

**HIGHLAND LEADER 2014 – 2020 PROGRAMME**  
**SKYE LAP MEETING: 4:00 – 6:00PM, 25 MAY 2017, TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE**

**Public Voting Members Present:** Annie Davidson,

**Private/Community Voting Members Present:** Lachie Macdonald, Stephen Varwell,  
Donald Macdonald, Nick Duffill, Roger Liley, Jo Ford,

**Advisory/Non-Voting Members Present:** John Gordon

**In Attendance:** Liz Whiteford (Highland LEADER Development Officer)

**Apologies:** Jennifer Macpherson, Sarah McGrory, Roddy Murray, Aonghas Mehan, Beth Kennedy,  
Willie Mackinnon

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** LM welcomed everybody and the above apologies were  
intimated.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Roger Liley (EOI 184); Lachie Macdonald (EOI 184);  
John Gordon (EOI 184), Donald Macdonald (EOI 212), Nick Duffill (EOI 227)

**NOTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Note of 15 February 2017 meeting (previously circulated)  
was accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by: Donald Macdonald / Seconded by: Roger Liley

**MATTERS ARISING and not arising elsewhere:**

At the request of the SKYE LAP and immediately following the last SKYE LAP meeting, a  
LEADER update (previously circulated to SKYE LAP members) was circulated to 15 Skye based  
community councils and 11 Skye based community trusts. This update included notification that  
the SKYE LAP have agreed to now consider LEADER grant requests for **up to 75%** of total  
LEADER eligible project costs, particularly for capital projects which align with the SKYE Local  
Area Action Plan and the Highland Local Development Strategy, which are responding to clear  
evidence of need or a gap in provision, and which will deliver sustainable and lasting  
impact/benefit.

Also at the request of the SKYE LAP, ND contacted Skye Connect (previously Destination Skye  
and Lochalsh), and provided an update on LEADER (see appendix for info list of tourist related  
projects as at February 2017 which Skye Connect have compiled and were happy to share with  
SKYE LAP members). A member of Skye Connect then contacted LW who provided further  
information about LEADER but no specific project or EOI has yet been proposed by this  
organisation.

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE:**

- EOI's received to date x 23 (see list)
- Full applications approved to date x 0
- Full applications submitted/decision pending x 1
- Potentially eligible LEADER projects x 8
- Community EOI's with outstanding queries and/or no recent contact following EOI  
feedback x 3
- EOIs forwarded to EMFF x 2
- EOIs withdrawn x 1 (applicant re-submitted EOI for a new project)

- EOIs referred to Rural Enterprise x 8 (Judith Wainwright now dealing with Rural Enterprise EOIs)

<b>FULL APPLICATION Deadlines</b>	<b>SKYE LAP MEETING Dates</b>
30 June 2017 deadline	31 August 2017 meeting
30 September 2017 deadline	30 November 2017 meeting

#### **APPLICATION ASSESSMENT/SCORING:**

LM, JG, and RL left the room and SV chaired this agenda item

- 11/P00018: Portree & Braes Community Trust (PABCT)

Pier Toilet, Portree, grant application - £11,042.16

The Portree and Braes Community Trust's Pier Toilet, Portree application was assessed/scored and a LEADER grant request for £11,042.16 was approved – see appendix for LAP assessment/scoring form.

#### **AOCB:**

•LAP members present noted the list of existing EOIs (see appendix) and LW highlighted that she was unaware of any SKYE project that was currently ready to submit a LEADER application. Lack of necessary consents, lack of security of tenure, and lack of match funding (all of which needed to be in place before a LEADER application could be considered) appeared to be the most common reasons for projects currently not being able to submit a LEADER application. Members are aware of the need for potentially LEADER eligible projects in SKYE to be fully developed with LEADER applications submitted as soon as possible given that all LEADER projects need to be completed and fully claimed by December 2019.

•WM to notify LW of any changes to Highland Council Member representation on the SKYE LAP following recent Highland Council elections. The current SKYE LAP member list is included as an appendix.

•LM, on behalf of the SKYE 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.

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

- Thursday 31 August – 4-6pm – Tigh na Sgìre, Portree
- Thursday 30 November – 4-6pm – Tigh na Sgìre, Portree