

# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of AGM 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007

## Present

Mairi Bremner (Trustee)  
 Peter Carlin (Councillor)  
 Norma MacIntyre (Trustee)  
 Kate Dawson (secretary)  
 Howard Warner (Trustee)  
 Ronnie MacPhee (Youth Club)  
 Alasdair MacEachen (Council)

## Apologies

Mary Harman  
 Mairi Campbell  
 Barbara MacAulay  
 Curracag

1. Welcome: Mrs Bremner opened the meeting and thanked everyone for his or her attendance. She also asked for a vote of thanks to Kate Dawson for all her hard work over the last few years, which had brought this organisation to its present status of becoming a company limited by guarantee, and on the brink of a major project. Each attendee introduced themselves for the benefit of new attendees.
2. Presentation: This year, we did not have a presentation to open the AGM, for a number of reasons. Potential speakers for the future meetings include someone from Storas Uibhist, the new administrator from UCVO, or someone from the Uist Football Association.

3. Minutes of inaugural EGM 2005:  
 The minutes were proposed (MB) Seconded (RM) and approved.
4. Annual report for the year 2005-2006:  
 KD took the meeting through the annual report, noting that we had made progress in all of the target areas proposed for action at the EGM in 2005. The main projects for 05-06 were:
  - Developing a website to keep people informed about our activities. ACHIEVED
  - Raising the rest of the money for the school playing fields and playground. ACHIEVED, PROJECT ONGOING
  - Installing cycle racks. ONGOING
  - Upgrading the access between Lincilate and Griminish ACHIEVED
  - Reprinting the updated walk leaflet ACHIEVED
  - Transferring the Campbell/MacPherson memorial funds to the care of the families concerned. ACHIEVED
  - Maintaining our list of possible projects and ideas, in order to identify our own future activities, and to support other groups working in the area. ONGOING

Our projects for the year ahead will be:

- How do we keep user groups involved in our activities?
- Cycle rack project; review success of phase one, and seek funding for phase two if phase 1 is successful

ACTION

- We will continue to keep a list of possible projects.
- We will continue to maintain the website
- We will develop a list of interesting walks in our area, to be kept on the website.
- After the playing fields, the football pitch and facilities. The Uist Football Association is about to undertake a pitch review, and would like our help with this. We also need to see how we could work with the Hall Committee, who own the pitch.
- Development strategy for the next five years; we need to work out ways of involving younger people in our planning. We may also need to revisit our community survey.

The committee thanked KD for all her hard work through the year to achieve this, and in particular, the work on the school playing fields.

The meeting also recorded thanks to J J MacDonald and Iain MacDonald, for donating their time, labour and equipment to dig the tree planting holes.

5. Treasurer's report and accounts June 2005-June 2006

The accounts were audited by Campbell Stewart MacLennan and Co. of Portree, Isle of Skye. The accounts show fixed assets of £8,968, including the plot of land at the road end, and the website. They also show restricted capital funds of £78,450 for the playing fields project and cycle rack project. Our total assets as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006 were £92,463.

Copies of the audited accounts will be available from Norma MacIntyre.

The meeting approved the accounts. (Proposed MB, seconded JHW) The meeting also recorded thanks to Norma MacIntyre for all her hard work during the first year of the company.

6. Confirmation of current

Individual members:

Howard Warner  
Mairi Bremner  
Norma MacIntyre  
Barbara MacAulay  
Iain MacLeod  
Angela Brass  
Ian McTaggart  
Angus MacMillan  
Lindsay MacDonald  
Mary Harman  
Michael MacDonald  
Philina MacPhee

membership:

Groups:

Croileagan an Iochdair  
Lochboisdale amenity trust  
Iochdar School Board  
Iochdar Junior Youth Club  
Creagorry Residents association

Associate members:

Marion Steele  
Susan Wood  
Clem Sim  
Gerry MacLeod  
John O'Henley  
Roddy MacPherson

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<p>7. Confirmation of current trustees:  Mairi Bremner Trustee, Chairwoman  Howard Warner Trustee, Vice-chairman  Norma MacIntyre Trustee, Treasurer</p> <p>Kate Dawson Organising Secretary</p> <p>We have four vacancies on the board of trustees. Three vacancies are for representatives of community groups, and one vacancy must be filled by co-option by the elected trustees.</p>	
<p>8. Election of New Trustees:  Ronnie MacPhee was elected to the board as a trustee, representing the Junior Youth Club. (Nominated by MB, seconded NM)</p> <p>Two vacancies remain, which can be filled by co-option.</p>	
<p>9. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner/Auditor:  We agreed to stay with Campbell Stewart MacLennan and Co. (proposed NM, seconded JHW)</p>	<p>NM/KD</p>
<p>10. Proposed change to charitable bank account:  Following a complaint to the bank, we have become aware of a more suitable banking arrangement, whereby we change from a local 'treasurer's account' to a Charitable account, managed centrally. This would add flexibility with cash flow, as well as a service dedicated to the needs of charities. We agreed to the change. (Proposed NM, seconded MB)</p>	<p>Trustees</p>
<p>11. Damage to property:  We discussed the ongoing problem of damage to the dry stone wall at Rubha Chlachainn. We noted that this posed a safety risk to children removing stones from the wall. We agreed that the secretary should draft a letter to residents pointing out the dangers of damage to the wall, and also arrange repair. KD will draft the letter for review by trustees (proposed MB, agreed RM). We also agreed that we would discuss the matter with the local police, who may be able to add to regular checks in the area.</p>	<p>KD</p>
<p>12. Reports from member groups/membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alasdair MacEachen informed the meeting that a number of individuals in the council offices have trained as walk leaders, and are qualified to take groups out for walks. KD will check with Chris Ryan, before including this on our website.</li> <li>Damie and Marion Steele have re-formed a junior football club, with whom we should make contact.</li> <li>Liniclate School have put in applications for funding for an</li> </ul>	<p>KD</p> <p>KD</p>

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area running track and athletics facility at Liniolate school. We have supported this, on the basis that pupils at Lochdar School will have access. This access is included in the funding bid. An announcement will be made soon concerning the bids.

13.AOCB & Notices

- Congratulations to Dr Kate Dawson, who is to be presented with an award to mark her contribution to sports and recreation. An event will be planned for the formal presentation.
- The tree planting will take place this weekend. We are still waiting to hear from the school whether or not they can take part, and whether they will be helping out with refreshments at the weekend. KD will pass additional information on to Ronnie for the youth club. KD will prepare a press release for Eileen Bell and Island Eye.

14.Next meeting:

The next meeting of the trustees will be 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7:30pm in Lochdar School. The meeting closed at 9pm. The trustees remained behind to discuss event planning.

Trustees
KD