



The Autumn Board meeting of High Life Highland (HLH) was held in the Dingwall office on Tuesday 28th October 2014.

Following the unexpected and sad loss of Laurence Young the appointment of a new Chair was one of the first items on the agenda. Donald McLachlan was proposed and seconded for the position of Chair. Donald paid tribute to Laurence for all the hard work and huge contribution he made behind the scenes to High Life Highland and was happy to accept the position but expressed his sadness at the circumstances.

One of Donald's first duties as Chair was to appoint a successor as Vice Chair. Douglas Graham was proposed and seconded for the position and duly accepted. There are currently two vacancies on the board and discussion was held around the skill set and experience that would add value to the Board. It was decided that directors able to represent young people's views and the prevention agenda would be sought and adverts would be worded accordingly.

The Board were asked to consider appointments for various committees and groups which resulted in Jenny Clarke joining the Finance and Audit Committee and the Nominations Committee, Ken Gowans and Douglas Graham agreed to represent (HLH) on the Inverness Museum Gallery and Library working group.

In addition to standing items on finance, human resources and performance statistics which are dealt with at every board meeting, items on this Board meeting agenda included budget saving proposals, discussion on the response to the National Strategy for Scottish Public Libraries Working Group which was seen as a unique opportunity that HLH were supportive of. HLH have also reached agreement for adopting the management of the Highland Football Academy for a one year trial period.

The Highland Youth Convener made a short presentation on the priorities he has identified for this role in the next 12 months and gave some context for The Highland Youth Voice Conference which will be held at Glenmore during November this year and three board members are taking part appearing on a panel discussion around the work of HLH.

The following morning the Board met to complete the development work already initiated to create the company's business plan for the next three years and when that plan is likely to be produced. This was followed by a Trading Company board meeting to consider the business growth and development work being undertaken.