

Highland LEADER 2014 – 2020 Programme
Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh Steering Group Meeting
6.00 – 8.00pm, 30 June 2015, Kinlochewe Hall

Attendance

Invitations for this meeting were issued to the Ward Manager, Highland Councillors representing the Ward and members sitting on the previous Local Area Partnership (LAP) at the end of the last programme. Each Community Council in the Ward 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 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh 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 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh Toolkit to support production of a Local Area Action Plan and appointment of the Local Area Partnership.

Appointment of Steering Group Chair

Isabelle Campbell agreed to chair the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh LEADER Steering Group and her 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.

New Local Area Partnership (LAP)

All Steering Group members wishing to be considered for membership of the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh 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 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh Steering Group is to be held on Monday 10 August, from 3.00 to 5.00pm in Achnasheen Hall.

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 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh LAP and also its geographic member coverage, and public/private sector requirements.

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Steering Group Responses/Invitees	Organisation/Title	Present/Could not attend/ Apologies
Robbie Bain	Ward Manager	Present
Isabelle Campbell	Highland Councillor	Present
Audrey Sinclair	Highland Councillor	Present
Mary Gibson	SNH	Present
Ingrid Galbraith	HIE	Present
Tom Forrest	Previous LAP Member	Present
Kristine Mackenzie	Previous LAP Member	Present
Norma Ross	Contin Community Council Nominee	Present
Fran Cree	Gairloch Community Council Nominee	Present
Peter Walling	Strathpeffer Community Council Nominee	Present
Amy MacDonald	Wester Lochewe Community Council Nominee	Present
Tristan Southall	Plockton Community Council Nominee	Could not attend – Apologies submitted
Ian Cockburn	Highland Councillor	Could not attend – Apologies submitted
Roddie Mackenzie	Previous LAP Member and also Aultbea Community Council Nominee	Could not attend
Also in attendance		
Liz Whiteford	Highland LEADER Development Officer	In attendance
Fiona Cameron	Highland LEADER Programme Manager	In attendance

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