

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 11th August 2014

Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)
 Peter Bird (Vice-chair)
 Stephen MacAulay (Trustee)
 Kate Dawson (Secretary)
 Howard Warner (Treasurer)
 Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)
 Kirsty MacCormick (Storas)

Apologies

Donald Manford
 Donnie Steele
 Iain MacNeil

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. Welcome: Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of 6th March 2014 approved (SM, PB)
 Minutes of AGM 20th March 2014 approved (PB, RM)

4. Matters arising:

- a) Litter collection took place in April; we filled half a skip with the rubbish between the co-op and the start of the causeway. A lot of the rubbish was windblown packaging from the co-op. The co-op did not respond to our letter asking for support. Suggestions for future events:
- Write to councillors and community councils re co-ordination of litter pick-ups
 - Write to councillors to ask for sponsorship of litter pick-ups
 - Write to co-op for support with future events
 - Write to co-op pointing out quantity of wind-blown packaging
 - Organise a coffee event after the next litter collection as a fund-raiser.
- b) New Benches: The co-op have not awarded us a grant. In the interim, we've had a request for a bench at Rubha Doigeag. KD to contact HHP to confirm that we are willing to consider this, to write to councillors about funding two benches.
- c) Development worker: Kirsty explained that HIE have opted not to consider the Storas/Cothrom joint application for the Community Account Management program, but are considering how they might support the idea. Three main project streams: Tourism & access, Local food, and Iochdar Football pitch.
- d) WISE co-ordinator (item 3): has not attended, roll over

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- e) Drainage: Some emergency work has been done by Storas at Ardmore in April. There are plans to replace the flood gate at Loch Bi. Water levels have not dropped enough over the summer to undertake survey work. KD will contact all parties for an update on drains and flood prevention.

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5. Pitch:

- a) The Awards for All grant money of £8,500 has been received.
- b) We now have draft plans from Malcolm MacIver, which we reviewed. We made the following points:
- We've had feedback about the drainage; the amount of sand below the topsoil could be increased, in view of the very poor drainage
 - The route of the drain was to take this to the drain that runs under the road to the sea
 - The lay-out and design of the changing rooms is not clear, and should include changing space for 2 teams, separate facilities for the referee, toilets that can be accessed from outside, and a multipurpose space for future development, such as storage, hospitality.
 - The location of the changing rooms and disabled parking should be discussed
 - The location and size of the septic tank to be discussed
 - The height and specifications for the stock-proof fence to be discussed: proposal for chainlink fence with gates, would allow for gate money to be charged for the finals of the Highland Amateur Cup and the Co-op Cup (at present only Goathill Road pitch in Stornoway meets this standard)

KD to raise with Malcolm MacIver, meeting to be arranged.

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- c) Public consultation: to post on the website, social media, posters in Iochdar School, Lincilte School, asking for feedback by the end of September. Kirsty agreed to provide A3 printouts of the plans.

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- d) KD will meet with Emma MacSween (CnES) to update re developments

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- e) Maintenance: no description in plans so far, note that other pitch maintenance in the area is contracted out.

- f) Usage figures for funding application: Currently 6 local teams playing in League, Cup, Co-op cup, Highland amateur etc. So lots of pressure on local pitches for fixtures, difficulty in booking pitches, training. Women's team travel off-island for games, bigger matches always in Stornoway because of lack of suitable pitch in Uists. Stephen will provide current fixture list for info.

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6. Iochdar School Playing fields

- a) Paths: we have drawings from Rhod and outline costings from MacAulays' Askernish, to form the basis of a future funding application
- b) Maintenance: ongoing
- c) Bridge/painting: Mrs MacInnes responsible for painting the bridge, fences and benches to be painted in 2015
- d) Wall: This can be undertaken by Neil MacPherson, now in his work list, he can give us one month's notice.
- e) Ditches: Stephen will liaise with George Stephenson janitor to agree which ditches on the playing fields site should be cleared.
- e) Shelter: This has been repaired. If it breaks again, to be removed.
- f) Development plans: Small maintenance projects can be undertaken using the restricted funds, new developments to be developed for a future project (climbing frame, paths, etc)

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7. Fundraising:

Hall committee have agreed that we can have the hall for a Hogmanay party, including running the bar.

- a) Bar: KD to contact Sue MacDonald re bar staff training, completing the occasional licence application
- b) Age: To have wrist bands to identify who is allowed in the bar, ID to be shown to get the tag
- c) Tickets: discussion about whether to sell tickets in advance, or pay at door, if there should be a differential price for advanced sales
- d) Ticket pricing: Debate about cost of adult ticket, child ticket, family ticket,
- e) Age: agreed that we are aiming for an event that families can go to, but no agreement about whether to set a lower age limit, be explicit about this etc.
- f) Food: Agreed to contact MacLean's bakery for an indicative cost/expression of interest to see if they would like to cater for the event, for their own profit. No decision as to what kind of food (stovies, crisps, pies, sandwiches etc)
- g) Hours: Agreed that we would open at 10pm, and keep the bar open until 2am at the latest, event to close after 3am, no decision about final time of closing.

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With so many issues to decide, we agreed to meet again in September to discuss this further.

8. A.O.C.B.

Booking school buildings. We noted a consultation that the council has set up to seek views on changes to booking school buildings. This will include having a universal school booking policy. They are planning on charging for the use of the buildings, which will be a significant disincentive for groups

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such as the junior football club and the junior youth club. It will restrict evening access to sports and recreational use of school buildings; programs are often run by parents rather than the school. We agreed that we would circulate the link and respond.

9. Next meeting:

The next meeting will be in September, date to be confirmed.

