

# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## Present

Howard Warner (Treasurer)  
Peter Bird (Vice-chair)  
Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)  
Stephen MacAulay (Trustee)  
Kate Dawson (Secretary)  
Mairi Bremner

## Apologies

Minuted by Kate Dawson

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

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of February 2013 were approved (All present)

**3. Matters arising:**

- a) Clean up: Early planning for clean-up/community event 2014: roadside litter collection
- b) New Benches: Storas Uibhist now confirm they own the land for the proposed bench site. HW proposes we apply to the co-op in the first instance. KD to share costings with HW. Clerk of grazings committee (I Campbell Balgarva) is happy with bench proposal, but has not yet put this in writing: KD to contact again
- c) Other maintenance: WISE project is a volunteer project set up to look at identification of core path network, maintenance, good practice for developing paths etc. They are looking to link up with schools and youth clubs as well as other community groups and individual volunteers. KD to send details on to R MacPhee (for youth club). The activities of WISE will supplant our previous idea of undertaking some path surveys and maintenance as a community project
- d) Co-opting new trustees: D R MacRury has accepted invitation to join as a trustee.

**4. Lease and plans for pitch:**

- a) Lease: The lease has been finalised and registered
- b) Funding for plans: An application has gone in to awards for all for total funding of the feasibility study.

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## 5. Development Worker:

KD has met with Marie Campbell (CNeS) and Joanna Peteranna (HIE) to discuss the possibility of employing a development worker. We would not be able to create a full-time post unless the worker were also working on projects for other groups. The work required to manage an employee may well create additional work.

HIE is hoping to continue to support the presence of local development officers, locating them within community organisations in the localities that they are developing.

We had a lively debate as to whether this should be us, or Storas, or Cothrom, or another organisation. HIE seemed reluctant to consider Storas as their first choice, but this would be our preferred option.

All agreed that KD to discuss further with HIE and to explore options with Storas via Huw Francis

There are also opportunities to involve the social fund project currently being managed by Lyn MacMillan. This project works to develop skills for people aged between 16 and 19 to develop their skills and enterprise.

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## 6. Iochdar School Playing fields

a) Paths: We have some outline costings for the path specifications drawn up by Rhod Evans. The creation of a dry path surface can be part of a larger project including other developments (see below)

b) Maintenance: The bridge still needs painting. KD to contact Head teacher re this.

c) Other developments: We discussed installing a soft play surface in toddler play area, (easier to maintain) climbing frame, etc. We would need to work with the school, youth groups and a landscape architect to draw up some specifications and get the project costed. R Stubbington has retired from the council, and it is not clear whether his post has been replaced. KD to investigate (ask Alasdair Maceachen)

d) Dry stone wall: KD and M Bolton will donate the stone at their house for some dry stone walling at the entrance to the playing fields. Offer accepted.

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**7. Fundraising:**

We discussed ideas to plan fundraising ahead of any plans to develop the pitch. We had general support for the idea of a New Year party at Iochdar (SUBAS shed or Iochdar Hall) but thought the timescale of this year was too short. We agreed to plan this event for 2014, to approach the Hall first, but only on condition that we run the bar. 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. We would also need to apply for a licence for the bar. We also discussed setting this up as a barn dance/ceilidh with live music e.g. Billy MacPhee et al. Elixir catering could be approached to sell food at the event. If we held the dance in the SUBAS shed, then we would need to look at provision of toilets. To be explored further.

**8. A.O.C.B.**

Sports council meeting: Peter Bird attended the Sports Council AGM. He passed on that they will grant out £1,000 to groups for sports development, and are keen to hear from suitable groups.

**9. Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be the AGM, preferably in late February, not a Wednesday or a Friday.

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