

# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

## Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)  
 Peter Bird (Vice-chair)  
 Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)  
 Stephen MacAulay (Trustee)  
 Claire MacNeil (Storas)  
 Kate Dawson (Secretary)  
 Morag Ann MacAulay  
 Iain MacNeil

## Apologies

Howard Warner (treasurer)  
 Cllr Donnie Steele

Minuted by Kate Dawson

- 1. Welcome:** Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Minutes (26<sup>th</sup> October 2015):** The minutes were approved as drawn (MB, PB)
- 3. Matters arising:**
  - a. Benches – awaiting delivery
  - b. Development worker – HIE have confirmed that they are not planning on funding or supporting a development worker for South Uist. Their model is that groups that have already received development funding should undertake this role. This has wider implications, issue will be taken up by community council and councillors.
  - c. Spring community event – see item 10
  - d. SportEd membership – we are now members, and in receipt of advice about sports development.
  - e. Qinetiq have a volunteering day – Donnie Steele to update – roll over
- 4. Accounts:**
  - a. Howard Warner is leaving the area, and will be resigning as a trustee at the next AGM. Morag Ann MacAulay agreed that she would consider standing for election as a trustee at the AGM and would also consider the role of treasurer.
  - b. Bank balance currently £40,695
  - c. We have suspended our use of justgiving.
  - d. Although the trustees requested our pay-in details on the website, this was not followed through – agreed that pay-in details will only be provided on request, to use Paypal as a more secure system.
  - e. Annual accounts reviewed – agreed by the Trustees, to be signed and submitted, ready for presentation at the AGM.

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**5. Annual report:** Incorporated into the accounts (pages 3 & 4)  
 We noted that the Griminish Residents Association is no longer active, and the objective concerning the playpark is no longer relevant.

**6. Football Pitch:**

- a. Claire has drawn up a funding & project management timeline, showing which actions are complete, and the order in which we should be pursuing completion of various components. Key step at present is updating the business plan, which requires some research, fact checking etc.
- b. SportsHub: KD has contacted Kevin Morrison about becoming members of, or affiliating to hub board, reply awaited. Peter Bird will contact Christine again.
- c. Original suggestion to contact Calum Iain MacIver, Head of Economic Development at the council to support our affiliation to the SportsHub, current plan is for Kirsty and Claire to keep him informed of our progress
- d. Letters of support from local councillors will also be helpful. KD to contact councillors
- e. We revisited how we would engage potential users and demonstrate the benefits of a 4G pitch – for example, visiting a similar facility – but no clear funding for this. Back have a 4G indoor pitch.
- f. Survey to assess potential use of pitch – Claire reports that KevMo’s survey questions have not produced any data that would support a 4G pitch in Iochdar. He has not shared his questions with us. The survey was run on SurveyMonkey online. It is unclear how we will consult the local community and seek expressions of support for the pitch – KD to contact Emma MacSween for advice.
- g. Junior team: Stephen clarified that the junior football coaching undertaken by Harry Luney is not directly linked to Iochdar Saints or the Iochdar School team. Nobody from Saints is currently supporting the Iochdar School team with coaching.
- h. Lionacleit School has a number of pupils working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards, some of whom have coaching qualifications. KD to clarify if these are for football.
- i. Getting quality mark for Iochdar Saints – Stephen MacAulay to follow this up; one of the requirements would be under (f) above.
- j. Scottish Index of Deprivation: Kirsty will look this up for our area – roll over. Other data to show that over 65 population growing – our strategy should include how we address the needs of an older population.
- k. Insurance of pitch – we are currently insured with Keegan and Pennykid – to clarify with them how this will affect our insurance.
- l. Pitch users: how to co-ordinate and come up with a draft

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usage plan – should we set up a pitch users group? This could potentially include walking football, women’s football, junior training, Iochdar School team, Donyard’s youth team, referees group, youth club, Saints and other local teams. We discussed having some community engagement events, including a walking football taster event – only pitch is Lionacleit and they are struggling to meet needs of existing competitive teams. Another idea – women’s team fundraising match. We should try to get all groups to agree a usage plan.

- m. The Women’s football training is run by Mary Ann Campbell, to discuss our ideas further. She seems keen.
- n. Pitch maintenance – KD to clarify costs with Malcolm MacIver – Claire reports costs = special rubber rake, cleaning materials, lease/loan of a small tractor. Pitch surface should last at least 12 years.
- o. KD to clarify matching funding with HIE – current comments asking for 10% - would this include all donations and private funding as well?

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**7. Community benefit fund:**

Storas is consulting on a community benefit fund to balance the impact of the turbines on the communities living in and around Loch Carnan. KD has drafted a letter suggesting the following projects:

- Upgrade bus stops to include bicycle racks and parking for a couple of cars – ‘park and ride’
- Interpretative signage for local walks
- Reinstate interpretative signage at Loch Bee
- Sculpture and out-door art installations
- Walks and footpaths – upgrade and repair
- Iochdar Football pitch
- Identify and develop a new site for the SUBAS show
- Amenity benches, picnic sites
- Grants and support for public access tree planting and amenity seating similar to North Locheynort (Mr A MacDonald’s croft)
- Improvement of pier and anchorage at Loch Carnan for recreation
- Dive/watersport shed with showers, public facilities and storage at Loch Carnan pier
- Quarry restoration, reclamation and re-use

No additional projects were suggested, and the letter was approved for sending. We agreed that the community council would be a good vehicle for administrating the fund.

**8. Fundraising:**

- a. Charlene is organising a quiz and curry evening on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

- b. Localgiving: free for first year then £72 per annum
- c. Mydonate (BT): best value sponsorship site, no commission.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_online\\_charity\\_donation\\_services\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_online_charity_donation_services_in_the_United_Kingdom)

We agreed that we should consider signing up for these to allow for online sponsorship for fundraising.

**9. Links with Community Council:**

- a. We agreed that we would copy our minutes to the community council and vica versa, as there is considerable overlap for our activities and areas of operation. Morag Ann MacAulay will forward the email address for the community council.
- b. Current projects include improving access to local footpaths; maps were provided for members to highlight paths that they were aware of.
- c. Trees at Rubha Chlachain – the community council are keep to participate in trimming back the trees, and perhaps undertaking some additional planting to balance the loss of trees near the road. They will contact HHP for permission to add trees to the land behind the houses.
- d. Park and ride at Iochdar Road-end.
- e. The next community council meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**10.Citywise:**

Citywise is a charity based in the Manchester area. The charity hopes to bring a small group of adolescents up to the Hebrides to undertake activities of benefit to the community. They are asking us to place the funding application with Awards for All Scotland and to support their activities. Most committee members will be fully committed during the week that they are here. Tam agreed to act as a link person for them, should the funding application be successful.

**11.AOB**

- a. Mairi MacInnes, HT Iochdar School has written about the state of the swings and perimeter fencing. Kate to contact Neil MacPherson about the walling and fencing (stone already set aside) and to contact D J MacDonald for advice about a bonded playground surface for the playpark, and fitting new swings. To be funded from the maintenance budget.

**2. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM, to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

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