

Special Bude & Launceston Community Networks Meeting 6th May 2014

Summary Report for Whitstone Parish Council by Cllr. M. Sutton

Venue: St Anne's Parish Hall, Whitstone

Presentation by Linda Emmet

This special meeting was called to inform the Community Networks about the availability of £25m of European funding which will be used to create jobs and achieve sustainable economic growth at a local level in Cornwall during the period 2014-2020.

CLLD LEADER

There will be a new procedure for using these funds called CLLD LEADER (Community Led Local Development). This means that the projects will be devised and delivered at a local level and will benefit local economies.

Local Action Groups

Local Action Groups (LAG) will be formed to provide and deliver the ideas and projects which will be assessed by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) and used to develop Local Development Strategies for the 4 areas of Cornwall (see attached map). There will be around £6m - £9m of funding available for each area.

LAG's should be representative of business, social enterprise, voluntary and community.

Input is needed from:

- Town/Parish Councils
- Businesses
- Social Enterprise
- Trade Associations
- Farmers
- Voluntary Groups
- Charities

Defra has indicated that the priorities will be...

- Support for micro and small enterprises
- Farm diversification
- Increasing farm productivity
- Support for rural tourism
- Support for increasing forestry productivity
- Provision of rural services
- Support for cultural and heritage activity

Suggested next steps

- Send Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Plans, surveys or any other economic information about our local area to Linda Emmett.
- Attend one of the consultation meetings (details at www.localactioncornwall.info)
- Join mailing list or speak to them directly.
- Talk to them about joining one of the Local Action Groups.

There is a meeting for the existing Local Action Groups and prospective LAGs to be held on Wed 14th May, 1:00pm – 4:30pm at Summercourt. This will be discussing progress towards new groups.

More information is available at www.localactioncornwall.info

Timeline

March - April	Consultation events
April – June	Preparation of Local Development Strategy
June	Draft Local Development Strategy produced for review
July – August	Preparation of bid and final Local Development Strategy ready to submit to Government
October-November	Outcome of bid known
January 2015	New programme starts

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