

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

**MINUTES OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING, MONDAY 3 JUNE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE, COWAN HOUSE, INVERNESS**

PRESENT	Alex Paterson (Chair)	Chief Executive
	Carroll Buxton	Director of Regional Development
	Forbes Duthie	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
	Rachael McCormack	Director of Strengthening Communities (by VC)
	Sandra Dunbar	Head of Business Improvement and Internal Audit
	Karen Moncrieff	Head of Human Resources
	Donna Chisholm	Head of Business Innovation and Growth Sectors
	Chris Roberts	Head of Communications
	Scott Dingwall	Head of Regional Development, LSWR (by VC, item 3)

1 Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27 May 2013 (13/13) **HIEA 2012/00802**
Approved.

2 Matters arising
None.

3 Glencoe Orbital Recreational Track Old Road Link **HMS 9339915**
Scott Dingwall, Head of Regional Development in Skye, Lochaber and Wester Ross, joined the meeting by video conference to present an application for HIE assistance from Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Company. The company is leading a £1m project to create a 9.5km low level orbital route within Glencoe, and has already developed more than 5km with assistance from the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), Forestry Commission Scotland and Transport Scotland. HIE funding of £311,000 was now being sought to implement a 2.65km section of the orbital route called the Old Road Link. Further development of the remaining 1.7km to complete the orbital route is expected to be undertaken by NTS, who are exploring other funding sources including LEADER.

Leadership Team discussed the outcomes which the project was expected to deliver, including: the creation of a community asset which would encourage participation in outdoor activities; adding to the area's sustainable tourism infrastructure, and building community capacity and confidence to take on future projects which would improve local resilience.

It was agreed that the area team would initiate high level discussion with NTS to clarify the extent of the trust's commitment and ability to deliver the final section of the route. Contact should also be made with the Glencoe and Glen Etive Community Company, with a view to bringing the organisation into HIE's portfolio of account managed communities. The project was then approved.

4 Any other business
None

Chris Roberts
03 June 2013
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