



Rural Development Strategy Steering Group

OPEN MINUTES

Held at 13:30 on Wednesday 20th August 2014
in the Liberation room, Secretariat, Stanley.

These minutes are draft until confirmed at the next meeting of the Steering Group

Present	MLA Phyl Rendell	(PR)	Chair
	MLA Ian Hansen	(IH)	Deputy Portfolio Holder
	Jamie Fotheringham	(JF)	Head of Policy
	Neil Judd	(NJ)	Senior Agricultural Advisor
	Martin Slater	(MS)	General Manager of FIDC
	Siân Nightingale	(SN)	RDS Coordinator
	Ben Berntsen	(BB)	East Falkland Representative
	Dot Gould	(DG)	West Falkland Representative
	Louise Pole-Evans	(LPE)	Outer Islands Representative
	Sue Faria		Minutes

Public & Press One

- | 1. | Apologies for absence | Action |
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| 1.1 | Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Padgett, Chief Executive. | |
| 2. | Welcome to new members | |
| 2.1 | PR welcomed Siân Nightingale, Dot Gould and Louise Pole-Evans to the RDS Steering Group, expressing that she was pleased that the rural community was now fully represented. | |
| 3. | Circulation of Terms of Reference | |
| 3.1 | The Rural Development Strategy Terms of Reference were provided for information. The RDSSG noted the contents. | |
| 4. | Declaration of interest | |
| 4.1 | There were no declarations of interest. | |

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2014.

5.1 The Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2014.

6.1 6.4 Information on water – NJ informed the Steering Group that he is working with a number of people to resolve the issue of water availability however did not have anything definitive to report at this stage.

6.2 The Steering Group noted that the other actions from the minutes of 17th July 2014 will be picked up on the action plan.

7. RDS Coordinator Update

7.1 SN informed the Steering Group that she commenced work on 4th August 2014.

7.2 SN commented that she was keen to meet with as many people from the rural community as possible and has arranged a trip to both the East and West Falklands during early September, apologising that she couldn't see everyone on this occasion. However, should anyone would like to meet up, they were asked to contact Siân who would be happy to arrange a time.

7.3 SN advised that she would be accompanied by FIDC Development Officers Huw Murphy and Natasha Greenland-Elbakidze. Along with any issues that people would like to discuss, they would also be able to provide an update on RDS activities and the services FIDC are able to offer.

7.4 SN advised that she had also booked some space in the Wool Press and would make this a regular occurrence, providing updates on the RDS and hopefully some case studies from grants that have been awarded.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 There was no other business.

9. Date of next meeting

9.1 The next RDSSG meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 13th November at 1.30pm in the Liberation Room, Secretariat.