



# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A CHOIMHEARSNACHD

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

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In May 2017 we met for our eleventh AGM, reviewing activity for 2015-2016 and setting our aims for 2016-2017. Our main object remains to support recreation and sport in the catchment area of Lochdar School. We do this as follows:

1. To promote interest and participation in sport, and related recreation in the catchment area of Lochdar School, especially in the interests of education, social welfare and health.
2. To assist in the coordination of various sports clubs and recreational organisations operating in the catchment area of Lochdar school, both generally and in relation to specific projects.
3. To examine the available sports and recreation facilities in the Lochdar area as against current and anticipated need and to make applications to the local council, local enterprise company and any other appropriate body in this connection.
4. To liaise with the councils sports development staff in furtherance of these objects.
5. To raise funds for such charitable purposes as the association may deem appropriate.

The people responsible for the company are the trustees. At June 2016, our trustees were:

M Bremner (Chairwoman)  
Peter Bird (Vice chairman)  
M A MacAulay (Treasurer)  
R MacPhee  
S MacAulay (Lochdar Saints)  
D R MacRury (SUBAS)

For 2016 to 2017 we set ourselves the following objectives:

1. General maintenance of benches and tree planted areas.
2. To support and participate in projects relating to footpaths in the area
3. To start work on sub-projects relating to the pitch, starting with fencing and mowing the pitch
4. Liaison with the school concerning the maintenance of the school grounds, including fencing
5. Liaison with third parties and involving other groups especially potential user groups
6. Fundraising

### **General maintenance of facilities, benches and tree planted areas:**

- The benches have been installed at the road end site, Rubha Doigeag and Ardivachair, and have been repainted
- We continue to keep the path at Lochdar road end clear from grass. The community council undertook some cutting back of the trees at Rubha Clachain.

- We worked with a group from Manchester to complete some painting around the school, and some rubbish collection around the hall and causeway.
- We raised over £4,000 for this work through the co-op local charities scheme.
- We received £1417 from the community challenge fund to help with bench installation.
- The Qinetiq volunteering day was cancelled.

#### **To support and participate in projects relating to footpaths in the area**

- We have liaised with the council about the maintenance of the footpath along the old lochdar Road, particularly concerning management of vehicles and broken glass.
- We took an exploratory walk around the paths at Loch Sgioport to assess scope for improving the path and extending this.
- We liaised with some 'wild walkers', the grazings committee and with Storas Uibhist around path maintenance. Ownership of the path is unclear, as is responsibility for upkeep.
- We applied unsuccessfully for funding for path upgrades in the area.
- We have identified other local path projects, and plan to support the community council concerning this.

#### **To start work on sub-projects relating to the pitch, starting with fencing and mowing the pitch**

- We have quotes from several organisations for the fencing and drainage around the football pitch. We have approved the tender from MacAulay's Askernish for the works.
- We have awarded the contract for maintaining the grass at the pitch to John Linich, including grass cutting and rolling the pitch, to get it to a standard for casual games.
- Due to scheduling difficulties, we have not been able to attend any meetings of the local football association.

#### **Liaison with the school concerning the maintenance of the school grounds, including fencing**

- We have had quotes from three organisations concerning upgrade work for the facilities at lochdar School. We have accepted the tender from MacAulays Askernish pending additional funding, and from Mr John Linich for painting and repairs. The work will include a bonded surface in the playground and upgraded fencing at the entrance to the school,
- The fence around the playpark has been painted.
- The replacement swing has been sourced and installed.

#### **Liaison with third parties:**

- We remain members of Uist and Barra Sports Council
- We remain members of the Uist Council of Voluntary Organisations
- We continue to be signed up to SportEd
- We maintain close ties with the community council
- We have kept in contact with Storas Uibhist concerning our projects
- We have liaised with the council and related groups concerning the maintenance of facilities
- We have liaised with local grazings committees about our plans.
- We have kept in contact with the local football association.

We continue to maintain a website and a facebook page. One of our trustees sits on the Local Advisory Group for the council's development office. Another trustee is a member of the board of trustees for Storas Uibhist, as well as managing lochdar Saints, the local football team. One

trustee is a member of the South Uist and Benbecula Agricultural show committee. Three of our trustees are also on the community council.

**Fundraising:**

- In the year 2016-2017, most of our incoming funds came from grants and awards as shown in the accounts.