



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of AGM held on 22nd August at Talla an lochdair

Present	Position	Status
Jemma MacVicar	Trustee	Individual member
Neil Johnstone	Trustee	Sgoil an lochdair Parent Council
Robert Currie	In attendance	
Morag Ann Steele	Treasurer	Community Council member
Kate Dawson	Secretary	Individual member (Hon sec, minutes)

Apologies were received from Peter Bird, Ronnie MacPhee and Iain MacNeil

1. Presentations:

- a. **Annual report & Treasurer's report:** There were no specific fund raising events in the accounting period from 2020 to 2021. There was a donation of £1,500. The main expenses related to maintenance and insurance. We had unrestricted funds of £2103, and restricted funds of £22,971 at the end of June 2021. The restricted funds break down as follows: Playing fields maintenance £10,487.25; Football pitch £8,270.60; general maintenance £4,210.81

The current bank balance stands at £22,769.15. Funds of £900 are currently being lodged for purchase of public seating at Creagorry co-op.

- b. **Appointment of Accountants:** All voting members present agreed to appoint Campbell Stewart MacLennan and Co, Portree as our accountants. In particular we noted their helpfulness and good advice for the lodging of charitable accounts
- c. **Membership report and review of subscriptions:** all agreed proposal for subscriptions to remain at £1 for individuals and £5 for organisations per year.

2. Nominations and election of new trustees:

- a. **Nomination of new Trustees:** Jemma MacVicar will be leaving the area this year, and will no longer be able to act as a trustee. She intimated her intention to stand down. Current trustees are:
 1. **Peter Bird**, chairman Community Council
 2. **Morag-Ann MacAulay**, treasurer Personal member
 3. **Ronnie MacPhee**, Personal member
 4. **Neil Johnstone** lochdar school parent council (soon to stand down)

We have vacancies for two trustees representing a community organisation, and one co-opted trustee. We noted no input from the football team at present.

b. Nomination of new officers:

We have a vacancy for vice-chairperson

3. Projects for 2022

- a. **Playground at lochdar School.** Members met with Joan MacDonald (head teacher) and Jacqueline from Health and Safety at the council. The surface in the playpark needs to be dug out, levelled off and seeded. The baby swings need new seats, the rest could be sand blasted and repainted. A works request has been put in to the council for this work to be done. However, work in kind to an acceptable standard would be of benefit. We discussed how we might support this, and how to work out how much topsoil would be needed. There will be a need for rubber matting under the swings etcetera.
- b. **Playground at CNG:** Possible funding for upgrade – to look at the Pebble Trust. Initial design would be required to cost out funding requirements.

- c. **Playground at Ford Terrace:** No significant need for repair.
- d. **Fundraising.** We discussed litter collection, holding a bingo, or a summer fair. Income will relate to how much the community values the work that we do.
- e. **Football pitch:** We will continue general maintenance. Comment from the school is that the pitch is still not even enough to be used. We agreed to contact John Linich to discuss this. The football pitch sub-group is not active yet. The subgroup would need to include one trustee. We discussed the use of containers for changing facilities.
- f. **Trees and seating:** We will continue with general maintenance. Any tree planting would need fencing.
- g. **Cycle racks:** The racks already installed can be counted as match funding for the community council footpath project. Further funding may be applied for, and could be used for racks at Liniclate School, Griminish Surgery, Talla an Iochdair, Hebridean Jewellery. We would probably go for the racks at Talla, as this will support the footpath project.
- h. **Publicity:** Kate will pass on details of SoMe accounts to Morag
- i. **Nature trail:** Neil proposed starting this to create a resource based on QR codes around the school and community. This will require research, knowledge and writing skills