



# Lochaber Enterprise

Iomairt Lochabair

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

**REVISED**

**Held Tuesday 27 January 2004**

**At 2pm in Kinlochleven Sports & Community Centre, Kinlochleven**

Present	Drew McFarlane Slack	Chairman
	Karen Macgregor	Vice Chairman
	Edward Daynes	
	Gerald McIntyre	
	Ann Martin	
	John Snelgrove	
	Iain Brown	
	Simon MacDonald	
	Scott Shiells	
	Sandy Cumming	Chief Executive - HIE
	Charlotte Wright	
	Scott Dingwall	
	Morven Cameron	
	Alison Gainsford	

Prior to the commencement of the Board Meeting, Board members visited the Ice Factor development and met with representatives of the community.

Due to a conflict of interest, the Chairman Drew McFarlane Slack did not attend the next part of the Board meeting and the Vice Chairman took the chair.

Dr Michael Foxley and Dr Chris Robinson made a presentation to the Board on the ongoing activity associated with the West Highland Health Services project; a background paper on the project having been circulated in the Board pack. Following the departure of the presenters, the Board agreed that the LE representative on the Solutions Group for the project would be the Acting Chief Executive Charlotte Wright.

The Chairman rejoined the meeting.

**i.) Apologies**

Steven Bracken  
Iain Robertson

**ii.) Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting 16 December 2003 were approved subject to the correction of a typographical error and the inclusion of the following note:-

Mrs Macgregor considered that a Lochaber wide strategy for windfarm development should be put in place.

**iii.) Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**iv.) Items for Approval and Information**

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

**v.) Chairman's Report**

Feedback from the Community Representatives

- Eden Coille guest house developments
- David Mundy – off road driving – business start up
- Accommodation providers – good response to development of Ice Factor
- Community Newspaper – discussion with Ann Martin
- Collective marketing of Glencoe/Balachulish/Kinlochleven
- Positive attitude from local businesses and residents

It was noted that LE staff would follow up on any relevant enquiries.

Correspondence

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

H & I Convention – Meeting in Stornoway

Items on the agenda included Housing and Renewable Energy, both of which were put forward by HIE Network representatives.

There is a plan to move the secretariat for the Convention to Inverness to give a more local focus.

A paper on the membership of the Convention was discussed, the main proposal being to widen the membership of the group. There is a desire not to expand the numbers, so a reduction in representation from the HIE Network and the Local Authorities has been proposed. New members will include the NHS and the voluntary sector etc. Pat Buchanan is writing a paper on this and the Chairman agreed to circulate this to the Board with comments to be fed back directly to him.

**vi.) Chief Executive's Report**

Unemployment

There is a slight increase in unemployment levels rising from 2.6% in November to 3.0% in December.

Board Meetings 2004

A revised schedule of Board meetings for 2004 has been included in Board packs. A change may be required to the August meeting depending on when the AGM requires to be held. This will be advised in due course.

Property Supply Partners

Confirmed as: - Tulloch Construction – contractor partner  
Synergy Scotland – consultant partner.

**vii.) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held in St Mary's House on Tuesday 30 March 2004, and will be preceded by an Audit Committee Meeting

**Signed:** .....

**Print:**        **ANDREW MCFARLANE SLACK**

**Position:**    **CHAIRMAN**

**Date:**        **30 MARCH 2004**