

## SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7:30pm at the Iochdar Hall

### Present

Howard Warner (vice-chairman)  
 Norma MacIntyre (Treasurer)  
 Kate Dawson (Secretary)  
 Stephen MacAulay (Trustee)

### Apologies

Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)  
 Mairi Bremner (chairwoman)

Minuted by Kate Dawson

**1. Welcome:** Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of meetings of March 2010, and AGM in April 2010 were approved. (HW/NM)

### 3. Matters arising:

- a) Leader Funding and SDRP: These funds have combined. Previously we had been added to the list of projects eligible for SDRP funding. However, now that the funds have been combined, LEADER administrates this budget. They have told us that we are no longer eligible because we are not innovative. KD to contact Barbara Love of SCVO who came to meet with local charities about this change.
- b) Community Chest Funding: We have applied to this funding and should hear by the end of the month. We applied for £600 for the legal fees for the lease.
- c) Legal advice: Duncan Burd can act for us but requires to see photographic evidence concerning the identity of the trustees. He is unable to meet us tonight. He will be here on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, KD to contact him to arrange a meeting.
- d) Funding for Pitch Plans: We applied again to the Big Lottery fund, 'Investing in Ideas' but have been turned down, on the basis that we do not fit into the main categories funded by the Big Lottery. Once the lease is sorted out we should be able to apply to 'Awards for All' for funding.
- e) Location of the pitch: KD has met with Colin MacPherson of Carnan. He confirms that he and other members of his family are supportive of our plans to develop and restore the pitch, and he is going to ask his brothers if they would agree to us using some of the grazings to the north of the pitch. This would allow us to move the pitch, preserving access to grazings to the west, and preserving some access for the show committee for the annual show. Reply/outcome awaited
- f) Iochdar School Playing fields: Painting, fences and clean-up. We received paint from Skinner's decorating centre, and managed to get a good turnout of Croileagan and Youth Club volunteers. The Croileagan team painted the outer fence of the play area, and the Youth Club team tidied up the wind-break fences and picked up litter. The MADL fund was used to

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- purchase materials for fence repairs and safety. Additional protective gear was provided by the council. We collected 2 trailer-loads of rubbish, and produced a report for the council (available on the website [www.iochdar.co.uk](http://www.iochdar.co.uk))
- g) Fence paint: As part of the clean-up the Croileagan parents asked for more colourful paint. KD has costed out cuprinol water-based colours, commercial water-based colours, and the current 'best buy' oil-based paint, which comes in brown. Comparing number of coats required, need for maintainance, coverage etc, cuprinol comes out nearly ten times more expensive than the oil-based paint. The commercial water-based colour is twice as expensive. We agreed that we would look at getting more details of the colours available for the commercial paint, possibly two or three colours, and ask the Croileagan if they would be prepared to apply for funding. KD to contact Croileagan and Skinners for information and feedback.
  - h) The grass cutting contract, also part-funded by MADL, has been fantastic. A free-style path has been cut round the whole area, 4 cuts over the year at a rate of £50 per cut. We agreed to continue with this.
  - i) Adventure trail: no feedback from school, carry forwards.
  - j) Broxap shelter: The shelter became damaged because of children climbing on it. Children confirm that they would like a climbing frame; this could be part of the development of the adventure trail. George confirms that he has the bolts and bar to retain the panel. The panel will cost £234 plus VAT; carriage will be an astonishing £507 plus VAT to get to Glasgow. KD to ask MTB if he could take it in his van (*answer is no; van not big enough*) or we will just have to cough up.
  - k) Trees: the trees at the corner of Rubha Clachainn are getting tall, and even though they are >2m from road edge, it is no longer possible to see traffic approaching from behind Billy Felton's house. Cars still drive fast round the corner, and the only way to ensure a clear line of sight would be to cut the bulk of the trees to the ground. Also to be noted: the school is waiting for traffic calming measures to be sited along this stretch limiting speeds to 20-30mph. If speeds were restricted, the trees would not pose a problem. Agreed to thin the trees again in spring, but not to remove them.
  - l) Local Advisory Group: Mairi Bremner is our representative to this group. They have developed a Local Outcome Agreement that sets out the priorities for community development in the South Uist and Eriskay areas. It includes a description of how projects could be evaluated when applying for the community regeneration fund (CRF). The fund has £100,000 for all projects in the area between 2008 and 2013 with quite a lot of stipulations about minimum and maximum project size and matched funding. (about £20,000 pa, min grant £10,000) Until we have plans for the pitch we cannot apply, but we have been keeping Mairi Campbell updated. KD attended

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<p>events in South Uist and Benbecula where the LOA was discussed. Information on our projects was available for attendees.</p> <p>m) Seating at Ardivachair: carry forward</p> <p>n) Fundraising: Iochdar Saints have raised £600 (restricted to the football pitch project)</p>	HW
<p><b>4. Accounts:</b></p> <p>a) Draft accounts have been prepared and will be posted or emailed out to trustees.</p> <p>b) Bank balance is currently £17,905.15</p> <p>c) Looking for better rates of interest: carry forward</p> <p>d) We need to sign a new agreement with the accountants</p>	NM
<p><b>5. Fundraising:</b></p> <p>a) Poker night: carry forward</p> <p>b) Dance/disco: (licensing issues to be resolved)</p> <p>c) Pay-roll giving: Up to individuals to approach their employers.</p> <p>d) Bingo: Dan and Ann would be happy to do this. KD to get more information</p> <p>e) Sale of work (after show): Would involve a lot of work and be very hard to do without a lot of support</p> <p>f) Quiz night</p>	? ? All KD ?
<p><b>6. Changes to constitution:</b></p> <p>a) Duncan Burd has drawn attention to the fact that our current articles do not comply with recent legislation.</p> <p>b) We agreed that KD would draw up suitable amendments which can be reviewed by Duncan prior to being submitted formally at our next AGM. The rules apply to proxy voting in particular.</p>	KD
<p><b>7. UBSC AGM</b></p> <p>a) We have missed this, but we are still members and information was sent out to trustees in advance.</p> <p>b) Proposal: we would like to see a web presence of UBSC, similar to the one that is available for the Lewis and Harris sports council. KD to write to sports council suggesting this.</p> <p>c) Services to sports: KD to nominate Donyards</p>	KD
<p><b>8. Coastal Rowing Project</b></p> <p>a) This is a new national initiative to set up coastal rowing clubs around Scotland. Constituted rowing clubs will get a grant and kit boat. There is now a group in Stornoway, and there may be scope for a similar project in the Uists. We agreed to maintain contact with the Stornoway group.</p>	
<p><b>9. Next meeting:</b> To be arranged</p>	