

**Rural Community Led Local Development (RCLLD) Fund
Local Action Group (LAG) Meeting
Conference Video Call via Microsoft Teams
Monday 9th December 2024 10am to 11.30am**

Present:

Justine Tough	Buchan Development Partnership	(Private)
Gina Ford	Fintray Community Council	(Private)
David Hekelaar	Formartine Community Councils	(Private)
Bill Slee	Marr Area Partnership	(Private)
Lorna Paterson	National Farmers' Union Scotland	(Private)
Duncan Leece	Banffshire Partnership	(Private)
John Loder	Formartine Partnership	(Private)
Dawn Tuckwood	NHS Grampian	(Public)
David Jackson	Visit Scotland	(Public)

Officers in Attendance:

Moira Beverley	Investments and Projects Executive
Catriona Nicolson	Investments and Projects Officer / Project Officer
Martin Brebner	Team Manager (Part)

Apologies:

Amanda Roe	Aberdeenshire Council	(Public)
Aileen Longino	Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action	(Private)
Mike Duncan	Federation of Small Businesses	(Private)
Gerald Banks	National Farmers' Union Scotland	(Private)
David Fyffe	Scottish Land & Estates	(Private)

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 The Chair welcomed those present, and apologies were noted as above.

2 Declarations of Interest (DOI)

2.1 No declarations of interest were made.

3 Paper 1 – Update on Tranche 2 Funding

3.1 Moira Beverley reported back to the LAG on the release of the second tranche of money from Scottish Government. On the 27th of November 2024, the Accountable Body was

notified of the second tranche of revenue funding from Scottish Government for the financial year 2024.25. The additional amount, to be defrayed by 31st March is £366,975.72. This brings the total allocation for the financial year to £945,627.20, split revenue £690,297.58 and capital £255,329.62.

- 3.2 The LAG discussed various aspects of Paper 1, the update on RCLLD funding for Aberdeenshire, and discussed the best use of allocating the Tranche 2 funding in line with the proposal submitted to Scottish Government.
- 3.3 The LAG voted unanimously to;
- a) Approach the six Area Community Planning groups, and / or other relevant organisations, and ask them to suggest appropriate community groups within their local area who would be able to support projects that would address poverty issues. Each area would be allocated £49,999.
 - b) Allocate funding of £49,999 to SCARF, to support those who are having difficulty with their energy costs, low income and the elderly.
 - c) Allocate £16,982.72 to Youth Support.

4 AOCB

- 4.1 Dawn Tuckwood, Bill Slee and John Loder agreed to draw up proposals on the criteria for the grants being awarded.

5 Date of Next Meeting

- 5.1 The next meeting is the full LAG meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17th December 2024.

Minute Taker

Catriona Nicolson