

CAITHNESS LEADER LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
27th July 2010

I attended on behalf of Dounreay Stakeholder Group. Main points:

- John Henderson attended a Leader programme update workshop on 22nd June 2010 to ensure that all those involved in LEADER were kept up to date on the programme and likely future changes. The discussions centred round a variety of subjects including the bureaucracy, resources, claiming and possible new funding streams.
- Two projects were approved for funding (with conditions or clarifications placed on them). These being: Interpretation signs at Noss Head and Castle Sinclair Girnigoe and Brough Community Harbour Project.
- A number of projects were highlighted that were in the pipeline but as yet formal applications had not been submitted.
- The funding was discussed as the Caithness Leader has almost exhausted its allocated funding levels. There is an opportunity to draw down further funding but there are conditions placed on that (ie 50% of the current funding must be spent before draw down from other sources can be realised). The group agreed that the applications in the pipeline would be considered on a case by case basis and once the existing funding is exhausted others would be put on a reserve list so that when additional funding is available they are then considered.
- Date of the next meeting is 14th September.

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