



Lochaber Enterprise
Iomairt Lochabair

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

**Held Tuesday, 31st July 2001
Ballachulish Hotel, 3pm**

The Minutes have been revised to exclude items of Commercial Confidence

PRESENT:	Chairman	Mr A. Rogers
	Vice Chairman	Cllr. D. McFarlane Slack
	Co. Secretary	Mr G. McIntyre
		Mr. Simon MacDonald
		Mr A. Race (from 3.30pm)
		Mr D. Wright (from 4.30pm)
		Mr K. Larson
		Mr L. Young
	Staff	Mrs J. Wright
		Mr S. Dingwall
		Mrs M. Cameron
		Miss M. Cormack
		Mr D. MacDiarmid (HIE)
APOLOGIES:		Mr A. MacLean
		Mrs K. MacGregor

i). MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 29th May 2001 were approved.
The revised minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 29th May 2001 were approved.

Matters arising

No matters arising.

ii). CASES FOR APPROVAL

Item ii) has been deleted to protect Commercial Confidentiality.

iii). CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Correspondence

All covered below.

Lochaber Economic Forum

Mr A. Race attended the recent meeting. Progress is being made by the Forum on the mapping exercise, with Alison Gainsford and Andrew Simpson currently pulling together a document in relation to this.

The next meeting is to be held on 24th August 2001

LEC Status Change

Mr G. MacIntyre advised the Board that he had received the new Memorandum and Articles of Association following the announcement of the change in LEC status. The Board discussed the changes and agreed that, if time permitted, an EGM would be held at the September Board Meeting.

Lochaber Enterprise Business Plan 2002 – 2005

The Chairman advised the Board that the timetable for submission of our Business Plan had been brought forward and the draft document, which had been produced by staff, was enclosed for their consideration. Comments on this should be directed to Mrs J. Wright by 10th August 2001.

Smart, Successful Lochaber

Staff have also worked up a draft strategy document following the publication of Smart Successful Scotland. Comments on this should be directed to Mrs J. Wright by 10th August 2001.

Highland Business Awards

The Chairman advised the Board on Lochaber successes at the recent awards.

Jamie Ball received the PSYBT award; Bill and Sukie Barber were commended in the Small Business Sector. The Old Forge were the overall winners of the Small Business Award.

iv). CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Unemployment Figures

The Unemployment figure for June is 1.8%, 176 people.

Local Advisory Board

Mr L. Young informed the Board that the first meeting, which he chaired, was held on 30th July 2001. Similar meetings are happening throughout the Highlands & Islands. Attendees at the meeting came from a wide range of backgrounds. The agenda was short and the two key points that that were covered at the meeting were:

- 1) Election of a chairperson
- 2) The decision on the interview panel members for the appointment of the Local Area Manager.

Ministerial Visit

This visit is scheduled for 6th - 9th August 2001, with the First Minister attending on the 9th. The Minister will be opening Carn Mor House, and also visiting Glenfinnan, Acharacle, Sunart Oakwoods and the High School Project.

Mrs J. Wright and Mr A. Rogers will attend a dinner with the Minister that evening.

Staffing

Lochaber Enterprise's new staff chart was distributed for Directors information.

EU Update

The Programme Management Committee place at the end of June. Advisory Group recommendations were generally approved, although no formal ministerial announcement has been made.

Annual Report

It is likely that Lochaber Enterprise's Annual Report will be printed no earlier than the end of August 2001.

v). AOCB

- Mrs J. Wright advised the Board that she and Mr D. MacFarlane-Slack had attended a meeting earlier in the day in relation to the changes proposed by HOST. This was part of a wide consultation being undertaken by HOST.
- Mrs J. Wright circulated extracts from the Glasgow Herald (Monday 30th) recognising the successful Business Start-up survival rate in Lochaber.

vi). Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th September 2001, Caol Community Centre, 12.30pm

Signed:

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Position:

Date: