



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of AGM held on 3rd May 2017 in Talla an Iochdair

Present

Peter Bird (Vice-chairman)
Morag Ann MacAulay (treasure)
Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)
Harry Luney (Iochdar Saints)
Kate Dawson (Secretary)

Apologies

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)

Minutes: Kate Dawson (Secretary)

ACTION

<p>1. Welcome: Peter Bird welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
<p>2. Opening Remarks: Peter thanked the current trustees and secretary for all their hard work during the year.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of AGM 2016: The minutes of the last AGM were reviewed. These had been approved at the following ordinary meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report: The secretary took the meeting through the annual report for 2016. The principle aims of the charity are stated in the report, which is also available in full on the charity's website. Our principle achievements to June 2016 included clarifying our relationship with the Sports Hub at Linclate, and successfully raising funds to support a community improvement project in June 2017 • 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: £38,196, of which £3,934 is unrestricted • Fixed Assets: £ 170,325 (playing fields, road-end plot etc.) • Incoming funds of £4,484 • Expenditure £ 8,352 • Net expenditure £-3,868 • Appointment of Accountants: We agreed to continue to use Campbell Stewart and MacLennan as our accountants. (proposed MAM, seconded PB). • We also agreed to discontinue our subscription to Local Giving, as we are not using the account, and it costs us a fixed fee. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership report and review of subscriptions: Last year we had 11 members. We did not change our subscription rates. We note that no organisations are currently paid-up members, and that the lochdar Junior Youth Club is not currently meeting. ● The year ahead: The main aim of the current year is to progress parts of the football pitch project, improve engagement with organisations, members and trustees, to highlight the work of the charity, and to continue to maintain existing facilities. <p>Reports and Accounts available on website, and on request from KD</p>	
<p>5. Nominations and election of new trustees. At the start of the meeting, we had one vacancy on the board of trustees. We had received no resignations or nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mairi Bremner (Trustee, individual member) ● Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee, individual member) ● Stephen MacAulay (Trustee, Group member, football club) ● Peter Bird (Trustee, individual member) ● D R MacRury (Trustee, SUBAS) ● Morag Ann MacAulay (Trustee, Community council) <p>Kate Dawson remains company secretary, with no voting rights.</p> <p>We have a vacancy for a co-opted member. In addition, we agreed to confirm that D R MacRury and Stephen MacAulay wished to remain on the board.</p> <p>Suggestions to add balance to the board of trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase membership (through increased projects and activities and articles about activities – we note Shona MacDonald’s recent interview with Mairi Bremner) ● Several suggestions were made about people to approach for co-option (Kay Marie MacInnes (teacher), Harry Luney (football), David MacInnes (junior football), Stephen MacDonald (football, from South of catchment area), Iain Campbell, Mr Gordon Young, (HT Liniclate School) – to follow up at next meeting, there may be more suggestions. 	
<p>6. AOCB: We summarised the current work of the committee since the financial year end for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have raised over £4,000 through the co-op local charities scheme, for local maintenance and bench instalment. ● Benches: 6 benches have been collected. Several installation quotes have been received. ● A community improvement and clear-up week is planned with a visit of 8 volunteers from Manchester coming in June. ● Qinetiq volunteering day – information awaited ● Repairs at lochdar School – we have a quote from the council for the work around the school, and further quotes are awaited from MacInnes Brothers and MacAulays Askernish. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grass-cutting contract continues • Scottish Water has laid a pipeline across our corner plot, leaving the area in good repair but with no additional enhancements. • Public footpath email – we had a helpful response from the council (Angus MacDonald) noting our suggestions, and agreeing the use of a road sweeper when available. • Bonded surface in playground, and repair to fencing at the school – costings available from the council. • Liaising with other groups – KD has met with members of the Uist and Barra Football Association, and will meet up with them more formally on the 9th May to discuss joint working on the pitch project. • Fencing the pitch, draining – awaiting quotes from MacInnes Brothers, MacAulay Askernish, et al. We also discussed getting materials from the Co-Chomunn – quotes to be obtained to see if this will control costs. • Improving existing grass surface – the pitch will need to be rolled before it can be cut, and it needs to be drained before it is rolled. We are still awaiting contact from DSL. David Bagley, J Linich also invited to tender quotes – but the pitch is too wet to consider starting this any time soon. <p>We also discussed fundraising, including the logistics of holding a dance, a quiz, a race night, etcetera. Fundraising events generally need a lead organiser for each event; to be discussed further at the next meeting. Good events are fun, different, and attract attention to our projects.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>KD</p>
<p>7. Next meeting: The next meeting will be on the 22nd June 7:30pm</p>	<p>KD</p>