be on 18th May at a venue in Keith.
2. Changes to decision making process - as mentioned above, the DMB meetings will now take place 2 weeks before the LAG meetings.
3. Kinloss Community Hall Committee application - discussions with the applicant are still on-going to find out the details of match funding. The DMB decided they would like to change the wording in the application form to ensure that all applicants are open and honest regarding applications for match funding.
4. Amendment to MVSO application - Eileen Bush of MVSO made the following request to alter the funding profile of their application (ML0014), "Moray Local Social Economy Partnership met on 3rd March and allocated to 9 projects a total of £13,500 from the marketing assistance eligible project costs. I would like to reallocate the balance of £1,500 into the support for MSEN eligible project costs to financially support the co-ordination of the MSEN meetings. Originally the intent was to pay for venues and refreshments only but it has become obvious that the time needed to plan and organise the meetings has resource implications." The DMB agreed to this request as it did not alter the outcomes of the application.
5. DMB members were given a draft of the business plan for the Rural Moray Business Grant Scheme and asked to look over it.

Actions:

- a. LEADER staff to produce a spreadsheet with financial information.
- b. LEADER staff to change wording in application form regarding applications for match funding.