



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A CHOIMHEARSNACHD

ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

In March 2011 we met for our fifth AGM, reviewing the year 2009-2010 and setting our aims for 2010-2011. Our main aim in the year was to sort out the lease for the pitch. Since then, we have had a quiet year, with very little progress with the legal matter of the lease.

Just to recap, our main object remains to support recreation and sport in the catchment area of Iochdar School. We do this as follows:

1. To promote interest and participation in sport, and related recreation in the catchment area of Iochdar 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 Iochdar school, both generally and in relation to specific projects.
3. To examine the available sports and recreation facilities in the Iochdar 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 2011, our trustees were:

M Bremner (Chairwoman, individual member)
J H Warner (Vice chairman, individual member)
N J W MacIntyre (Treasurer, individual member)
R MacPhee (Junior Youth Club)
A Campbell (Iochdar Saints)
S MacAulay (Iochdar Saints)
Peter Bird (co-opted) (Iochdar School Parents' Council)

For 2010-2011 we set ourselves the following objectives:

1. General maintenance of benches and tree planted areas.
2. To finalise the lease of the pitch at Iochdar Hall
3. To identify an alternative site for the pitch to minimise the disruption to the annual show
4. Liaison with the school, pupils and parents' council concerning the maintenance and development of the school playground.
5. Liaison with the local development officer, Niall Campbell.
6. Involving other groups especially potential user groups
7. Fundraising

1. **General maintenance of facilities, benches and tree planted areas.**

General funds and volunteering were used to continue to trim around the trees and paths. The path around the playing fields at the school is not used during the school day, because of worries about pupils getting muddy.

The benches and picnic areas were repainted during the year, and colourful paint for the Croileagan play area was costed out. However, the running of the Croileagan has been taken over by the council, so we were unable to take on this painting as a joint project.

The shelter at the school has now been repaired.

2. **To finalise the lease of the pitch at Iochdar Hall**

Mr Burd, the solicitor, has appointed a colleague to handle the matter of the lease. We have had no further word from the solicitors since their appointment.

3. **To identify an alternative site for the pitch**

Mr MacPherson, who owns the plot to the north of the current pitch, is happy with the proposal to relocate the site of the pitch to allow both the pitch and the show to continue. The solicitors are aware of this, and would be able to handle any lease arrangements and advice about how this relates to the estate.

4. **Liaison with the school, pupils and parents' council**

The secretary has met with the parent council and pupil council over the year. The pupils have provided a wishlist of developments that could take place around the playing fields at the front of the school.

This liaison has included being involved with some tree planting around the teaching platform at the back of the school, with the help of a former pupil of the school.

5. **Liaison with the local development officer, Niall Campbell.**

We have kept in contact with Mr Campbell, with a view to running a co-operative project to do with footpath development and cycle access. The post of development office has now split with a second officer, Catherine Eunson, appointed to South Uist. This will make support difficult, as our catchment area covers the remit of both development officers.

6. **Involving other groups and user groups**

Sgoil an Iochdar Agus a'Choirnearsnachd is a guarantee company without share capital, recognised as a Charity.

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The following groups were members of our organisation in 2009-10:

- Iochdar Junior Youth Club
- Iochdar Saints Football club
- Lionacleit School Board

In addition, we have maintained links with:

- Griminish residents association
- SUBAS (South Uist and Benbecula Annual Show)
- Storas Uibhist
- Iochdar Hall Committee
- Grazings committee
- Iochdar School

In 2010-11, we remained members of:

- Uists and Barra Sports Council

We have also maintained our website. 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.

7. Fundraising

During the year, we also held a successful fundraising Bingo, with the support of Ann and Dan Coyle from West Gerinish. We continued to have regular charitable donations from private individuals.