

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 5th February 2013

Present

Howard Warner
 Peter Bird
 Ronnie MacPhee
 Kate Dawson (Secretary)

Apologies

Mairi Bremner

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. Welcome: Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of September 2012 were approved

3. Matters arising:

- a) Maintenance: No reply from Benbecula Community Council about benches in Petersport. We agreed to have a further community clean-up and maintenance event this spring after Easter. Proposed area for clean-up suggested by Mary MacRury; we should have a go at Creagorry. This is a main road site, to liaise with Mary concerning getting this set up.
- b) New Benches: Estate now denies all knowledge of ownership of land next to the cemetery, and have referred us to MOD who have not replied to enquiries. KD to check with local croft to ensure information is correct, as those present are sure that MOD is not land owner.
- c) Bench application form: in abeyance
- d) cost of plinths: quotes from local contractors range from £160 to £350, with the lower quote providing more information about what we would get for our money. Total cost of 1 bench, paint and installation would be around £550. Awaiting news of possible site.
- d) Trees from Oxfam: Available from Ann MacCuish, Lochboisdale amenity trust. To be added to website.
- e) Iochdar road end: Reply from council states that traffic calming measures are in the pipeline.
- f) Other maintenance: The footpaths at Loch Skipport and Torlum need a little maintenance, mostly to do with the land drains. These need to be re-covered with gravel, which could possibly be part of our community maintenance day next spring. Further investigation as to extent of maintenance is required. Roll over
- g) Co-opting new trustees: KD to ask D R MacRury.

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4. Draft lease and plans:

- a) 'Sumo' Morrison from West Gerinish has approached KD to suggest an alternative site on West Gerinish Machair for the pitch. Current site at Iochdair includes planning permission, services and parking, no proposed change to plans at present.
- b) Septic tank will require to be replaced; reports of its replacement in the past are exaggerated.
- c) We agreed that any plans for upgrading the septic tank would also include rerouting of the septic tank drainage to the other side of the road, as requested by local crofters.
- d) The hall AGM will be on 6th Feb 2013 in the Hall. Current information is that Donald MacInnes will stand down as either treasurer or secretary, and that D R MacRury will stand down as chairman. KD to keep abreast of developments re getting lease signed.
- e) Draft lease reviewed, agreed that the site plan as provided by Mr MacIver is acceptable to us. We wished to query the requirement to fence the plot.

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5. Footpaths update

- a) The local path network: No further contact from Neil
- b) The long-distance path: KD has had further details from Diane McPherson, no input from us requested at this stage

6. Iochdar School

- a) Iochdar School were doing a project on bridges and asked if they could install a bridge over the drainage ditch. This has already been installed ahead of the meeting. The bridge will need regular weather-proofing.
- b) KD has met with Rhod Evans, who will draw up specs and plan for path around the old playing fields area. He recommends MacAulays Askernish as path installation contractors. KD to request update from Rhod
- c) KD met with Julian Lane, and discussed a number of issues. They will look into removing the rylock fencing waste in the playing fields area. They are also planning on moving the fuel tank onto the prepared base. The committee agreed to this: KD to let Julian know.
- d) The council have identified a safety issue with traffic requiring access to the school in an area where children play. There may be a redesign of the access to the school. KD has supplied Julian Lane with a copy of the original lease, which the council seems to have mislaid. This clarifies

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- which areas have been leased to us.
- e) KD has received some details of maintenance for existing equipment from Kompan, mostly concerning actions such as weekly checks etc. KD to copy these to Julian Lane & Kenny Morrison at the council.

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7. Accounts:

- a) Draft accounts were reviewed and approved
- b) We agreed to remain with CSM
- c) We opted not to change our legal status at present, as the new format for charities that are companies is not tested, and would involve a lot of tedious work on the constitution etc.
- d) We made £960 at the Sandie MacIver event

8. Fundraising: Nil to report

9. AGM date: End of March, possibly 21st, 25th or 28th.

10: AOCB:

- a) KD attended the Storas Uibhist consultation on community investment from the wind turbine revenue. The sums of money are considerable, in the region of £800,000 per annum. About 20-25% of this sum will be allocated for charities such as ourselves to apply for funding. It is hoped that the fund will be used to help groups unlock funding from other sources. The Storas website will have more detail of the funding and projects.
- b) We agreed to renew our membership with the Uists and Barra Sports Council, at a cost of £25.