

## **Highland LEADER 2014 – 2020 Programme**

### **Skye Steering Group Meeting**

**6.00 – 8.00pm, 29 June 2015, Council Chamber, Portree**

#### **Attendance**

Invitations for this meeting were issued to the Skye Ward Manager, Skye Highland Councillors and members sitting on the previous Local Area Partnership (LAP) at the end of the last programme. Each Community Council in Skye was also invited to provide a nomination from their area. A list of attendees and apologies is attached and this group will now be known as the Skye LEADER Steering Group.

#### **Presentation**

Liz Whiteford delivered a presentation about the 2007-2013 LEADER programme, the 2014-2020 LEADER programme, the work that has been done to date and the next steps.

She also outlined the actions for the Steering Group, introduced the Skye Toolkit to support production of a Local Area Action Plan and appointment of the Local Area Partnership.

#### **Appointment of Steering Group Chair**

Stephen Varwell agreed to chair the Skye LEADER Steering Group and his appointment was unanimously supported.

#### **Prioritisation of Themes and Outcomes**

There was lengthy discussion around the suggested priorities. Given that these were taken from consultations and feedback during 2014, it was felt that members needed more time to digest the paperwork they had received and to consider their priorities for the new programme and agreed to individually rank the themes and outcomes before the next meeting.

Willie Mackinnon suggested that 'increased community ownership/control of assets and services/activities' should also be considered a priority outcome

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**New Local Area Partnership (LAP)**

All Steering Group members wishing to be considered for membership of the Skye LAP were asked to complete a LAP skills checklist and to return to Liz Whiteford by 20 July.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Skye Steering Group is to be held on 28 July, from 6.00 to 8.00pm in the Council Chamber, Portree.

All those who responded to the initial invitation indicating they would like to be part of the Steering Group, including those who indicated that they were unable to attend the initial meeting, will be invited to attend.

The next meeting will also consider the skills, experience and knowledge requirements of the future Skye LAP and also its geographic member coverage, and public/private sector requirements.

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<b>Steering Group Responses/Invitees</b>	<b>Organisation/Title</b>	<b>Present/Could not attend/ Apologies</b>
Willie Mackinnon	Ward Manager	Present
Drew Millar	Highland Councillor	Present
John Gordon	Highland Councillor	Present
Meg Gillies	Previous LAP Member	Present
Jennifer MacPherson	Previous LAP Member	Present
Stephen Varwell	Previous LAP Member	Present
Donald MacDonald	Previous LAP Member	Present
Roddy Murray	Sleat Community Council Nominee	Present
Roger Liley	Portree & Braes Community Council Nominee	Present
Calum Macleod	Broadford & Strath Community Council Nominee	Present
Annie Davidson	Highlife Highland, Youth Worker	Present
Lachie MacDonald	Previous LAP Member	Could not attend – Apologies submitted
Lesley Hellon	Youth Representative	Could not attend – Apologies submitted
<b>Also in attendance</b>		
Liz Whiteford	Highland LEADER Development Officer	In attendance
Yvonne White	Highland LAG Member	In attendance