

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 26th October 2015

Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)
 Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)
 Peter Bird (Vice-chair)
 Kirsty MacCormick (Storas)
 Claire MacNeil (Storas)
 Kate Dawson (Secretary)
 Cllr Donnie Steele
 Morag Ann MacAulay
 Iain MacNeil

Apologies

Howard Warner (treasurer)

Minuted by Kate Dawson

- 1. Welcome:** Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Minutes (8th July 2015):** The minutes were approved as drawn (RM, MB)
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - a. New Benches: The benches have been commissioned, for installation in the spring
 - b. Development worker: Response from Joanna Peteranna from HIE, requesting a short meeting. Outline – the Community Account Management assistance – proposals do not match HIE’s model. She mentions a range of support from other partners. KD will arrange to meet to discuss.
 - c. Spring community event: Painting. Skinners have quoted £450 to undertake all the required painting. To discuss spring community event again at next meeting.
 - d. Sported membership: SportEd is a charity funded by sportscotland to support community groups deliver sport opportunities to children and young adults. We need figures of how many children/young people are active in sport that are affiliated to us. Figures not forthcoming from member groups.
 - e. We are now members of UCVO
 - f. We are part-way through signing up for SportEd, problems with getting data on numbers involved
 - g. HHP funding – we were not successful
- 4. Accounts:**
 - a. Howard sends apologies. Bank balance is £40,360, approx half of this is for the pitch. We are currently paying £18 pcm for using just giving, but raising less than that in

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justgiving donations – agreed to suspend account. In 2015, £180 out to just giving, £765.19 in, mostly in March

- b. Accounts for 2014-15 due for submission.
- c. The trustees suggested that we have the pay-in details on the website. (*I haven't done this – haven't seen anyone else do this, and think that paypal should be sufficient*)
- d. Clarified in writing again – we are not able to register for VAT and our project is not exempt from VAT.

5. Football Pitch:

- a. Planning permission has been granted, including 4g, changing rooms and lighting.
- b. SportsHub: no reply, but Claire reports that we cannot be part of the hub. Advice is to become members of the hub board. KD to contact Christine MacQuarrie. Suggestion to contact Calum Iain MacIver, Head of Economic Development (*Not clear exactly who is to contact him and why*)- Note that the council does not currently have a pitch strategy.
- c. Letters of support from local councillors will also be helpful. KD to contact councillors.
- d. We discussed how we would engage the public in discussions about 4G, holding an event for people who would use the pitch, organising a visit, for example to the Murray Pitch to see what it is like. Stephen MacAulay to arrange a visit or friendly match – follow-up required.
- e. Survey to assess potential use of pitch – Claire has successfully undertaken some preliminary survey at the memorial match for Carl MacPhee. We need more participation in the survey; Claire is drawing up questions to send round on Survey Monkey. To check with Stephen re participation in door-to-door survey.
- f. Junior team: KD has been to discuss junior football affiliation – David MacInnes very supportive, but no recorded formal regular arrangement with Saints – some team members occasionally offer support with training of junior, but not clear if this is as an individual or at request of Iochdar Saints – to clarify with Stephen.
- g. Getting quality mark for Iochdar Saints – Stephen MacAulay to follow this up (will include (f) above)
- h. Scottish Index of Deprivation: Kirsty will look this up for our area – roll over
- i. Claire asked if we already had a fundraising strategy – to be drawn up between Kirsty, Kate and Claire ahead of the next meeting, meeting to be arranged

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6. Fundraising:

- a. Trail West – % of door takings to be paid in – amount to be confirmed
- b. Carl MacPhee memorial match, great turn-out, wonderful

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event, raised £2,700

- c. Suggestions for Calenders for 2017 (Saints calender, U&B league?)
- d. To organise a fund-raising Bingo during the year, possibly October
- e. To consider organising the indoor hard 'ice' rink.
- f. To consider holding another quiz/dance or similar event during 2016
- g. Qinetiq have a community charity fund, which has now been made zonal. Donnie Steele will update re who to apply to and criteria for the fund

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7. AOB

- a. **SUBAS** has reformed, committee includes Lizann Boyle, DR MacRury, Mrs Catherine Morrison – to keep in contact. DR MacRury is one of our trustees
- b. Community Council has reformed – consists of Iain MacNeil, Ronnie MacPhee, Morag Ann MacAulay, Brendan MacPhee, George MacDonald, Neil MacPherson, Angela Brass, Ann Bird (Clerk)
- c. Qinetiq have a volunteering day – Donnie Steele to update

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8. Next meeting

January, to be announced.