

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 6th March 2014

Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)
Peter Bird (Vice-chair)
Stephen MacAulay (Trustee)
Kate Dawson (Secretary)

Apologies

Howard Warner (Treasurer)
Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. Welcome: Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of November 2013 were approved (All present)

3. Matters arising:

- a) Clean up: Early planning for clean-up/community event 2014: roadside litter collection. This will be after Easter, covering the area between the Co-op and Iochdar Hall. KD to write to Mairead MacNab at the Council concerning roadside collection after the clean-up, and to Scottish Co-op (cc Mr D Blaney) to see if they would sponsor us.
- b) New Benches: We have applied to co-op, awaiting reply. Storas Uibhist are happy to give us a letter of permission to use the side, a similar letter is required from the grazings committee. Draft letters have been sent out, KD to chase up.
- c) Other maintenance: WISE project ongoing, members reminded to send in photographs of any repairs to public paths.

4. Annual Accounts:

We discussed the accounts, approved by all. (proposed MB, seconded PB) KD to check with HW re signing off, getting paperwork back from accountants.

5. Annual report, AGM planning:

The annual report was approved by all present. Stephen MacAulay and Angus Campbell will stand down as trustees, and can stand for re-election at the AGM.

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6. Lease and plans for pitch:

Awards for all: We have been granted £8,500 towards the plans, pending us submitting the correct paperwork (forms awaited) KD to contact Malcolm MacIver about getting the plans drawn up once the grant has been confirmed, with a view to having these ready for the SUBAS show.

7. Development Worker:

KD has met with Huw Francis and Kirsty Campbell at Storas Uibhist. They confirm that they are considering working in partnership with Cothrom to employ a HIE development worker for the local area. One of the remits of this worker will be to support the work of SAIAAC, assisting with project management etc.

8. Iochdar School Playing fields

- a) Bridge: The HT of Iochdar School confirms that she will ensure that the wooden bridge is painted to prevent deterioration.
- b) Paths: outline costings and specs on file, could be part of a larger upgrade project.
- c) Wall: We have stone for a wall at the front of the playing fields, KD to contact Western Isles Construction Training Group, Neil MacPherson, and the Council, to see if there are any trainees who would like to assist, or to use the project as a training opportunity.
- d) Ditches: The current wet weather has exacerbated the problems with poor drainage in the township, and the playing fields are inundated with water. KD to write to D Johnson at the council offices, Storas Uibhist, cc to grazings committee, SNH and DEFRA, to urge clearing of the main drains. To discuss local clearing of ditches in the area under our control with D Johnson.
- e) Shelter: This has blown over. KD has already contacted Technical Services at the Council to see if they can put this back up again. If not, then it will need to be removed.
- f) Development plans: We agreed that the small maintenance projects can be undertaken using the restricted funds, with a view to any new developments being undertaken in the future (climbing frame, paths, etc)

9. Fundraising:

New Year party at Iochdar: Iochdar Hall Committee secretary has indicated that we would be able to run the bar

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if we held a dance at Talla an Iochdar in 2014. This needs to be confirmed with the committee, and we need to apply for a licence. There was also support for plans to have an associated bonfire and fireworks. The plan would be to run the event from 11 to 2pm. Next task is to identify and book bands who might be able to play the event. KD to ask local musicians/Manran/Seonaidh MacIntyre etc. We discussed if this was a 16+ or family event, to be agreed.

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8. A.O.C.B.

KD attended a sports council/lottery/commonwealth games legacy funding presentation. They are looking at developing sports hubs as a priority, which doesn't really help us.

9. Next meeting:

The next meeting will be the AGM on 20th March in Talla an Iochdair.