

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF
RURAL ABERDEENSHIRE LEADER
LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 10.30 AM
BANFF CASTLE, BANFF**

Present

Belinda Miller	LAG Chairperson
Shona Anderson	Visit Scotland
Jamie Bell	Scottish Enterprise
Gavin Clark	Scottish Natural Heritage
Reid Hutchison	Aberdeenshire Council – Community Economic Development
Bob Leonard	Aberdeenshire Council – Community Learning & Development
Brian Martin	Aberdeenshire rural Partnership Federation
Maureen Stephen	Aberdeenshire Councils for Voluntary Services
Dawn Tuckwood	NHS

Officers in Attendance

Vicky Thomson	Aberdeenshire Council
Anne MacLennan	Aberdeenshire Council

Apologies

Charlie Adam	National Farmers' Union Scotland
Moira Beverley	Aberdeenshire Council – Finance
Ian Cowe	Forestry Commission Scotland
Moira Gordon	SWRI
Jennifer Kinnaird	Scottish Government Rural Payments Inspection Directorate
Alexander Macleod	Aberdeenshire Council – Community Planning
Keith Newton	Aberdeenshire Council - Community Planning
Lorna Paterson	National Farmers' Union Scotland
Scott Petrie	Scottish Land & Estates
Ruth Sim	Aberdeenshire Community Councils
Andy Willox	Federation of Small Businesses

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Belinda Miller welcomed LAG members to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.
- 1.2 Belinda welcomed Jay Wilson, one of the project managers of the Banff Castle West Pavilion Development Project. Jay gave an informative summary of the LEADER funded works carried out at the Kelpie Centre, West Pavilion, Banff Castle. LAG members were impressed with the quality of the refurbishment and agreed that the café and exhibition space will be valuable assets for Banff Castle.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 2.1 Draft minute of the LAG meeting on 6 June 2012 was approved and will be uploaded on the LEADER website.

2.2 Draft minute of the PAC meeting on 28 August 2012 was approved.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 A letter was received from Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) with regard to project number RAL/R1/Jul08/007, Peregrine Wildwatch. The peregrine project received LEADER funding of £23,750 and the project had an underspend of approximately £10,000. Project works included improvements to the paths at the centre and improvements to the hide, including the provision of camera equipment.

Visitor numbers to the centre have dropped dramatically due to the Peregrine not breeding for two years. Ongoing running costs of £60,000 per annum have resulted in a large financial shortfall which is unsustainable in the long term.

The path works and hide will continue to be used by FCS in relation to outdoor classwork with local schools. However FCS is seeking LAG approval to relocate the camera equipment from the Peregrine Centre to the Bennachie Centre. The equipment will provide wider benefit and improved wildlife viewing at the Bennachie Centre which is jointly operated by FCS and the Council Ranger Service.

Following discussion, LAG agreed to approve the relocation of camera equipment from Peregrine Centre to Bennachie Centre on the basis that the equipment will be used for wildlife watching and will be available for use by a larger number of visitors than experienced in the last two years at the Peregrine Centre.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE

4.1 Belinda attended the LEADER Strategic Board (LSB) meeting on 11 June.

4.2 Scott Petrie accompanied Belinda to an away-day for LAG Chairs and Lead Partners on 12 June. The format of the away-day was a discussion on future funds 2014-2020.

4.3 Belinda attended a LEADER Monitoring and Evaluation Group on 15 June. The meeting held by John Grieve considered how to capture outcomes of the programme.

4.4 Belinda also met with representatives from Tayside, Moray and Cairngorms LAGs to look at the future programme period with a view to improving co-operation across the boundaries of the neighbouring LAG areas.

4.5 An Aberdeenshire mid-term review of the current programme is to be undertaken by an external consultant. The review will examine what has been achieved in the current programme against the strategy document and will also look at the future programming period. LAG welcomed the opportunity for a third party to carry out the evaluation.

5 EU RURAL & FISHERIES PROGRAMMES TEAM LEADER UPDATE

5.1 **Financial Update**

If all Round 15 projects are approved, there will be a balance of approximately £360k available for Round 16. This figure may change as underspends on current projects are factored in. It is anticipated that there will be a final Round in the first quarter of 2013. The LAG was reminded that the aim is to incur project spend by March 2014 although it is technically possible to incur spend beyond this.

5.2 **Project Update**

LAG was advised of seven project amendments since the last LAG meeting. Project amendments are minor alterations delegated to the Team Leader and the LAG Chairperson.

Mid-Term Reports were received from two projects entering their third year namely, project 083, Wildlife Crime Education Officer and project 101, Banff Castle West Pavilion Development.

The appointment of a Manager for the Banff Castle project was delayed. However, the successful candidate for the 18 month post should commence shortly.

LAG noted and endorsed both projects moving forward to their third year of operation.

5.3 **Scottish Government (SG) Claims**

Aberdeenshire LAG continues to perform well in relation to commitment and spend, both of which are key priorities for SG Rural Communities Team.

5.4 **Scottish Government Accreditation Visit and Internal Audit**

Alistair Henry, SG Accreditation Team undertook an audit visit in August 2012. Outcome was positive with regard to file management and detail of grant claims. However, the issue of limited staff resources was highlighted.

5.5 **LEADER Staff Update**

Following the Economic Development Staff Review, the following changes have been confirmed:

LEADER Co-ordinator title change to EU Rural & Fisheries Programme Team Leader. Post re-graded.

LEADER Project Officer post re-graded.

LEADER Administrator title change to EU Rural & Fisheries Assistant.

Interviews for the post of Project Officer will be held on Thursday, 11 October 2012.

5.6 **Scottish Government Meetings – New LEADER 2014-2020**

The first of two meetings regarding Future Funds was held on Friday, 24 August 2012. LAG members considered the LEADER Working Group Report prepared by Bryan McGrath. Alistair Prior, Head of Rural Communities Team, Scottish Government, updated LAG members on current thoughts regarding future funds. Martin Brebner advised LAG members of the current Aberdeenshire Council perspective in relation to future funds.

The next meeting will take place on Friday, 12 October 2012 at the MacRobert Hall in Tarland. Representatives from Tayside, Moray and Cairngorms LAGs are

invited to attend.

5.7 LEADER Co-ordinator's Meeting

Vicky and Anne attended the Co-ordinator's meeting in Aviemore on 31 August 2012. Future funds, LEADER Working Group recommendations and Audit Scotland were on the agenda.

5.8 Annual LEADER Conference

This year's conference will take place in Glasgow on Thursday, 22 November. There are five places available per LAG.

6 SMALL PROJECTS – PREVIOUS APPROVALS

- 6.1 Following the recent Scottish Government Accreditation visit, it was highlighted that, according to Audit Scotland's interpretation of the Service Level Agreement (SLA), the LAG should not delegate decision making to other groups. From this Round onwards, PAC will no longer have authority to approve small projects with grant application of under £5,000.

A list of all projects with grant award of £5,000 or less which has previously been approved by the PAC was circulated to be ratified by the LAG. LAG formally endorsed this list and as from Round 15 (September 2012) all projects will be presented to the LAG for approval.

7 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

7.1 Newmachar Community Centre and Daviot Hall

Newmachar awaits outcome of the Sport Scotland application. However, the Garioch Area Manager has included Newmachar in a bid for Aberdeenshire Council Towns & Villages Priority Funding.

Daviot Hall has a current shortfall in match awaiting a decision on a local wind turbine application. The project will also be included in a bid for Aberdeenshire Council Towns & Villages Priority Funding.

LAG considered it would be premature to withdraw LEADER funding for both projects at this crucial stage. LAG raised the possibility of additional LEADER funding being made available to make up the shortfall for these projects. However, it was agreed that a final decision will be considered at the next meeting in December.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 8.1 There were no declarations of interest.

9. PROJECTS 154 to 164

9.1 154 – Dickson Hall Growth & Sustainability

This small project application is to support the employment of a caretaker for the Hall on a part-time basis over an 18 month period.

Since 2010 the Hall has undergone considerable renovation and upgrade

including the installation of a biomass heating system funded through Scottish Government Regeneration funds. The Hall is currently being opened by volunteers and there is no defined cleaning or maintenance programme. A Hall manager is employed but the focus of this post is on marketing the facility.

The employment of a caretaker will help to make the hall lets more efficient with improved service provision for user groups, thereby creating additional income which will contribute to the facility’s ongoing sustainability.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and Progressive Rural Economy and fits with the LAG’s strategic priority Sustainable Communities.

Following lengthy discussion, the LAG did not consider the application was particularly innovative and questioned why a budget towards caretaker salary had not been built into the capital project before the Hall was developed.

While the LAG acknowledged that the Trust had delivered a significant achievement through development of the Dickson Hall, the LAG did not consider that LEADER was a suitable funding programme to provide revenue funding for the appointment of a Hall Caretaker.

The LAG recommended that the applicant consider other sources of match funding to cover the Caretaker post and suggested making contact with Maureen Stephen, Councils for Voluntary Services (CVS) for further advice and guidance about other grant schemes available for employment generation.

Summary of Responses	In favour	0
	Not in favour	6
	Abstain	3
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £2,937 UNSUCCESSFUL.

9.2 155 – Ritchie Hall 2013

A previous application relating to Ritchie Hall was considered by the LAG in Round 13, however the project was unsuccessful at that point due mainly to a weak match funding profile at the time and the limited LEADER budget available.

The match funding profile is now much improved. The proposals to extend and improve the important community facility in the Buchan area include the construction of an extension to the existing building which will allow changing facilities for sports and football to be separate from facilities for Hall user groups. The kitchen area and equipment will be upgraded and the décor will be modernised to make the facility more inviting for income generating hires such as weddings, community meetings and private events.

Community consultation identified Ritchie Hall as a central hub for Strichen & the Buchan area. The management committee has been proactive in maintaining the facility and recently installed biomass heating and solar panels. The proposed works will ensure that the Hall meets the wider needs of the

community.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and fits with the LAG's strategic priorities Sustainable Communities and Innovative Value Added Products and Markets.

If an application for wind turbines at Mormond Hill is successful, £100,000 will be forthcoming as significant match funding towards the project. The windfarm application is currently being considered by the Ministry of Defence in relation to potential impact with radar.

LAG agreed that the Ritchie Hall is a well used facility in an active community and the programme of improvements will make the Hall much more accessible for the many groups who have expressed an interest in making use of the upgraded facility.

LAG considered the applicants to be a forward thinking, proactive group who have the capacity in the committee to deliver the project.

LAG suggested that the committee check the constitution of the organisation to ensure that personal liability is minimised. Vicky will pass on contact details for Maureen Stephen, Councils for Voluntary Services (CVS) who will be able to offer additional advice.

As has been the case in many other LEADER projects, LAG is confident that indicative support from LEADER will help to lever in other funding. However, it was agreed that, due to programme spend deadlines, a condition of grant offer be that outstanding match funding should be confirmed by 31 January 2013.

Summary of Responses	In favour	9
	Not in favour	0
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £85,532 APPROVED.

9.3 **156 – Ardallie Community Pavilion**

The project is to construct a new multi-purpose pavilion at Ardallie Football Club with changing rooms, shower facilities, storage space and additional meeting facilities for local user groups. The current out-dated pavilion will be demolished.

Planning permission has been granted and building warrant will be applied for once all match funding is secured.

The management committee has been pro-active in developing the project and within the management team there is available expertise from a joiner, electrician, plumber and site manager. In-kind work will be evidenced by timesheets.

The facility will be available for the whole community, not just the football club and there is evidence of support from a variety of potential user groups.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and Progressive Rural Economy and fits with the LAG's strategic priority Sustainable Communities.

LAG considered the proposals to demonstrate good value for money due to the significant level of in-kind work which will be carried out by committee members.

It was suggested that the applicant be asked to consider installing cycle rack facilities in the parking area of the pavilion. It was also agreed that the applicant be asked to provide confirmation all local community groups will be offered use of the completed facility.

LAG agreed to support the proposals with a condition of grant offer that outstanding match funding should be confirmed by 31 March 2013 to ensure that works can be completed by 31 December 2013.

Summary of Responses	In favour	9
	Not in favour	0
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £33,687 APPROVED.

9.4 **157 – Forgue Kirk and its Past and Present**

The project consists of two elements. The first being internal works and refurbishment of the B Listed Forgue Kirk building which was designed by Archibald Simpson and is owned by the community. The second is the community involvement in capturing the social history of the area with verbal & photographic records of the Forgue community. Volunteers will work with local schools to undertake research.

The capital works will enhance the building, making it more attractive for small weddings, choral recitals and other musical events. Project works will be undertaken in the calendar year to October 2013, well within the current timescale as advised by Scottish Government. Works will be overseen by an architect who has a specific interest in the conservation and sustainability of the building.

The refurbished building could be used as a venue for those returning for Homecoming 2014 events.

LEADER costs relate to internal works, computer purchase and project management costs. Ineligible project costs relate to volunteer transport costs, conservation fees which have already been incurred and a contingency element which is not allowed in LEADER, but is an integral element in match funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The refurbished building, originally a church, will be open to all user groups within Forgue and surrounding area. Future income will come from continued fundraising and from letting the facility.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and fits with

the LAG's strategic priorities Sustainable Communities, Innovative Value Added Products & Markets, Sustainable Tourism Development and Conservation of the Rural Environment.

LAG was impressed by the wide community support shown for the project and by the local interest in getting involved with researching the cultural heritage of the area.

LAG was supportive of the proposals which will ensure the B Listed building of important architectural heritage is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Summary of Responses	In favour	9
	Not in favour	0
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £17,796 APPROVED.

9.5 **158 – Junior Driving School**

The project will create a driving circuit simulating the real road situation complete with basic signage, junctions and road markings at the Grampian Transport Museum in Alford. Eight electric vehicles with an average speed of 3mph, complete with safety regulators will be purchased. The aim of the project is to instil road safety knowledge and skills in young people up to early teens.

The project which is focusing on road safety will generate a modest income as running costs will be fairly high. The transport museum is contributing 40% of the cost. Surfacing quotes were obtained from three companies. The preferred bidder with most cost effective quote will contribute £3,000 of in-kind contribution towards the cost of the track, thus ensuring good value for money.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and Progressive Rural Economy and fits with the LAG's strategic priorities Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Energy, Innovative Value Added Products & Markets and Sustainable Tourism Development.

PAC had questioned what activities the venue offers for the pre-driving age group. The applicant has confirmed that they do work with and offer other activities for teenage drivers. The road safety initiative is embedded in the business plan.

LAG would welcome evidence that the unique bespoke track will be available for use by school groups and it was suggested that the applicant make contact with the Council Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinator to ensure that the project aligns with the Safer Routes to Schools Initiative.

LAG supported the value that this additional attraction will bring to the already popular visitor centre which will target specific groups and ultimately help to increase visitor numbers.

Summary of Responses	In favour	9
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Not in favour	0
DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £15,796 APPROVED.

9.6 **159 – Aboyne Wheelers (Skatepark)**

The project is to construct a new skatepark facility in Aboyne which will be free of charge for users. The applicants, Aboyne Wheelers (Skatepark) who are a sub group of Mid Deeside Ltd, have carried out a huge amount of community consultation to identify demand for the skatepark. A very robust business plan was submitted with the application.

There is evidence of strong support from all age groups within the local community and the committee is continually fund raising. The site was chosen based on detailed community consultation. Proposals are dependent on planning permission and a lease being established by Aberdeenshire Council.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and fits with the LAG’s strategic priorities Sustainable Communities, Innovative Value Added Products & Markets and Sustainable Tourism Development.

Indicative costs have been provided by a skatepark company but the applicant will have to follow procurement guidance and put the project out to tender.

Mid Deeside Ltd have committed £31,000 of legacy funding raised from previous attempts several years ago to set up a skatepark. An amount has been set aside from this to return the area to grassland sometime in the future.

The Marr Area Committee is willing to back the project and the Area Manager has confirmed that £25,000 of Aberdeenshire Council Towns & Villages Priority Funding for the skatepark has been put forward for consideration by Policy & Resources Committee.

LAG raised the question of provision being made for people with disabilities. The group is aware of the disability discrimination act and this was factored into the project planning process to ensure the skatepark is accessible for disabled users.

LAG was supportive of the project but would encourage the applicant to engage with Aberdeenshire Council Learning & Leisure regarding insurance.

Summary of Responses	In favour	9
	Not in favour	0
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £44,500 APPROVED.

At this point, Dawn Tuckwood, NHS, had to leave the meeting early.

9.7 **160 – Logie Coldstone Hall ‘ A New Lease of Life’**

The project is to completely refurbish Logie Coldstone Hall and increase energy efficiency with the installation of an air source heat pump, new double glazed windows and improved insulation. External landscaping will be carried out and accessibility is also to be improved.

A feasibility study funded by Awards for All was carried out in 2009 and results came back with an over ambitious plan which was beyond the capabilities of the applicant group. The reduced proposals are of a more manageable scale in terms of raising match funding and value for money. Planning permission has been approved and building warrant will be required.

The application is through stage one of the Climate Challenge Fund. An energy audit was carried out to calculate the CO² savings. This is an important requirement for Climate Challenge funding and the applicants are optimistic about securing funding. The Robertson Trust may support the application but awaits outcome from LEADER before making a commitment.

There is strong community support for the proposals and Community Planning has been involved. Match funding towards the project is recommended for approval through Aberdeenshire Council Towns & Villages Priority Funding.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and fits with the LAG’s strategic priorities Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Energy, and Conservation of the Rural Environment.

LAG respected the applicant’s decision to focus on the more manageable, scaled back plans.

LAG considered the project to be money well spent in an expanding community which is currently lacking in fit-for purpose community facilities.

It was agreed that proposals represent a valid legacy project for LEADER.

Summary of Responses	In favour	8
	Not in favour	0
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £82,834 APPROVED.

9.8 **161 – Aberdeenshire Fuel Management**

The applicant is Ringlink (Scotland) Ltd, a co-operative which provides services and goods for agricultural and rural businesses in Aberdeenshire. The project aims to provide a cost effective solution for fuel delivery to farms, rural businesses and households in terms of fuel efficiency and continuity of supply of heating oil and machinery fuel. Fuel tank monitoring technology will be installed on the fuel tanks of all participating members. Results will be relayed to Ringlink using GSM mobile signals. Fuel consumption will be monitored and analysed. Software will enable staff to manage fuel purchase and distribution and, through bulk purchasing, will ensure efficient delivery and best available price for

participants.

A total of 400 Aberdeenshire members were surveyed regarding interest in taking up the service in Aberdeenshire, responses to which have demonstrated keen interest to use the cost saving service.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Progressive Rural Economy and fits with the LAG's strategic priorities Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Energy and Innovative Value Added Products & Markets.

LAG considered proposals to be new, innovative and offering a real benefit to rural businesses and households, improving competitiveness by drawing down costs.

PAC had requested clarification regarding possible barriers to entry to the scheme and membership of Ringlink. The applicant confirmed that there are no restrictions to householders or community groups becoming members of Ringlink. LAG agreed that a condition of offer would be that any membership fees applied to rural households or community groups are reasonable and appropriate and set at a level to cover the admin costs of providing the service to those wishing to make use of the fuel efficiency service.

LAG agreed that, if successful, this innovative Aberdeenshire pilot project could be rolled out elsewhere in future.

Summary of Responses	In favour	7
	Not in favour	0
	Abstain	1
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £27,300 APPROVED.

9.9 **162 – Walks of Life**

The project relates to the employment of a Project Manager for an 18 month period to develop a 'walking institute' for Huntly. This period is in line with current Scottish Government guidance regarding dates for completion of projects. The institute will aim to promote Huntly as a walking destination and deliver a programme of cultural, social and artistic walking related elements through a series of events, culminating in a walking festival in the Huntly area. The LEADER element will also fund temporary contracts for writers in residence and internships as well as the development of a website and the creation of a walking section within the Brander Library.

The applicant, Deveron Arts, is a highly respected community arts based organisation which has secured £30,000 of funding through Creative Scotland. Securing this funding was the catalyst to the walking institute concept.

There is evidence of support for proposals from the local community, public and private sector organisations as well as strong support from Aberdeenshire Council's Cultural Arts and Development team.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and Progressive Rural Economy and fits with the LAG's strategic priorities Sustainable Communities, Innovative Value Added Products & Markets and Sustainable Tourism Development.

LAG considered the innovative proposals to demonstrate valuable links to regional strategies and priorities in relation to tourism, health & wellbeing and cultural arts.

Following discussion, LAG agreed that, in order to ensure lasting benefit from this initiative, a condition of grant offer be that Deveron Arts aims to identify funding for the continuation of the Project Manager post for a further 18 months following completion of the LEADER funding in March 2014.

Summary of Responses	In favour	8
	Not in favour	0
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £30,000 APPROVED.

9.10 **163 – Lonmay Hall Modernisation Project**

The project is to carry out a series of modest modernisation improvements at the public Hall in Lonmay to make it a more attractive and more accessible facility for the local community.

Proposed works will include kitchen improvements, disabled toilet facilities, double glazing, replacing the heating system, access ramps, new flooring and new tables and chairs.

Costs are based on quotes received and all match funding has been confirmed. The applicant's own contribution includes cash and in-kind work.

There is genuine enthusiasm for the proposals from the local community and the applicant has visited the Tin Hut in Gartly which is a good example of a social interest venue being run at a low cost. The applicant group hope to introduce a cultural element through musical events involving local youngsters.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and fits with the LAG's strategic priorities Sustainable Communities and Sustainable Energy.

LAG considered the proposals to be essential to ensure the sustainability of this valuable central hub for the community of Lonmay.

Following the advice of the PAC, the applicant made contact with the Council's climate change sustainability Officer who provided valuable advice.

LAG agreed that the project, with costs of £20,000, demonstrates good value for money for the proposed works.

LAG suggested that the committee check the constitution of the organisation to ensure that personal liability is minimised. Detailed guidance about different

structures is available on the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) website.

PROJECT FUNDING OF £10,455 APPROVED.

9.11 **164 – Mid Deeside Walking to Health Development Project**

The project is to appoint a subcontractor to ensure the continuation of the current Walking to Health Programme from April 2013 onwards. Aberdeenshire LEADER is currently funding three community paths as well as the Mid Deeside Health Walks for the period to March 2013 in project: RAL/R12/Jun 11/127.

For the current application the applicant has secured support from NHS. A sum of £4,500 has been approved by SNH.

This project will encompass transport and training. LEADER cannot fund admin time for the completion of LEADER claims, therefore this would be considered an ineligible cost. The works will be in the same geographical area as the current project.

The project aligns with LEADER theme/s Revitalising Communities and fits with the LAG's strategic priority Sustainable Communities.

Following discussion, the LAG did not consider the application to be particularly innovative as the project is a continuation of COAT's current project which includes funding for health walks.

LAG agreed that, from information provided, the only new aspect of the proposal appears to be the creation of a new diabetic health walk element.

Whilst the LAG cannot deny that health walks delivered through COAT have been very successful and are of great benefit to participants, it was agreed that LEADER cannot fund projects in perpetuity.

The LAG recommended that the applicant consider other sources of match funding towards the project and suggested making contact with the Marr Area Partnership in relation to their small grant scheme and also the Marr Area Manager in relation to the possibility of Area Top Up funding.

Summary of Responses	In favour	0
	Not in favour	8
	DOI	0

PROJECT FUNDING OF £5,520 UNSUCCESSFUL.

10. AOCB

There was no other business.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Future Funds Meeting – Friday, 12 October 2012, Macrobert Hall, Tarland at 11.00 am

PAC meeting – Tuesday, 20 November 2012, Committee Room 4, Woodhill House at 10.00 am

LAG meeting – Tuesday, 4 December 2012, Committee Room 4, Woodhill House at 10.00 am