

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Notes of meeting of 5th March 2020

Present

Peter Bird (Vice chairman)
Kate Dawson (Secretary)

Apologies

Morag Ann Steele
Ronnie MacPhee
Cllr Ian MacNeil
Arche MacDonald

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. **Welcome:** The meeting was not quorate. We reflected that without Mairi Bremner at the helm, and a pandemic looming, that life in our community seems very uncertain. ACTION

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Postponed to next ordinary meeting

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3. **New Items:**

- a. The School and the community council have approached us about the problems with drainage around the school. SKD has replied, pointing out that we had been asked not to intervene in this issue by the council. See below.
- b. AGM planning – postponed to next ordinary meeting

4. **Matters arising:**

- a. **Proposal from Hall Committee:** The Hall committee had proposed that the committees working to improve facilities in lochdar should start working together to co-ordinate their funding applications, rather than working in competition. Awaiting an update from the hall. This will impact on our ability to apply for funding for the septic tank at the hall.

b. **Playparks:**

- i. **Funding:** The community council have awarded us £1,301 to help fund any improvements and upgrades to the playparks in the area. We have also received £ 1700 from the convener's fund. We need to progress this – to discuss at next quorate meeting. The weather has held this development back over the winter.
- ii. **Other funding:** Although there was funding held by UCVO for managing playparks around the islands, there has been no announcement about how this should be accessed. SKD to contact Eilidh Johnson again.

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c. **Paths:**

- i. **lochdar:** The community council project is progressing. The match funding aspect is particularly relevant to the local community.
- ii. **Griminish:** Awaiting reply from the estate re funding for drainage.
- iii. **Fit-trail:** A proposal that could be added to any of the footpaths.

d. **Tree planting and maintenance:**

- i. **Trees at Rubha Chlachain:** Cut back from path where they were encroaching.
- ii. **Trees at road end:** These have been damaged by sheep, and need fencing. Further tree planting to be discussed.
- iii. **Mr Potton:** KD to invite Mr Potton to our next meeting.

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- e. **Maintenance and upgrade of facilities at lochdar School:**
 - i. SKD has responded to Gordy, no reply re drainage. The school have enquired as to whether we can help.
 - ii. MacAulays' Askernish are able to undertake the surface work, currently unable to start (weather).
 - f. **New Trustees:** SKD to contact Ian Potton
 - g. **Benches:** Repaired, requires painting. SKD to approach John Linich.
 - h. **Pitch:**
 - i. All charities so far approached require the hall committee to make the application: see above.
 - ii. MacAulays Askernish unable to start work on additional drainage yet (weather)
 - iii. We have not yet been able to meet with the Uist and Barra Football Association. We previously agreed that main aim of our group is to look at a facility that would benefit the Association rather than just the lochdar teams. We now have six teams playing on six grass pitches. The facility that is lacking is an all-weather full-size pitch.
 - iv. Pitch at West Gerinish – letter to Qinetiq sent and acknowledged, but no progress.
 - i. **Footpaths:**
 - i. **lochdar:** The work for the access path to lochdar School ongoing.
 - ii. **Griminish:** No reply from the estate about applying for funds for drains. SKD to chase
 - j. **Engaging other groups:**
 - i. We have not been able to meet with the Uist and Barra Football Association.
 - ii. SUBAS – Eliz Anne is link
 - iii. Hall – SKD has attended their meetings – see above
 - iv. lochdar Saints –minutes going to Harry Luney, Andrew Shaw, Archie MacDonald and Stephen MacAulay
 - v. School – Link is HT Ann Graham
 - vi. Parents council – link is Thomas Fisher
5. **Accounts:**
Balance: We have a balance of around £27,000.00. Accounts to be signed off and submitted.
6. **Next meeting:**
 To be confirmed

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