



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A CHOIMHEARSNACHD

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 to 2019

In May 2019 we met for our AGM, reviewing activity for 2017 to 2018 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 council's 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 2019, 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 2018 to 2019 we set ourselves the following objectives:

1. To continue work on sub-projects relating to the pitch, including mowing, rolling and pitch drainage
2. Liaison with the school and council concerning the maintenance of the school grounds and playparks.
3. General maintenance of benches and tree planted areas, with a view to planting additional trees.
4. To support and participate in projects relating to footpaths in the area, especially the drainage and surface of the path between Grinish and Torlum.
5. Liaison with third parties and involving other groups especially potential user groups
6. Identify new trustees, to represent more groups in the area.

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

- John Linich has provided a grass cutting and pitch rolling service over the last year. The drain that was installed initially is working well, but there is a need for a new perimeter drain.
- 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. We are liaising with the Hall Committee re any applications for funding.
- The planning permission has been renewed

Liaison with the school concerning the maintenance of the school grounds and playparks

- 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.
- Although play park funding has been set aside by the council, we had not been able to apply because of a lack of clarity re process.
- We met with members of the parent council and community council to look at the possibilities of improving the facilities around the school. We re-routed the access path to avoid the wettest areas
- We were unable to work with the council and estate concerning the drainage around the school.

General maintenance of facilities, benches and tree planted areas:

- We continue to keep the path at lochdar road end clear from grass.
- We have been working with the woodland trust concerning additional tree planting and management of existing trees. We have cleared the trees encroaching on paths. We planted an additional thirty trees.
- The damaged bench has been repaired.

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

- We have liaised with the community council concerning their plans to create new safe footpaths and access to the school, in partnership with paths for all and the council.

Liaison with third parties:

- We continue to be members of UCVO
- 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. This included a presentation from Mr Bernard Chisholm, director of education
- We have kept in contact with the local football association.
- We continue to maintain a website and a Facebook page.

New Trustees:

- We have approached the parent council, local football club, show committee and hall committee to see if we could identify new trustees. Unfortunately, no willing volunteers have put themselves forward.