

# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (rescheduled)

## Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)  
Peter Bird (Vice chairman)  
Morag Ann Steele (treasurer)  
Kate Dawson (Secretary)  
Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)  
Donald John (DJ) MacDonald (UCVO)

## Apologies

Thomas Fisher (Iochdar School Parents)  
Stephen MacAulay (Iochdar Saints)

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. **Welcome:** Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting ACTION

2. **Approval of Minutes (10<sup>th</sup> December):** The minutes were approved as drawn

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3. **New Items:**

- a. **Uist and Barra Sports Council Membership:** This has been renewed, and makes us automatic members of UCVO as well
- b. **Updated policies:** These have been updated ahead of any new applications. We agreed to approve these formally at the AGM.
- c. **Reapplying for planning permission:** On applying for funding for the septic tank, SKD noted that the planning permission had lapsed, and requires a fresh application. National rates now apply, and the cost has gone up significantly. We agreed to re-apply for planning permission. As soon as we are ready to start with the next phase of the pitch works, we should notify the start of the project, which should obviate the need for future applications. The meeting agreed that SKD should process the reapplication.
- d. **Calmac community fund:** Calmac have set up a fund for projects that will benefit young people resident in the areas that they serve, with grants up to £2,000.
- e. **Playpark offer from council:** The council are looking for community groups to manage playparks that were previously managed by the council. This would include the parks at Cuidhe na Gamhne, Ford Terrace and Iochdar School. All of these parks are used by school pupils. We had a general discussion about how these parks support recreation for residents and visitors alike. We agreed that we would be able to take this maintenance on. We agreed not to provide honesty boxes for their use at this stage. We already have appropriate indemnity insurance and contractors for small works. We agreed to apply to the Calmac Community fund for funding. There is scope for developing the parks in the future.

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<p>f. <b>Fit for impact:</b> This webex training from SportEd looks useful. We agreed to approach the Uist and Barra Sports Council to see if we could set this up for multiple groups.</p>	<p>SKD</p>
<p>4. <b>Matters arising:</b></p>	
<p>a. <b>UCVO:</b> SKD has confirmed that we do not need to contribute key outcome measures – this section is completed by UCVO.</p>	
<p>b. <b>Xavier Bosch:</b> The team from Manchester is proposing to come up again this year. We agreed to put them in contact with the parent council at the school in case there is any work that is needed there.</p>	<p>SKD</p>
<p>c. <b>Path:</b> No update</p>	
<p>d. <b>Tree planting and maintenance:</b> We have received 30 trees from the woodland trust, and the planting mounds have been prepared. We will plant these on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Viv Halcrow is unable to come, but SKD will meet her at a later date to review existing tree planting.</p>	<p>ALL SKD</p>
<p>e. <b>Maintenance and upgrade of facilities at lochdar School:</b> Kate had met with Thomas earlier in the week. The Parent council and school have prioritised repairs at the playpark. There is additional scope for adding equipment, and improving the drainage around the school. SKD has had sight of an email from Gordy at the council querying our input for the drains around the school. The meeting agreed she should reply to a) School HT re misunderstanding and b) Donald cc to Gordy, outlining the reasons for the query so that we could work with the estate to improve additional drainage.</p>	<p>SKD</p>
<p>The playpark at lochdar school requires levelling of the sand play area, sand-blasting, repair and repainting of the equipment. The cost of the levelling work would be around £900 inc VAT.</p>	
<p>f. <b>Repair of existing facilities/handyman contracts:</b> John Linich, Jimmy MacRury and David Bagley are our preferred maintenance contractors. We are now awaiting funding for paint so that we can undertake some basic repairs. John will advise about paint.</p>	
<p>g. <b>New Trustees:</b> We agreed that we would individually approach Harry Luney, Lizann Boyle (SKD) Belina and Robert Currie (Ronnie).</p>	<p>SKD RMP</p>
<p>h. <b>Benches:</b> KD has contacted the joiner who made the benches concerning repairs. No new update</p>	<p>SKD</p>
<p>i. <b>Pitch:</b> The application to Awards for All for the septic tank was unsuccessful. SKD has also applied to the landfill trust. We agreed to approach UCVO for support and advice.</p>	<p>SKD</p>
<p>John Linich, DJ MacPhee and SKD have met at the pitch, and agreed what additional drainage would entail. The cost of additional drainage will be around £650 inc VAT. We agreed to approach Macaulay's' Askernish for an in-kind donation to cover this work.</p>	<p>SKD</p>

**j. Engaging other groups:** We have not been able to meet with the Uist and Barra Football Association.

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**5. Accounts:**

**a. Giftaid:** Accountants have been working with Morag Ann to set this up.

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**6. Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be the AGM. We agreed to invite Bernard Chisholm to speak to the meeting. The trustees wish to hear more about plans for the development of Iochdar School, so that we can align our projects with the aims of the school. The AGM dates will be altered to accommodate Bernard's availability.

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