



**Lochaber Enterprise**  
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**REVISED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOCHABER ENTERPRISE**

**Held Tuesday, 25 June 2002  
at 12.30pm in St Mary's House, Gordon Square, Fort William**

Present            Drew McFarlane Slack            Chairman  
                         Karen MacGregor                    Vice Chairman

David Wright  
Gerald McIntyre  
Simon MacDonald  
Kurt Larson  
Steven Bracken

Charlotte Wright  
Jacqueline McDonell  
Alison Gainsford

i.) Apologies

Edward Daynes  
Ann Martin  
Scott Shiells  
Paul Henning  
Iain Robertson

ii.) Minutes

Minutes of the Pre Annual General Meeting Board meeting held 28 May 2002 were approved.  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2002 were approved.  
Minutes of the Reconvened Board meeting held on 28 May 2002 were approved.  
Revised Minutes of the Reconvened Board meeting held on 28 May 2002 were approved.

iii.) Matters Arising

None for reporting

iv.) Cases for Approval

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

v.) **Chairman's Report**

**HIE Network Conference**

The Chairman invited Mr MacDonald and Mr Larson to provide feedback on the HIE Network Conference.

Mr MacDonald provided the following outline of the topics discussed:-

Renewable Energy – this concentrated on wind power with a presentation from Harry Mullion and outlined possibilities for local community groups to become involved. Issues included finding potential locations and the acceptability of these sites to organisations such as SNH.

Wave technology is still very much in its infancy and was not discussed in detail. Fact finding visits to e.g. Islay were proposed for interested groups and this may be taken forward by HIE in due course. Mr MacDonald cited the example of Friesland where many farms have wind generators which supply their own power and also sell to the national grid which provides an additional source of income which can be up to 50% of the total.

The Chairman confirmed that this was a useful and interesting discussion and reiterated the need to find out more information about the potential value of carbon credits. Such power generation may be of use to e.g. the Small Isles. It is however quite high risk and needs to be done in partnership with other organisations. He cited as an example the funicular railway at Cairngorm which generates electricity on the downward leg of its journey.

**Modernising/Evolving the Network**

The Chairman confirmed the following:-

There was considerable expertise and skills available within the Board members throughout the Network and that the idea put forward was to use this expertise more widely throughout the HIE area as appropriate/

Board to Board meetings were encouraged where relevant and useful as was staff liaison with other LEC's where benefits could be demonstrated. The Food & Drink officer shared between AIE and LE was a good example.

Liaison with the boards of private sector companies was also proposed, but conflicts of interest would require to be monitored in this area.

The HIE Network position within community planning was discussed and further information is required in this area. **The Board agreed to invite John Hutchison Highland Council Lochaber Area Manager to the September Board meeting to provide information to the Board.**

vi.) Chief Executive's Report

**ATB Review**

Feedback is required for the July meeting. **Mrs MacGregor, Mr Daynes, Mr Wright and Mr MacDonald to provide initial feedback to Ms Wright prior to the July Board Meeting to enable a draft response to be tabled.**

**Future operation of the Board**

Paper tabled by Ms Wright, feedback to be provided to her prior to the July meeting and the topic to be included on the agenda for discussion.

vii.) AOCB

There were no items.

viii.) Date & Time of Next meeting

Tuesday 30 July 2002 in Mallaig Community Centre – time to be confirmed.

**Signed:** .....

**Print:        ANDREW MCFARLANE SLACK**

**Position:    CHAIRMAN**

**Date:        30 JULY 2002**