

**Highland LEADER 2014 – 2020 Programme
Inner Moray Firth North Steering Group Meeting
6.00 – 8.00pm, 22 June 2015, Perrins Centre, Ainess**

Attendance

Invitations for this meeting were issued to Ward Managers, Councillors and members sitting on the previous Local Area Partnership (LAP) at the end of the last programme. Each Community Council was also asked to provide a nomination from their area. A list of invitees, attendees and apologies is attached.

Presentations

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

Judith Wainwright outlined the actions for the Steering Group introduced the Toolkit to support production of the Local Area Action Plan and appointment of the Local Area Partnership.

Appointment of Steering Group Chair

Mary Macdonald volunteered to chair the Steering Group and her appointment was unanimously supported.

Prioritisation of Themes and Outcomes

There was a discussion around the suggested priorities. Given that these were taken from consultations and feedback undertaken during 2014 and based on the old LAP structure (in which the new Inner Moray Firth North LAP was covered by four LAPs - Black Isle, Dingwall & Seaforth, Cromarty Firth and Tain & Easter Ross), it was felt that members needed more time to digest the paperwork they had received and consider priorities for the new programme.

Fiona Robertson commented that 'people having better access to local services and activities' should be considered a priority.

It was agreed to hold a further meeting and ahead of this, members were to consider and individually prioritise themes and outcomes so that these can be summarised and presented to the meeting for discussion.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 July, 6.30 – 8.30pm at Dingwall Council Office Committee Room.

After some discussion it was agreed that those who responded to the initial invitation indicating they would like to be involved with the Steering Group, including those

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who were unable to attend this meeting, will be invited. Kiltearn CC will also be re-contacted to see if they are interested in putting forward a nomination as it would appear that their invitation to the initial meeting was sent to an old e-mail address.

This meeting will also consider skill, experience and knowledge requirements for the LAP.

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Steering Group Member Invitees	Organisation/Title	In attendance/Did not attend/ Apologies
Di Agnew	Ward Manager (D&S & BI)	In attendance
Helen Ross	Ward Manager (CF & TER)	In attendance
Angela MacLean	Elected Member (D&S)	In attendance
Alister Mackinnon	Elected Member (D&S)	In attendance
Isobel McCallum	Elected Member (BI)	In attendance
Jennifer Barclay	Elected Member (BI)	In attendance
Fiona Robertson	Elected Member (TER)	In attendance
Helen Campbell	Previous LAP Member (TER) & Nigg/Shandwick CC Nomination	In attendance
John McHardy	Previous LAP Member (CF)	In attendance
Mary Macdonald	Previous LAP Member (CF) & Alness CC Nominee	In attendance
Bill Robins	Previous LAP Member (CF) & Ardross CC Nominee	In attendance
Jon Palmer	Cromarty CC Nominee	In attendance
Tina McCaffrey	Invergordon CC Nominee	In attendance
Sophie Mitchell	Highlife Highland, Youth Worker	In attendance
Janette Douglas	Highlife Highland, Youth Worker	In attendance
Martin Rattray	Elected Member (CF)	Did not attend – Apologies submitted
Mike Finlayson	Elected Member (CF)	Did not attend – Apologies submitted
Rory Bews	Previous LAP Member (CF)	Did not attend – Apologies submitted
George Muirden	Previous LAP Member (D&S)	Did not attend – Apologies submitted
Tom Davis	Previous LAP Member (D&S)	Did not attend
Robert James	Previous LAP Member (TER)	Did not attend
Helen Williamson	Previous LAP Member (CF)	Did not attend
Kiltearn CC tbc	Kiltearn CC	No response (Subsequently established incorrect e-mail address used so re-invited to submit a nomination)
Also In attendance		
Fiona Cameron	The Highland Council, LEADER Programme Manager	In attendance
Andy McCann	The Highland Council, Accountable Body	In attendance
Judith Wainwright	The Highland Council, LEADER Development Officer	In attendance
Liz Whiteford	The Highland Council, LEADER Development Officer	In attendance

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