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I was born and attended school in Nairn, after which I graduated with a BSc in Pharmacy from Robert Gordon's University in Aberdeen. I subsequently worked in several hospitals in England, becoming a resident pharmacist at Charing Cross Hospital in London. I moved to British Columbia to attend UBC in Vancouver, qualifying as a pharmacist and working for two years at Trail General Hospital. After Canada, I worked in Cambridge for American Pharmaceutical Company, Baxter Travenol, running their Scientific Services Department.

Returning to Nairn, I set up Wildday Limited, an online retailer of camping and sports equipment, which in turn enabled my business partner and I to set up the Wild hearts in Action charity (SCO37072), an online stationery retailer and Events Company, which donates its profits to charity. In 2008, WHIA started funding micro-finance as a sustainable means of empowering those in poverty in Africa and South America. In the Highlands, Wild hearts in Action runs the successful Santa Run every December in Inverness.

In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, I, as Chairman of the Nairn Business Association, set up and ran the highly successful and popular Nairn Street Markets for three years. Out-with Nairn, I am a Director and Vice Chairman of Highland Charity, Inverness Ice Centre (SCO33343) which provides excellent facilities for Ice Sports - Curling, Ice Hockey and Ice Skating - all year. In 2009, I created and ran for several years Strictly Inverness, a four day dance extravaganza, which in its six year existence has generated around £460,000 for the Inverness Ice Centre and its partner, Highland Hospice. The event goes from strength to strength, this year providing a record surplus of £161,000.

I have the requisite entrepreneurial skills and business acumen, having run my own businesses for the last 25 years, and inherent in this their daily general management, whether financial, legal, personnel, marketing, ICT or property.

Having started up my own successful internet business in the competitive and challenging online world, with little or no knowledge of ICT, I am self-taught, my well-developed analytical skills enabling me to understand subject matter that may be initially complex, from both written and verbal sources. Having set up Wildnight Comedy three years ago, I run tri- annual shows to sell-out audiences at Nairn Community Centre.

I also have well-honed communication skills, both oral and written, and acknowledge the importance of being an effective active listener, to understand the views of others. I very much operate a solution-oriented approach to problems in order to trouble-shoot and move forward. As a past President of Nairn Curling Club and as an elected Independent Highland Councillor, I play an active role in PDI, ECS, SPAC and many other committees. Hence, I am comfortable with chairing meetings and public speaking, confidently able to address issues constructively and fairly.

I am very much a team- player and recognise the key importance of a collegiate approach, having had wide and eclectic experience, for example working very effectively with the Ice centre and Highland Hospice management teams to create a fund-raiser worthy of these respective institutions. This September, I am setting up Nairn's first comedy festival and have liaised with local restaurants and bars to attract customers, all of which will culminate in a fund-raiser at Nairn Golf Club for Nairn's Hydrotherapy Pool.

My career to date has been rich and diverse which I believe has equipped me with the necessary qualities and skills, to be a vital cog in any organisation.

