



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of AGM held on 12th June 2019 in Talla an Iochdair at 18:30

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Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)
Peter Bird (Vice-chairman)
Kate Dawson (Secretary)
Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)
Harry Luney
Ian MacNeil
Andrew Shaw

Apologies

Morag Ann Steele (treasure)

Minutes: Kate Dawson (Secretary)

	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome: Mairi Bremner welcomed attendees to the meeting. Mairi also thanked the current trustees and secretary for all their hard work during the year.</p>	
<p>2. Opening Remarks: Mairi welcomed Bernard Chisholm to the meeting.</p> <p>Bernard gave an interesting overview of the plans for the future of Iochdar School. This includes using the school as part of the eSgoil project, focusing on foundation apprenticeships in music and digital media, with an investment of £100,000. The future would include extending this to include graduate apprenticeships. There is also scope for selling teaching resource to other local authorities. He described the school as the heart of a growing community campus.</p> <p>Bernard also updated us about the community conversations meetings, and that there is a £200,000 budget for managing and improving playparks. The meeting noted that this is something we should link into.</p> <p>Part of the project at the school will be to redevelop the access to the school, footpaths, and the grounds around the school.</p>	SKD
<p>3. Minutes of AGM 2018: The minutes of the last AGM were reviewed. These had been approved at the following ordinary meeting. Our principal updates from the 2018 AGM include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of existing structures, • Ongoing grass cutting at the pitch • Clearing and improvement to drainage at the east of the pitch • Pitch fencing • We were not successful in liaising with the football association • Benches have been installed and painted. <p>Further detail is in the annual report.</p>	

<p>4. Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report: The secretary took the meeting through the annual report for 2018, which is also available in full on the charity's website. • Treasurer's report: The accounts were prepared by Campbell Stewart and MacLennan of Skye. The accounts were prepared to the standard required by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, and for companies' house. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Balance at year end: £38,921 of which £2,417 is unrestricted • Fixed Assets: £ 158,791 (playing fields, road-end plot etc.) • Incoming funds of £1,647 • Expenditure £ 10,463 • Net cash flow £-8,816 • Appointment of Accountants: We agreed to continue with Campbell, Stewart, MacLennan and Co., with whom we have a good working relationship. • Membership report and review of subscriptions: We have 9 members. We remain subscribed to Lionacleit Sports Hub, UCVO and Uists and Barra Sports Council. • The year ahead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football pitch – ongoing improvements to grass pitch and drainage at lochdar Hall, to include perimeter drain, to reduce water draining onto the pitch. • lochdar School play equipment – ongoing maintenance and improvements • Liaise with CnES re managing playparks • Additional tree planting • Repair to path/drainage at Torlum/Griminish 	
<p>5. Nominations and election of new trustees.</p> <p>We note that D R MacRury has not been able to attend meetings nor has he indicated any wish to continue as a trustee, and in absentio is considered to have stood down, as outlined in the constitution. We have two vacancies on the board, and no nominations. We agreed to consider approaching individuals that will bring more perspective on the football pitch developments, improvements at the school and impact on the SUBAS show.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archie MacDonald 103 Carnan (football) • Bellina and Robert Currie, Ardmore (School, parents) • Eliz-Anne Boyle, SUBAS 	SKD RM SKD
<p>6. Review of policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting approved the updated Child protection policy • The meeting approved the updated equal opportunities policy 	
<p>7. AOCB: Football pitch progress.</p> <p>The trustees, members and attendees debated the frustratingly slow progress with upgrading the pitch at lochdar Hall. So far, we have improved the main drain at the front of the pitch, fenced the pitch and arranged for regular grass cutting and rolling of the pitch.</p> <p>At present we are reapplying for planning permission, and progressing the project piecemeal. We are also arranging for improved drainage around the perimeter of the pitch. The next step is to install a new septic tank ahead of building a changing block behind the hall. This requires us to liaise with the hall committee. A funding application has been submitted for the septic tank installation.</p> <p>Harry Luney proposed that we should develop a grass pitch in West Gerinish. Historically there has been a pitch there, on land that is currently managed by QinetiQ. Preparing and developing the pitch could be done through local volunteering. The main steps would be to identify the location of the proposed pitch, and then to write to QinetiQ Estates and Land Management Services for permission.</p> <p>Kate Dawson outlined the reasons why this development would not attract any funding. Previous discussions with the Sports Hub at Lionacleit, and Sports Scotland has established the following:</p>	SKD

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be no funding for additional sports facilities in the area managed by the Sports Hub, especially where that duplicates existing facilities nearby, such as the grass pitches at Lionacleit.• Any new facilities will need to be of benefit to all the teams involved in the Uist and Barra Football Association, and enable an increase in participation in sport.• Funding will only be provided to projects that include accessible changing and showering facilities. | |
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We agreed that we would write to QinetiQ about developing a grass pitch in West Gerinish, on the basis that this will not attract or require any funding from external bodies. In the meantime, our existing project at lochdar Hall will continue.