

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 4th September 2019

Present

Peter Bird (Vice chairman)
Eliz Ann Boyle (SUBAS)
Kate Dawson (Secretary)
Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)
Archie MacDonald (Saints)
Morag Ann Steele (Treasurer)

Apologies

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)

Minuted by Kate Dawson

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

ACTION

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. **AGM June 2019** – Approved as drawn – SKD to check that Andrew Shaw received a copy of the minutes.
- b. **March 2019 Meeting** – Approved as drawn (MAS/PB)

SKD

3. **New Items:**

- a. **Proposal from Hall Committee:** Dr Dawson met with the hall committee to discuss the changes to the septic tank and the requirement for them to apply for the funding. This might impact on their own plans for development. The Hall committee 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. Further decision from the hall committee awaited re the septic tank. MB had asked SKD to let the meeting know that she agreed with proposals to work with the hall committee to progress projects.

The meeting agreed to support this proposal in principle, awaiting further information from the hall committee.

4. **Matters arising:**

- a. **Updated policies:** These were formally approved at the AGM
- b. **Reapplying for planning permission:** Planning permission has been approved.
- c. **Playparks:**
 - i. **Calmac community fund:** Unsuccessful in application for upgrading playgrounds.
 - ii. **Community Council funding:** The community council have awarded us £1,300 to help fund any improvements and upgrades to the

<p>playparks in the area</p> <p>iii. Other funding: Although there is 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 for an updated</p>	SKD
<p>d. Fit for impact: Webex – no reply from other groups, SKD to set this up , and notify other members.</p>	SKD
<p>e. Xavier Bosch: No further update</p>	
<p>f. Paths:</p> <p>i. lochdar: Peter updated the meeting about the community council’s collaborative work with the council and Sustrans, regarding a safe path to lochdar School, looking for a 4m wide track with solar lighting. One option is that the path will take a route through the existing tree planting at Rubha Chlachain. Any trees removed should be balanced by replanting new trees.</p> <p>ii. Griminish: We have some materials in storage. SKD to meet with clerk of Griminish Grazings re drainage.</p>	SKD
<p>g. Tree planting and maintenance: Existing tree planting areas in good condition, no additional work required. SKD met with woodland trust worker to review all sites. New trees have been planted, but fencing will be required for additional planting, as there are now sheep loose around lochdar. SKD to contact Anne Graham re any further tree planting opportunities for next spring.</p>	SKD
<p>The trees at Rubha Chlachain require some cutting back to stop them encroaching on the path to the benches – SKD will contact volunteers (AB, EAB) when the weather is next clear.</p>	SKD
<p>h. Maintenance and upgrade of facilities at lochdar School:</p> <p>i. SKD has responded to Gordy, no reply re drainage.</p> <p>ii. No response from MacAulays’ Askernish re sand at playpark</p> <p>iii. See above re additional funding; SKD to let contractors know that we have some initial funding to start work on the playparks.</p>	SKD
<p>i. New Trustees: We have welcomed two new faces to tonight’s meeting, as we need to ensure representation from other community groups and interested parties. Neither Eliz Ann nor Archie have any capacity to take on additional responsibilities, but happy to be contacted re activities, projects. Ronnie to contact Belina and Robert. No response from Harry Luney.</p>	RM
<p>j. Benches: Repaired, requires painting.</p>	
<p>k. Pitch:</p> <p>i. All charities so far approached require the hall committee to make the application: see above.</p> <p>ii. No response from MacAulays’ Askernish re drainage at far side of the pitch</p> <p>iii. We have not yet been able to meet with the Uist and Barra Football Association. We agreed that main aim of our group is to look at a facility that would benefit the Association rather than just the lochdar</p>	

teams. (good discussion with current attendees)

- iv. Pitch at West Gerinish – no response from Harry Luney re grid ref for proposed site. Ronnie helped to identify the location, so SKD now able to send letter to Qinetiq.
- v. Another key issue affecting the number of fixtures that can be played is the lack of referees.
- vi. Since we started 20 years ago, there has been a reduction in the number of teams: we now have six teams playing on six grass pitches. The facility that is lacking is an all-weather full-size pitch.

I. Engaging other groups:

- i. We have not been able to meet with the Uist and Barra Football Association. Next meeting is later this month.
- ii. SUBAS – Eliz Anne present tonight, not able to be a trustee, but aware of need to keep both groups in communication.
- iii. Hall – SKD has attended their meetings – see above
- iv. Iochdar Saints – Archie is here today, also minutes going to Harry Luney, Andrew Shaw and Stephen MacAulay
- v. School – Link is HT Ann Graham
- vi. Parents council – link is Thomas Fisher

5. Accounts:

- a. **Giftaid:** Up and running
- b. **Balance:** We have a balance of around £38,000.00

6. Next meeting:

To be confirmed

MAS