

## **Funding Hub 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009**

### **Attendance at the meeting (9)**

Arlene Cullum (ABC Corporate Funding Officer), Lorna Elliot (LEADER Officer) by VC, Sheila McLean, (LEADER Officer) by VC, John Davidson (IJCVS) by VC, Margaret Fyfe, (ABC Community Regeneration and Voluntary Support), Andrew Campbell, Chair (SNH), Mary-Louise MacQuarrie (European Officer, ABC), Kerrie Grant (HIE), Felicity Kelly, (Area Community Regeneration Manager, ABC)

### **Apologies**

Eileen Rae, Alison MacKenzie, Roanna Taylor, Ian Mathieson, Glen Heritage.

### **Information Session**

#### **A) On Community Planning Partnership European Funding Plan, led by Mary-Louise MacQuarrie.**

ML outlined the processes and highlighted the issues regarding timescales, particularly for traditional skills training for employability. This was therefore taken out of the bid. In response to the earlier call for projects ML had received responses from

1. LEADER
2. Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative as proposed at last meeting
3. HUBBUS

The projects submitted did not all meet with requirements and ML asked for further submission of potential project for the wider area. JD has projects to submit and AC suggested Stramash but was informed that this would likely be a state aid issue. A discussion arose on state aid and community interest companies and the group agreed that;

**Action JD will bring this up with the appropriate minister and make direct contact with HIPP.**

**Action ML Re-send the project list and invite submissions.**

#### **B) HIE Overview by Kerrie Grant**

1. Work with small businesses is now through Business Gateway which is run by Argyll and Bute Council
2. Small grants for small businesses growth (not start up) in fragile areas – west coast islands, Cumbrae and part of Cowal - £5000 min and 25% intervention
3. Focus is on businesses and social enterprises of growth and transformational projects
4. Strengthening Communities Section deals with
  - (i) A specific number of social enterprises each year
  - (ii) Community Account Management (providing revenue funding for a local development officer post) – geographically targeted communities.

This led to a wider discussion regarding how these are decided and how HIE will consult with the CPP in deciding which areas should be included in the

future. There was discussion around HIE's project looking at what outcomes to use for these projects – measurements such as community confidence, numbers on the school role, investment in the area that would take in the whole community. In 2009-10 Cumbrae, Jura and Coll will have funding for a local development officer which will be a 2 yr post and this will be followed by a review. Further areas will be selected in conjunction with stakeholders for 2010-11 onwards.

- (iii) Community Land Unit – help with land acquisition + feasibility.  
10 – 20% funding.

There followed a discussion around measurements/ outcomes/ visioning and John suggested sharing measures/ outcomes with Kerrie, and demonstrating how these fit with SOA so that there is consistency in approach.

**Action: Arlene to contact John for further thoughts on this and together draft and send a letter to appropriate body.**

## **2. Minute of Last Meeting**

Agreed with amendment that EW tendered her apologies for the previous meeting.

## **3. Matters Arising**

None that weren't on the agenda.

## **4. Demonstration Project**

MF gave an update of the events and encouraged people to fill in the Demonstration Project questionnaire which is available on line and/or to attend meetings taking place across the area. See [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/thirdsector](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/thirdsector) for info.

MF updated the Hub of recent Fairer Argyll and Bute developments where FAB Partners presented projects – 25 project proposals ratified by 14<sup>th</sup> August by FAB Partnership. There is no application form for next year as this is not a competitive grant fund.

## **5. Latest Funding Awards in Argyll and Bute**

No information provided.

## **6. Meeting Themes**

It was suggested that the theme of the next meeting is widened to include all agencies working around community energy/renewables and that they be invited to present at the next meeting of the Funding Hub.

**Action Sheila**

## **10. AOCB**

The Hub agreed that the project for the next Funding Hub is Dunoon Burgh Hall. If anyone has an appropriate project for consideration then please let Arlene know as soon as possible.

## **DoNM**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept      Oban Fire Station
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov      HIE, Lochgiblead (vc available)