



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A CHOIMHEARSNACHD

ANNUAL REPORT 2017 to 2018

In May 2018 we met for our twelfth AGM, reviewing activity for 2016 to 2017 and setting our aims for the year ahead.

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 2018, 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 2017 to 2018 we set ourselves the following objectives:

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

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

- We engaged a local contractor to clear the drains at the road end of lochdar pitch, and install a drain down to the new road.

- 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.
- We have costed out additional drainage and the upgrade of the septic tank, which is a prerequisite for the changing rooms. Planning permission and funding has been applied for.

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

- The painting around the school was completed, and we have established an agreement with a local contractor for similar maintenance.
- We have liaised with the parent council and reviewed the facilities around the school. We aim to have a trustee from the parent council on our board.
- We have retained the services of two local contractors for maintenance around the school.
- We have identified suppliers and products that could be used to upgrade existing facilities.

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, thanks to a grant from the community council of £1417
- We continue to keep the path at lochdar road end clear from grass.

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

- We have liaised with the community council concerning their plans to create some footpaths around lochdar, to promote the 'daily mile' and increase safe walking areas around the school.
- We have identified interested parties concerning the footpaths at Loch Skipport, Ardmore and Torlum to Griminish
- The old road footpath is now being managed by the council. We have liaised with them about the lack of safe access to crossing at the Ardmore Road End.

Liaison with third parties:

- We have re-established our membership of UCVO, with a comprehensive presentation from them at our last AGM.
- We remain members of Uist and Barra Sports Council
- 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 their community fund, which is still in abeyance.
- We have liaised with the council and related groups concerning the maintenance of facilities
- We have kept in contact with the local football association.
- We continue to maintain a website and a facebook page.

Fundraising:

- In the year 2017 to 2018, most of our incoming funds came from grants and awards as shown in the accounts.