



# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of AGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Talla an Iochdair

| Present        | Position  | Status                           |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Peter Bird     | Chairman  | Individual member                |
| Ronnie MacPhee | Trustee   | Individual member                |
| Robert Currie  |           | Individual member                |
| Kate Dawson    | Secretary | Individual member                |
| Joan MacDonald |           | In attendance, Head Teacher      |
| Emily Durie    |           | In attendance, presenter         |
| Ann Bird       |           | In attendance, Community Council |
| Andrew Shaw    |           | In attendance, Iochdar Saints    |
| Harry Luney    |           | In attendance, Iochdar Saint     |

Apologies were received from Joe MacNeil, Neil Johnstone (trustee), Morag Ann MacAulay (treasurer)

## 1. Presentations:

- a. **Adventure and activity trails.** The meeting heard a presentation from Emily Durie, who has introduced several initiatives to nursery, preschool and primary school education. This started off as a funded project with UU, to see if early years provision could be delivered outdoors. This was the Wild Things project, which has come to an end.

Emily now runs Otter Mountain Uist, delivering multigenerational outdoor play.

<https://www.facebook.com/WildThingsUist/> <https://www.instagram.com/p/CS-ORP3AVE/> Emily described some of her activities, which included rainbow walks, sound trails, nature trails and discovery trails. The rainbow trail involved following a short walk marked by stones painted with rainbows. One nature trail involved laminated sheets spaced along an outdoor walk, with information about animals. Emily has installed several discovery trails involving small drop boxes similar to bird nest boxes, with information and items inside the box. The boxes can be used for different installations depending on the time of year, location, and the aim of the activity. QR codes avoid having plastic, laminated or out-of-date information.

We agreed to look at costing out some of the capital items that would be needed for a discovery trail. It would be up to individual groups and teachers to modify the trails.

There is still scope to install fitness and play equipment as a trail, which would be a lot more expensive. An art trail would need to start with an engagement project, as advised by Scottish Arts Council.

- b. **Annual report & Treasurer's report:** The approved annual report and accounts were presented. Unfortunately, Morag Ann was unable to attend. There were no specific fund-raising events in the accounting period from 2021 to 2022. There was a donation of £2,000, and a grant of £1,496 for cycle racks.

The main expenses related to cycle rack installation, public seating, maintenance, and insurance. At the end of June 2022, we had £22,437 at the bank, comprising unrestricted funds of £1,268, and restricted funds of £21,169, split between maintenance at Iochdar School, the football pitch and general maintenance.

We are currently expecting some funding to be available for a further round of cycle rack installation, focussing on Iochdar Hall, Hebridean Jewellery and Griminish Surgery. There are already

