

6. Community Council Area Profiles

The following pages show a one page profile for each of the community council boundary areas after community consultation showing community/recreation facilities, commercial services, infrastructure, swot analysis of the community as a whole and needs listed as presented by individuals in the community (which may or may not be eligible for LEADER projects) and SIMD profile of the community*.

**The SIMD is presented at data zone level, enabling small pockets of deprivation to be identified. The data zones, which have a median population size of 769, are ranked from most deprived (1) to least deprived (6,505) on the overall SIMD and on each of the individual domains. The result is a comprehensive picture of relative area deprivation across Scotland. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland in a fair way. It allows effective targeting of policies and funding where the aim is to wholly or partly tackle or take account of area concentrations of multiple deprivation. enabling small pockets of deprivation to be identified. The data zones, which have a median population size of 769, are ranked from most deprived (1) to least deprived (6,505) on the overall SIMD and on each of the individual domains. The result is a comprehensive picture of relative area deprivation across Scotland*

Source: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD/FAQ>

6.1 Community Council Area Profiles – Applecross Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	1	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	1	Church	1
Polytunnel/Allotments	1	Museum/Heritage Centre	1
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	?	School Roll figures 07/08	15

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1(temp susp)	Filling Station	1
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	1
Bank (inc visiting)	?	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	1	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	x
Local Market	1	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	x	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	1	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	?

<p><u>Strength</u></p> <p>Good community hall 2003 Albyn housing scheme Community minibus service Integrated community Applecross Brand Identified heritage sites</p>	<p><u>Weakness</u></p> <p>Young people away at hostel during week Remoteness Minibus needs replaced</p>
<p><u>Opportunity</u></p> <p>Options to be explored of further development – Kishorn site Landscape partnership project Commercial seafood outlet Ambitions- renewable energy schemes, social enterprise & Butchers business</p>	<p><u>Threat</u></p> <p>Filling station in need of refurbishment High level of holiday houses Potential withdrawal of P.O. Bus service Availability of goods & services</p>

Needs identified by members of the community

Site/Land for affordable housing	Aspire – renewables – hydro/wood
Filling Station – refurbishment	Pier
Youth/fitness/outdoor space	New minibus

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3346
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	10
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	11

6.2 Community Council Area Profile – Aultbea Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	1	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	2
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	23		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	2	Filling Station	1
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	2
Bank (inc visiting)	2	Vehicle repairs/MOT	2
Restaurant/Café	2	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	2
Butchers/Bakery	1	Gift/Other retail shops	2
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	x
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	3	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	under construction

<u>Strength</u> Nursing home – standard & location Strong community spirit Community Woodland – Laide Well used hall Steady school roll	<u>Weakness</u> Condition of hall Lack of social support network 4 affordable housing opportunities have been available for 10 yrs
<u>Opportunity</u> Development of community centre, ties with armed forces/MOD/Museum	<u>Threat</u> Sustainability of car service

Needs identified by members of the community

Community hall
Laide community woodland development

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3137
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	10

6.3 Community Council Area Profile – Coigach Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	1	Mobile Library	x
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	29		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	1
Tourist Information outlet	?	Hotels	1
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	1	Hostel/Bunkhouse	1
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	2
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	1
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	x
Train service	x	Ferry service	1
Harbour/Slipway	3	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	x

<u>Strength</u> 1 multiuse hall – well used High profile desired tourist destination Strong community spirit First responders scheme	<u>Weakness</u> Remote Poor condition of 2 piers Lack of housing
<u>Opportunity</u> Develop campsite Develop hydroponicum Develop renewable projects	<u>Threat</u> Remote service provision

Needs identified by members of the community

Campsite

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	2857
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	9

6.4 Community Council Area Profile – Contin Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	x	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	1	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	1
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	x	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	x	Filling Station	1
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	2
Bank (inc visiting)	x	Vehicle repairs/MOT	1
Restaurant/Café	1	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	2
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	x
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	x	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	x

<u>Strength</u> Good transport links Shop services wide area to the west Tarvie service area Good path networks linking into the Mid Ross path network	<u>Weakness</u> Poor community facilities Location of village Community identity
<u>Opportunity</u> Develop community centre Develop gateway village Develop woodland walks	<u>Threat</u> Lack of community volunteers

Needs identified by members of the community

Hall improvements

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	2985
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	10

6.5 Community Council Area Profile – Dornie & District Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	x	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	3	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	x	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	x	Cemetery	x
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	2
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	1	Hostel/Bunkhouse	1
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	2
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	2	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	x

<u>Strength</u> Affordable housing development Strong community spirit Renovated community hall Good Youth Club & Playgroup Loch Long Community Association - active Dornie Development Group – Active Eilean Donan Castle – Tourist Attraction	<u>Weakness</u> Lack of sewage treatment works Lack of childrens playarea Lack of industrial units/business start-up units Removal of Graham House – no residential care for elderly Lack of walk and cycle-ways
<u>Opportunity</u> Development of daycare centre Develop renewable projects	<u>Threat</u> Impact of 38 new houses Community concern re affordable housing allocation Slipway in need of repair Loss of traditional industries & crofting land

Needs identified by members of the community

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| Play area – childrens | Sewage provision |
| Provision of activities for older people | Path linking Dornie/Ardelve/Nostie |
| Marine type facilities | |
| Community survey to identify needs (economic, training, social, housing) | |

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	2724
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	9

6.6 Community Council Area Profile – Gairloch Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	1	Learning Centre	1
Primary School	1	Service Point	1
Library	1	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	1
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	1
Health Centre	1	Church	3
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	1
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	2
Playground/Playpark	2	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	1	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	1	School Roll figures 07/08	194 + 80

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	2	Filling Station	1
Tourist Information outlet	1	Hotels	6
Bank (inc visiting)	2	Vehicle repairs/MOT	1
Restaurant/Café	6	Hostel/Bunkhouse	1
Supermarket	1	Grocers (inc seasonal)	3
Butchers/Bakery	2	Gift/Other retail shops	8
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	2	Refuse tip	√
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<p><u>Strength</u></p> <p>Locality & quality of beaches</p> <p>Housing Development</p> <p>Strong volunteering ethos</p> <p>Wide variety of outdoor recreational activities</p> <p>High School</p> <p>Hub Village & recent village improvement</p> <p>Slattadale woodland</p>	<p><u>Weakness</u></p> <p>Lack of building sites & premises for commercial & community use</p>
<p><u>Opportunity</u></p> <p>Development of harbours or leisure potential</p>	<p><u>Threat</u></p> <p>Dedicated youth facility potential closure due to shared space issues</p> <p>Sustainability of car scheme</p> <p>Decline in profitability of agriculture</p>

Needs identified by members of the community

Improve radio coverage & extend to neighbouring areas
 Increase Tourism skills – young people Climbing wall extension
 Community minibus – primary/young people – priority area
 Concern over Rural Development Scheme- failing to deliver perceived benefits

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	2767
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	3
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	9

6.7 Community Council Area Profile – Garve & District Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	4
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	17		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	3	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	1	Hotels	4
Bank (inc visiting)	x	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	1	Hostel/Bunkhouse	2
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	x
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	1
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	x
Train service	√	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	x	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	2	Sewage treatment works	x

<u>Strength</u> Good Transport Links/Infrastructure Ben Wyvis National Nature Reserve	<u>Weakness</u> Low school roll
<u>Opportunity</u> Develop area as gateway to Skye & Wester Ross Develop Lochluichart windfarm	<u>Threat</u> Potential withdrawal of P.O. bus service

Needs identified by members of the community

Local Deli/Grocery – Achnasheen
 Petrol Station – Achnasheen – unmanned pumps
 Framework of Tourist providers
 Venues open all year round
 Improve Transport links/community buses
 Develop Disabled access to footpaths & facilities

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006
 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Health Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006
 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's):
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6.8 Community Council Area Profile – Glenelg & Arnisdale Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	1	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	42		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	1
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	1	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	1
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	x	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	√
Harbour/Slipway	3	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u> Good community spirit Glenelg & Arnisdale Trust –Active High School Roll New Pier Identified heritage sites	<u>Weakness</u> Remote fragile community Number of holiday homes
<u>Opportunity</u> Restaurant Development Renewables Develop marine facilities linked to pier	<u>Threat</u> Loss of ferry service

Needs identified by members of the community

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3048
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	10
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	10

6.9 Community Council Area Profile – Kyle Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	1
Library	1	Mobile Library	x
Village/Church Halls	4	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	1
Swimming Pool	1	Dedicated Youth Facilities	1
Health Centre	1	Church	3
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	x
Golf Course	1	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	3		
School Roll figures 07/08	67		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	1
Tourist Information outlet	1	Hotels	2
Bank (inc visiting)	2	Vehicle repairs/MOT	3
Restaurant/Café	4	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	1	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	1	Gift/Other retail shops	5
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	√	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	2	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u> Hub village Range of independent shops Good infrastructure National Trust for Scotland – Balmacara Estate + Kintail & Morvich + Falls of Glomach	<u>Weakness</u> Lack of parking areas Lack of community focus between groups Lack of land – housing/development
<u>Opportunity</u> Common interest/focus groups working together Develop Youth café Develop tourist attraction	<u>Threat</u> Bute base closure

Needs identified by members of the community

Extension of playfields – Pladaig
New hall

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3486
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	11

6.10 Community Council Area Profile – Lochalsh Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	1
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	1	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	x	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	72		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	1
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	1	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	1
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	√	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	x	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u> Affordable housing planned Achtertyre Business Park Rag n Tag textile Good mental health support network	<u>Weakness</u> Achtertyre Business Park - Limitations of business use & not attracting business interest Lack of community due to spread out area
<u>Opportunity</u> New shinty pitch New employment – business park Woodland group – Develop former campsite - Balmacara	<u>Threat</u> Closure of village shop

Needs identified by members of the community

Balmacara – use of hall – development

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	2724
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	9

6.11 Community Council Area Profile – Lochbroom Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	1	Learning Centre	1
Primary School	3	Service Point	1
Library	1	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	3	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	1
Swimming Pool	1	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	1	Church	5
Polytunnel/Allotments	1	Museum/Heritage Centre	1
Grass Pitch	2	Campsite with toilets	2
Playground/Playpark	5	Cemetery	3
Golf Course	1	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	1	School Roll figures 07/08, 252+174+13+11	

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	2	Filling Station	2
Tourist Information outlet	1	Hotels	9
Bank (inc visiting)	2	Vehicle repairs/MOT	2
Restaurant/Café	7	Hostel/Bunkhouse	2
Supermarket	2	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	3	Gift/Other retail shops	29
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	√	Ferry service	√
Harbour/Slipway	7	Refuse tip	1
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Weakness</u>
Transport hub	Scoraig – social opportunities for young people out with local community
Creation of community company	Poor toilet facilities
Strong marketing – tourism	Declining fishing links
Strong community spirit	Constraint on expansion
Good community planning	Lack of industrial/commercial units/sites
Creative community	Vehicle congestion in Summer
Community facilities	Lack of affordable housing
Community Ownership – Isle Martin	Bus service geared towards ferry passengers not local residents
National Trust for Scotland – Corrieshalloch	
Gorge Nature Reserve	
<u>Opportunity</u>	<u>Threat</u>
Develop community district heating scheme – alternative fuel	Condition of climbing wall – Lochbroom leisure

Needs identified by members of the community

Extension to pier – Scoraig & Balaurach Good boat/transport for young people – Scoraig
 New Toilets
 Lorry Park

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3693
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	12

6.12 Community Council Area Profile – Lochcarron Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	1
Primary School	1	Service Point	1
Library	1	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	1	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	1
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	1	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	2		
School Roll figures 07/08	52		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	2	Filling Station	2
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	3
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	3
Restaurant/Café	4	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	1	Grocers (inc seasonal)	2
Butchers/Bakery	1	Gift/Other retail shops	3
Local Market	1	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	√	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	1	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u> Strong sporting community Weavers – Tourist Attraction Howard Doris Centre	<u>Weakness</u> Lack of dedicated indoor sports facilities Lack of affordable housing highlighted 2 affordable housing opportunities have been available for 5 yrs Lack of business units Poor roads infrastructure Poor links between community groups
<u>Opportunity</u> Development of sports centre Woodland area, community take over Develop Yacht tourism	<u>Threat</u> Provision of staff – Howard Doris centre Aging population Lack of clear vision for community

Needs identified by members of the community

Dedicated sports facility space
leisure centre, Kirkton woodland
Affordable housing, Access to Kirkton field area to enable Affordable housing development,

Employment
Improved Road access

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3346
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	10
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	11

6.13 Community Council Area Profile – Lochduich Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	1	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	2
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	x	Campsite with toilets	2
Playground/Playpark	x	Cemetery	2
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	21		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	x	Filling Station	2
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	2
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	1
Restaurant/Café	2	Hostel/Bunkhouse	2
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	2
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	1
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	2	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	2	Sewage treatment works	x

Strength	Weakness
Mountaineering tourist attraction	Lack of affordable housing
Good community spirit	Declining school roll
National Scenic Area	Recruitment of staff for hotels
Opportunity	Threat
Develop tourist facilities	Removal of tv transmitter

Needs identified by members of the community

Develop marina facilities

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3048
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	10
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	10

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	2	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	1
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	x	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	30 + 6		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	x	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	1
Bank (inc visiting)	x	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	x	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	x
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	x
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	x	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	2	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u> Proven track record of renewable benefit Good community spirit Community hall – well used for sports/social activities	<u>Weakness</u> Moy bridge – weight restricted Lack of services Poor road, Contin - Strathconon
<u>Opportunity</u> Windfarm benefit - Fairburn	<u>Threat</u> Flood risk School roll - Strathconon

Needs identified by members of the community

Refurbishments at Strathconon hall
Project from Marybank Indoor Bowling Club

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	4497
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	3
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	14

6.15 Community Council Area Profile – Plockton & District Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	1	Learning Centre	1
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	1	Mobile Library	x
Village/Church Halls	1	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	1
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	1
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	x	Cemetery	x
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	1
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	312 + 23		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	3
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	2	Hostel/Bunkhouse	1
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	2
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	x	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	√	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	2	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√
Airstrip	1		

<u>Strength</u> Community spirit Strong marine facilities Recognise tourist spot School of excellence – music Affordable housing (24)	<u>Weakness</u> Large number of holiday homes Roadlinks & access Development constrained by geography Parking School roll in decline - primary
<u>Opportunity</u> Develop marine onshore facilities Duncraig - Development	<u>Threat</u> Impact of property prices in relation to young people in the area

Needs identified by members of the community

Improved roads

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3486
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	11

6.16 Community Council Area Profile – Shieldaig Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	1	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	1	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	1
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	x
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	3		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	x	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	1
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	3	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	1
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	2	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	?

<u>Strength</u> Integrated community Reasonable allocation of social housing Construction of All weather court	<u>Weakness</u> Poor infrastructure Distance from facilities/services Uncertainties – Water & Sewerage supply 2 affordable housing opportunities have been available for 5 yrs
<u>Opportunity</u> Utilize IT Broadband	<u>Threat</u> Low school roll Swimming pool – end of economic life Potential withdrawal of P.O bus service

Needs identified by members of the community

- Employment & business survey to identify employment needs & development potential
- Housing for key workers
- Viable local shop
- Building sites for house builds

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3346
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	10
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	11

6.17 Community Council Area Profile – Strathpeffer Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	1
Primary School	1	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	3	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	1	Church	3
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	1
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	1	Tennis Courts/bowling	2
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	167		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	1	Hotels	5
Bank (inc visiting)	x	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	3	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	1	Grocers (inc seasonal)	x
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	4
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	x
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	x	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u> Well established SPA village Architecture Setting is desirable for younger families Good path networks linking into the Mid Ross path network	<u>Weakness</u> Need for focussed approach
<u>Opportunity</u> Strathpeffer Initiative – village enhancement Cycle path to Dingwall Museum of Childhood	<u>Threat</u> Flooding Drainage system

Needs identified by members of the community

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	2851
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	9

6.18 Community Council Area Profile – Stromeferry & Achmore Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	x	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	1	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	x
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	x
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	x
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	x	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	x
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	x
Restaurant/Café	x	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	x
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	x
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	x	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	√	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	1	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	x

<u>Strength</u> Strong community spirit Use of community hall as focus	<u>Weakness</u> Lack of services Speed of development No mobile coverage in Strome
<u>Opportunity</u> Brownfield site Development of Stromeferry	<u>Threat</u>

Needs identified by members of the community

Marina facilities

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3486
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	11

6.19 Community Council Area Profile – Torridon & Kinlochewe Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	2	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	2	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	x	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	1
Polytunnel/Allotments	x	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	2
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	2
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x	School Roll	11 + 7

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	1
Tourist Information outlet	1	Hotels	2
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	1
Restaurant/Café	2	Hostel/Bunkhouse	1
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	x
Local Market	x	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	x	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	3	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	x

<u>Strength</u> Mountaineering & walking opportunities Natural Environment Active recycling group Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve National Trust for Scotland - Torridon	<u>Weakness</u> Scattered community
<u>Opportunity</u> Increase path networks Biosphere Development	<u>Threat</u> Potential withdrawal of P.O bus service

Needs identified by members of the community

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	3346
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	7
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	9
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	10
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	4
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	11

6.20 Community Council Area Profile – Wester Loch Ewe Community Council Area

Community/Recreation Facilities

High School	x	Learning Centre	x
Primary School	2	Service Point	x
Library	x	Mobile Library	1
Village/Church Halls	1	Leisure Centre/Sports hall	x
Swimming Pool	1	Dedicated Youth Facilities	x
Health Centre	x	Church	3
Polytunnel/Allotments	1	Museum/Heritage Centre	x
Grass Pitch	1	Campsite with toilets	1
Playground/Playpark	1	Cemetery	1
Golf Course	x	Tennis Courts/bowling	x
Dental Service (inc visiting)	x		
School Roll figures 07/08	30 + 11		

Commercial Services

Sub Post Office	1	Filling Station	x
Tourist Information outlet	x	Hotels	2
Bank (inc visiting)	1	Vehicle repairs/MOT	1
Restaurant/Café	3	Hostel/Bunkhouse	x
Supermarket	x	Grocers (inc seasonal)	1
Butchers/Bakery	x	Gift/Other retail shops	3
Local Market	1	Guest house/B&B's	√

Infrastructure

Bus Service	√	Local Transport scheme	√
Access to 'A' road	√	Access to 'B' road	√
Train service	x	Ferry service	x
Harbour/Slipway	3	Refuse tip	x
Recycling Point	1	Sewage treatment works	√

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Weakness</u>
Ceilidh partnership	Lack of suitable land for development
Active community groups	Lack of employment
Renewables group	High proportion of holiday homes
National trust for Scotland-Inverewe Gardens	
<u>Opportunity</u>	<u>Threat</u>
Loch Maree Water scheme	Aging population

Needs identified by members of the community

Farm stock control/cattle grids	Footpaths – improve & develop
Crofter/Forestry – unsure if people are taking advantage of grants	
Good for ewe – development	Wartime artefacts
Cove harbour improvements	Artificial reef
Affordable housing – THSCHT/WLECC conflicting viewpoints	
Regeneration of Dune system – firemore beach, improve footbridge, composting toilet	
St Maelrubhas church hall extension	

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Rank: 2006	2767
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Current Income Deprivation Decile: 2006	5
Employment Deprivation Decile: 2006	6
Health Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Education, Skills & Training Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Geographic Access to Service Deprivation Decile: 2006	1
Crime Deprivation Decile: 2006	8
Housing Deprivation Decile: 2006	3
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Vigintile (twentieth's): 2006	9

7. Highland LEADER programme

LEADER (Liason Entre Actions de Developpement Economique Rurale or Links between activities developing the rural economy) is part of the new Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP), aimed at promoting economic and community development within rural areas.

It's a bottom-up approach to delivering support for rural development by helping those active in rural areas to consider the long term potential of their area.

The Highland Strategic LAG is comprised of a minimum 50% private/voluntary and maximum 50% public representation

The Strategic LAG has the role of -

- Overseeing local development plans & Local Area Partnerships
- Approval of projects prior to local area partnerships receiving budgets
- Approval of pan-Highland strategic projects
- Reporting to Scottish Government

All LEADER areas will have a Local Area Partnership (LAP) and this partnership will have control over a LEADER budget (allocations have been calculated based on 2/3 population and 1/3 area) and will make decisions on LEADER project applications arising in their area.

The initial LEADER budget for the Wester Ross, Lochalsh & Strathpeffer LAP area is £825,702.

Support will be aimed primarily at small to medium scale, community driven projects that are pilot and innovative in nature.

Constituted community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises / micro enterprises, or public sector bodies can apply. Private individuals can only apply where the project has wide public support and will benefit a wide section of the community.

The hope is that, by encouraging community involvement and the development of innovative and sustainable projects, this will help to revitalise communities and bring economic and community benefit to rural areas.

The LEADER Programme runs to 2013 and the maximum funding that LEADER will normally provide is 40% (although up to 45% LEADER funding could be available if 45% or more public match has been secured). There is a requirement that a minimum of 5% towards project costs will be provided by the applicant group (but this could be 'in kind').

LEADER project themes are –

- Community Activities, Services, Facilities
- Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage
- Renewable Energy
- Tourism
- Training and Learning
- Local Development Strategies
- Micro Enterprises / Social Enterprises (with wide community benefit)

Target Groups- the following groups emerge for targeting through LEADER actions in the Highland LAG area:

- **Young people**, The needs and aspirations of young people in the 14 to 25 age range were central to a large part of the previous North Highland Leader+ Programme and progress was made in involving young people and addressing the issues concerned. The new Programme will build on this progress, tackling rural disadvantage among young people across a wider area and ensuring that links are established with other

programmes which target particularly vulnerable young people or those with the need for specialised support (eg.young carers).

- **Women**, Women in the rural areas of the Highland LAG area will be well placed to take advantage of the higher level of economic activity, in both the commercial and the voluntary sector, which the Programme is designed to stimulate. Training activities within the Programme will be designed to be accessible to women with family obligations.
- **The under-employed**, Many people living in the Highland LAG area are under-employed. They will benefit from the actions to improve opportunities for young people and women in the Highland LAG area as well as from the stimulus to the social enterprise and micro-business sectors. The Programme will also provide opportunities eg for crofters and address new approaches to the development of rural skills and will encourage more openings for volunteering at the local level. There should also be new opportunities to turn skills into a mechanism for earning.
- **Young adults (up to 34)**, Retaining and attracting young adults to the Highland LAG area is a priority within the programme. This will be approached through the Programme's encouragement of projects which will make the area a more attractive place to live and bring up children as well as projects which offer better access to training and stimulate commercial activity and employment opportunities. Fresh opportunities should also be created for younger adults to set up in business in their home area.
- **Older people (over 65)**, Older people can suffer disproportionately from rural deprivation, especially through poverty and isolation. They will benefit from actions to improve local facilities and access to services. Opportunities to use and develop their skills through training and volunteer programmes will also be created.
- **Micro-businesses**, Virtually all the businesses in the Highland area come into this category, including small farms, crofts, creative industries and social economy. They will benefit in particular from action to develop new business opportunities based on the natural and cultural heritage, on music, IT and crafts, and from a better alignment between the objectives of economic development and sustainability and from the encouragement of new commercial activity in the creative sector to stabilise and grow population levels and the balance between age particularly focusing on the retention and attraction of young adults to increase the benefits communities can derive from their natural, cultural heritage

7.1 Applying to LEADER

There is a requirement that potential Highland LEADER applicants first discuss their project proposal with their local LEADER Development Officer and the best way of starting this process is to complete and submit an enquiry form (available on www.highlandleader.com) so that the Development Officer can provide feedback about whether the proposed project meets LEADER eligibility.

If LEADER eligibility can be established then the applicant group will need to identify and secure any match funding and its own contribution towards the project, and any necessary project consents, etc before submitting a LEADER application which would then be considered by their Local Area Partnership. The Development Officer for the Wester Ross, Lochalsh & Strathpeffer area is Liz Whiteford who can be contacted on: 01349 855217 or 07920543719 or by email: liz.whiteford@highland.gov.uk

Copies of Leader Application form & Guidelines can be found in APPENDIX I

~ Source <http://highlandleader.com>

8. Summary Linking Local themes to LEADER themes

Examples of common Needs, Aspirations & Development issues highlighted in the Ward 6 area

LEADER THEME - **Community Activities, Services, Facilities**

- Lack of leisure recreational areas
- Many transport services are under threat
- Some communities focus on facilities rather than activities and opportunities
- Recognition of importance of young people
- Desire to increase and support young families living in the community
- Providing for an ageing population

LEADER THEME - **Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage**

- Desire to retain crofting traditions but concern of commercial viability
- More awareness of environmental issues and desire for renewables
- Expand and exploit opportunities given with rich coastal environment to benefit the local community both economically and socially.
- Appreciation & Desire to maintain the surrounding Natural environment

LEADER THEME - **Renewable Energy**

- More awareness of environmental issues and desire for renewables
- Appreciation of the surrounding Natural environment

LEADER THEME - **Tourism**

- High dependency in the Tourism industry but only currently provides seasonal employment in most areas
- Training in Tourism – promote best practice
- Expand and exploit opportunities given with rich coastal environment to benefit the local community both economically and socially.
- Recognising the importance of recreation & tourism

LEADER THEME - **Training and Learning**

- Desire to retain crofting traditions but concern of commercial viability
- Recognition of importance of young people and desire to increase and support young families living in the community
- Expansion of employment opportunities is highlighted

LEADER THEME - **Local Development Strategies**

- Need for Feasibility studies for some organisations
- Need for more shared vision in some communities
- Expansion of employment opportunities is highlighted

LEADER THEME - **Micro Enterprises / Social Enterprises (with wide community benefit)**

- Sustainability of community activities under threat – diversification opportunities
- Expansion of employment opportunities is highlighted

9. Local Area Partnership

Wester Ross Alliance is the Local Area Partnership for LEADER in the Ward 6 area. The Wester Ross Alliance is a company limited by company guarantee formed in year 2002. The Wester Ross Alliance has previously successfully administered the CED programme phase I and II and WREN small grants scheme. Wester Ross Alliance currently employs a part time Manager, contracted project officer and is recruiting a part time admin assistant.

The primary objective for which the Alliance is formed is to bring together the residents and organisations of Wester Ross to promote the sustainable development of the area as a prosperous and socially inclusive place where all may enjoy a high-quality of life, well-being and self-confidence, now and for generations to come.

The Board is elected democratically at the AGM by current members of the Alliance. Membership to the Alliance is free and is open to all whom share the same aims and values of the Alliance. Membership is clearly defined by the memorandum & articles of the association. A full copy of the memorandum & articles can be found in APPENDIX II

LEADER stipulates that Local Area Partnerships must be composed of a maximum of 50% public sector and a minimum of 50% private, community and voluntary sector representatives. The current dynamics of Wester Ross Alliance meets this LEADER criteria. As Wester Ross Alliance members are nominated onto the board, they are then classed as private sector, as they are individuals representing Wester Ross Alliance irrespective of their original membership representation from that point onward.

Currently membership to the Alliance will not be less than six, and for the purpose of registration the number of Alliance members is limited to *one hundred*, but the Board may at any time register an increase or decrease in the membership. The Board may (subject to any regulations, restrictions or conditions which may be prescribed by the Alliance in general meeting) invite and permit to become a member organisation of the Alliance, any bodies representing community, economic, natural heritage or cultural heritage interests of Wester Ross, and on such terms for such periods and in such manner as the Board shall think fit.

The Board endeavours to ensure that the membership of the Alliance is broadly representative of the diversity of communities, social, economic, cultural and natural interests of Wester Ross.

Each member shall be classified either as an Ordinary or an Associate Member or other class as the Board shall from time to time determine. Unless otherwise determined by the Board or the Alliance in general meeting, Ordinary Members will be members subscribing to the Memorandum of Association and those accepted into membership by the Board in accordance with article 9, and Associate Members will be such other individuals or bodies who may be admitted by the Board in accordance with article 10.

The Board shall be entitled at its absolute discretion to refuse to admit any individual or organisation to membership even if he/she/it is qualified for membership under articles 9 or 10 and is not debarred from membership by article 13.

For the purposes of LEADER the Board agrees to meet a minimum of 4 times a year and will publicise meeting dates for the purposes of LEADER applications. LEADER applications will be circulated by email to Board members prior to these scheduled dates for their perusal before discussion and decision making, which will be made at each board meeting held thereafter. Associate members invited will be asked to comment on applications but ultimate decision and voting rights of the application will rest solely with nominated board members.

Board members will undertake training in relation to LEADER applications and eligibility.

If any member of the Board has an interest with regards to any application received they must adhere to Article 95 & 96 which covers instances of Directors' interests.

When assessing applications, Board members shall use findings in the development plan, linking national and local priorities matched with LEADER targets and themes to assist them in decision making. Applicants may be asked for further information on any application on how they meet local priorities if it is not clearly displayed in the original application.

10. Community Engagement

Wherever possible and to the best of our ability given the timescale to develop this plan, the author endeavoured to adhere to the National Standards for Community Engagement. Given the vast geographical area covered email communication was used extensively and press releases in all the local newspapers to convey consultation was taking place. Members of the Wester Ross Alliance Board and LEADER staff were also pro-active in encouraging groups to become involved.

The 10 National Standards for Community Engagement

- **The Involvement Standard** -We will identify and involve the people and organisations with an interest in the focus of the engagement.
- **The Support Standard** - We will identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.
- **The Planning Standard** - We will gather evidence of the needs and available resources and use this to agree the purpose, scope and timescale of the engagement and the actions to be taken.
- **The Methods Standard** - We will agree the use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.
- **The Working Together Standard** - We will agree and use clear procedures to enable the participants to work with one another efficiently and effectively.
- **The Sharing Information Standard** - We will ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants.
- **The Working With Others Standard** - We will work effectively with others with an interest in the engagement.
- **The Improvement Standard** - We will develop actively the skills, knowledge and confidence of all the participants.
- **The Feedback Standard** - We will feedback the results of the engagement to the wider community and agencies affected.
- **The Monitoring and Evaluation Standard** - We will monitor and evaluate whether the engagement meets its purposes and the national standards for community engagement.

Press Releases issued to the following media outlets -

- Ross-shire Journal
- Gairloch & District Times
- Ullapool News
- An Carranach
- West Highland Free Press
- Two Loch Radio Station
- Loch Broom Radio Station
- Cullin fm Radio Station
- Wester Ross Alliance – Website
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Many groups and organisation assisted with information dissemination by adding press release to their websites as point of information and we are grateful for there assistance

A full list of groups consulted with the process of compiling this plan can be found in APPENDIX III

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