



Lochaber Enterprise

Iomairt Lochabair

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOCHABER ENTERPRISE

REVISED

Held on Tuesday 29 June 2004
In St Mary's House, Gordon Square, Fort William

Present	Drew McFarlane Slack	Chairman
	Karen Macgregor	Vice Chairman
	Edward Daynes	
	Steven Bracken	
	John Snelgrove	
	Scott Shiells	
	Simon Macdonald	
	Iain Brown	
	Charlotte Wright	Chief Executive
	Scott Dingwall	
Morven Cameron		
Alison Gainsford		

i) Apologies

Apologies were received from Ann Martin and Gerald McIntyre

ii) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27 April 2004 were approved subject to correction of noted typing error.

iii) Matters arising

West Highland Health Services Group

The Chairman confirmed that there had been a meeting on 25 June 2004 and that a consensus on the way forward was emerging.

St Mary's House – Lease of sub-let area

The legal process for lease of the sub-let area is still ongoing. The lessees have submitted a building warrant for alterations to the office, and this may delay entry.

iv) Large, Novel or Contentious applications

Item (iv) has been deleted to protect commercial confidentiality.

v. Chairman's Report

Correspondence

The Chairman made available for Board members a variety of correspondence which he had received since the last Board meeting.

HIE Network Conference – Sabhal Mor Ostaig

Presentations were given by:-

- Jim Hunter – Celtic Tiger
- Willie Roe – 21st Century Delivery in the Highlands & Islands
- Graham Shimmield – SAMS and Climate Change

Discussions:-

- Response to request for views on changes to SSHI from Jim Wallace.
- VisitScotland partnership working

HC/LE Joint meeting

There had been a long gap between meetings which reduces momentum and there is a need to review the format and content. The Board agreed that there is a need for a pre meeting briefing on topics for discussion at the previous Board Meeting.

HIE Board Visit

The public meeting in Kinlochleven was disappointing, but the visit as a whole was considered to have been very successful overall.

vi. Chief Executive's Report

Unemployment Statistics

The long term unemployed statistics have changed this month mainly due to the measurement techniques. Overall unemployment rate is 1.8%.

Outdoor Capital of the UK

The Board of OCUK have been appointed from a public nomination and ballot process. They are currently working on a business plan which will be available in due course.

Conflicts of Interests

New information from HIE has been included in the Board packs for information.

Youth Voice Representative

The appointment of a Youth representative on the INE Board has proved very successful. Board members agreed that LE should take this forward, ensuring that all secondary schools in Lochaber have the opportunity to put forward appropriate candidates.

04/05 Targets

Ms Wright outlined the details of the LE targets for 04/05

Staffing Structure

Ms Wright intimated that 2 new posts were being advertised – Head of Operations which is a new post and Head of Business & Community which is to permanently fill the current acting post.

In addition a new administrator Sarah Donaldson has been appointed.

vii. AOCB

Mr Shiells intimated to the Board that BSW has appointed Andy Rogers as the new general manager at the Kilmallie sawmill.

PART II –

Mr Steven Bracken made a presentation to the Board on the current position and future of fish farming.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th August 2004 in St Mary’s House. This meeting will be preceded by an Audit Committee and at the meeting the Annual Accounts will be approved.

Signed :.....

Print: **ANDREW MCFARLANE SLACK**

Position: **CHAIRMAN**

Date: **3 AUGUST 2004**