

**HIGHLAND LEADER 2014 – 2020 PROGRAMME  
WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH (WRSL) LAP MEETING  
10:30AM – 12:30PM, 23 MAY 2017, ACHNASHEEN HALL**

**Public Voting Members Present:** Roddie MacKenzie, Biz Campbell, Ian Cockburn

**Private/Community Voting Members Present:** Fran Cree, Kristine Mackenzie, Amy MacDonald, Clara Hickey, Carla Lees

**Advisory/Non-Voting Members Present:** Robbie Bain, Lindsay Simpson, Kate Stephen

**In Attendance:** Liz Whiteford (LEADER Development Officer); Yvonne Boa (YDO)

**Apologies:** Mary Gibson, Norma Ross, Tristan Southall

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** AM welcomed everyone including Councillor Kate Stephen who was attending her first meeting

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Kristine Mackenzie (EOI 9); Biz Campbell (EOI 32); Fran Cree (EOI 213); Amy MacDonald (EOI 136).

**NOTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Note of 21.2.17 meeting (previously circulated) was accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by: Kristine Mackenzie / Seconded by: Fran Cree

**MATTERS ARISING and not arising elsewhere:** discussed under other agenda items

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE:**

- EOIs received to date x 33 (see list)
- Full applications approved to date x 2
- Full application submitted/decision pending x NIL
- Potential LEADER eligible projects x 10
- EOIs with outstanding LEADER queries and/or no recent contact following feedback x 5
- EOIs withdrawn x 7
- EOIs referred to Rural Enterprise x 9 (Judith Wainwright now dealing with Rural Enterprise EOIs)

<b>FULL APPLICATION Deadlines</b>	<b>WRSL LAP MEETING Dates</b>
29 June 2017 deadline	29 August 2017 meeting
28 September 2017 deadline	28 November 2017 meeting

**PROJECT ASSESSMENT/SCORING:** There were no LEADER applications to be considered at this meeting

**AOCB:**

•Gairloch Heritage Museum submitted a request for permission to submit a LEADER application for 50%/£167,970 and, given the this project scored full marks at pre-application stage, it was unanimously agreed that such an application would be considered as long as evidence of all the necessary match funding and consents were in place, and that an acceptable project delivery timescale was provided, and that sufficient WRSL LAP LEADER funds were available when the GHM application was submitted for consideration.

- Those present noted the list of existing EOIs and agreed that potential LEADER applicants needed to get their applications in as soon as possible. However, LW highlighted that any project consents and match funding needed to be in place before a LEADER application could be considered. LW also advised that at least 4 projects (Poolewe & District Swimming Pool Association's Poolewe Pool Powers Ahead project £40,000; Gairloch Heritage Museum's Our Land, Our People, Our Story project £167,970; Isle of Skye Ferry Co Visitor Centre project c£88,650; LCDC's Artisan Dairy project c£80,000) were very well advanced and expected to be at LEADER application stage this year.

- AM, on behalf of the WRSL LAP, thanked LW for her work and much appreciated support over the years and wished her well in her forthcoming retirement. LW thanked members for their good wishes and their retirement gift and for the refreshments that they had provided.

**FUTURE WRSL LAP MEETING DATES, VENUE AND TIMINGS:**

- Tuesday 29 August - 10:30 to 12:30 – Achnasheen
- Tuesday 28 November - 10:30 to 12:30 - Achnasheen