

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees 4th September 2012

Present

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)
Peter Bird
Kate Dawson (Secretary)

Apologies

Howard Warner (Treasurer)
Ronnie MacPhee

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. Welcome: Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of 12th June were approved

3. Matters arising:

- a) Pitch leases: ongoing. KD to chase up
- b) Junior football club check written, will be sent on to parent council in trust for junior Football club, with cc letter to club to inform them.
- c) Maintenance: KD has written to Benbecula Community Council re the benches in Petersport. Further fence painting will be required next year. KD to meet up with Julian Lane to discuss play area fence maintenance and nuisance fencing waste left at Iochdar School.
- d) New Benches: KD to contact local builders re installation costs. Mr MacDonald will charge £350 per bench, or £200 from Ronnie's. The site at Ardivachair belongs to the Estate. There are also benches available from Cothrom's Re-Store project for a much lower price. Lease with estate to be arranged, KD to contact them further.
- e) Bench application form: roll over
- f) Trees from Oxfam: there is a chance that more of these will become available next year, although we do not have a current tree planting project. Noted, and to facilitate access to these trees to the public, if there are more trees coming. Allocation of trees will be for South Uist, to crofters and residents who wish to plant wind-breaks, and who have a suitably fenced piece of land (grants for fencing from the crofting committee agricultural scheme).
- g) Iochdar road end: Since hearing from Mr Johnstone at the council in the spring, nothing has happened. In addition, the council have restricted access to school transport for pupils. We agreed that the parent council at Iochdar School should take the lead on this, with our full support. KD to draft a letter to the council, cc to Parent Council
- h) School: We have had no further contact from Kompan or the council about the climbing frame or the maintenance

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<p>schedule. KD to chase this up. KD meeting with Rhod Evans who will draw up specs for access paths round the playground. Macaulays Askernish recommended by him.</p>	KD
<p>i) Footpaths: No further contact from Neil. KD met with department of Farming and Rural Issues (Mr Muncaster) who says that our existing BRN number means that we could apply to them if this project ever progressed. We also discussed how we might fix waymarkers; oak waymarkers very expensive (£90) and prone to getting knocked over or pulled up, perhaps tiles would be better, affixed to rocks etc. KD also met with Rhod Evans, who says there is a plan for a long-distance path through the islands. The plans are available from Diane McPherson. Apparently there is a job advert for someone to start to implement this plan. KD to write to Diane McPherson for more info.</p>	KD
<p>j) Other maintenance: The footpaths at Loch Skipport and Torlum need a little maintenance, mostly to do with the land drains. These need to be re-covered with gravel, which could possibly be part of our community maintenance day next spring. Further investigation as to extent of maintenance is required.</p>	
<p>k) Co-opting new trustees: KD to ask D R MacRury.</p>	KD
<p>4. Accounts:</p> <p>a) Howard confirmed as new treasurer.</p> <p>b) Forms: Removing Norma as a signatory means we have to complete 15 page form to re-do the mandate. Kate to organise.</p>	KD
<p>5. Fundraising:</p> <p>a) Sandie MacIver, fundraiser all booked ahead. Ticket price to be £5.00, licenced event. KD to source wrist-bands. Posters to be emailed out for everyone to put up. Radio to be contacted to mention this just before the event.</p>	KD
<p>6. Office Bearers:</p> <p>a) Howard confirmed as Treasurer (see previous two sets of minutes)</p> <p>b) Peter Bird confirmed as Vice-chair</p>	
<p>7. Next meeting:</p> <p>4th December 2012</p>	