



# Lochaber Enterprise

Iomairt Lochabair

**REVISED**

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

**Held Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2004  
at 12pm in Lochaber Enterprise**

<b>Present</b>	Drew McFarlane Slack	Chairman
	Karen Macgregor	Vice Chairman
	Edward Daynes	
	Gerald McIntyre	
	Steven Bracken	
	Ann Martin	
	John Snelgrove	
	Scott Shiells	
	Simon Macdonald	
	Charlotte Wright	
	Scott Dingwall	
	Morven Cameron	
	Donna Beck	

### **i) Apologies**

Apologies were received from Iain Brown.

### **ii) Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting 30 March 2003 were approved subject to correction of a typographical error on page six and Mrs Macgregor asked for the wording to be changed on page 5 to “best use of time” regarding the issue of public perception in complying with the Conflicts of Interest Policy.

### **iii) Matters arising**

Corporate Governance Workshop

Ms Wright confirmed that she had liaised with Sandra Dunbar regarding a workshop for Directors on corporate governance. It was subsequently confirmed that Sandra is available to run this workshop at the August Board meeting.

#### Renewable Energy Conference, Edinburgh

Ms Wright reported that this conference had been cancelled as the date conflicted with a number of high profile events.

#### **iv) Large, Novel or Contentious applications**

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

#### **v) Strategy & Policy Issues**

Ms Wright presented the board with a further update on policy changes. Discussion focused on the priorities given to certain key sectors, and whether this reflected local needs and priorities. It was noted that Renewables is not currently a key sector, however it is anticipated that it will be featured strongly in the proposed revision of Smart, Successful Scotland.

It was also agreed that it was important to engage with stakeholders on policy changes, and Ms Wright confirmed that this would be done.

#### **vi) Chairman's Report**

##### Correspondence

The Chairman confirmed he had received a number of pieces of correspondence which he made available for Board members as required.

Charlotte Wright will be giving a presentation at Holyrood one day Conference "The Way Forward for Rural Scotland" 10<sup>th</sup> May on the regeneration of Kinlochleven.

Morven Cameron will be attending IIP Scotland dinner in Nairn. Directors are invited to attend.

##### Chief Executive Appointment

It was noted that the Charlotte Wright had been appointed to the post of Chief Executive, and that the interview panel had been impressed with the quality of interviewees.

##### Joint Highland Council / Lochaber Enterprise meeting

It is hoped that as many Directors could attend the joint meeting as possible. The last few have been very worthwhile and a number of issues will be discussed including the tourism review and 2007 Year of Highland Culture.

##### First Minister visit to Mallaig

Jack McConnell performed the opening ceremony for the new fish harvesting station in Mallaig.

#### June Board meeting – Knoydart

The next board meeting will be in June and held in Knoydart. This will be combined with a farewell to Ian Robertson.

#### Network Conference – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June, Skye

2 Directors are invited to attend.  
Simon Macdonald and Karen McGregor accepted.

#### HIE Board Visit

It is hoped that as many Directors would attend the dinner with the HIE Board of Directors on 17 May.

### **vii) Chief Executive's Report**

#### Unemployment

Ms Wright indicated that Lochaber is the only area to show a rise in figures of the long term unemployed.

#### West Highland Health Services Project

Ms Wright attended first meeting of the Solutions Group on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

#### Youth Observer

Ms Wright indicated that the INE Board currently have a youth observer –a sixth year pupil who sits on the board and proposed that Lochaber do the same.  
The board agreed this was an excellent idea.

#### HIE Board Presentation

Ms Wright indicated that she will be providing an update on the economic profile to the HIE Board and would like discussion on what we are doing in the LEC and the future of the HIE Network.

The Chairman commented that Sandy Brady had produced a paper for the HIE Board meeting in May and that this was not the views of the LEC Chairs, just a discussion paper.

Ms Wright provided an outline of the presentation she has been working on. Directors agreed that this should provide an interesting debate with the HIE Board.

**viii) AOCB**

Salmon Farming Paper

Mr Bracken will provide a presentation at the June Board Meeting.

**PART II – Year End Outturn presentation**

Ms Wright presented the Board with information on year end outturns. Ms Wright highlighted that 22 out of the 27 core targets had been met.

It was agreed by the Board that we should continue this structure to agendas for future board meetings.

Signed :.....

Print:           **ANDREW MCFARLANE SLACK**

Position:       **CHAIRMAN**

Date:           **29 JUNE 2004**