



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A CHOIMHEARSNACHD

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

In March 2013 we met for our seventh AGM, reviewing the year 2011-2012 and setting our aims for 2012-2013. Our main aim in the year was to finalise the lease for the pitch, which we achieved over the summer of 2013.

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 2012, our trustees were:

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

For 2012-2013 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. Liaison with the school, pupils and parents' council concerning the maintenance and development of the school playground.
4. Liaison with third parties with reference to footpaths
5. Involving other groups especially potential user groups
6. 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.

A planned litter clearing day did not take place, because of lack of contact from a partner group.

We have ascertained who owns the site for the proposed amenity seating area in Ardivachair, and will meet with them in the current year for written confirmation that we can erect the benches there.

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

The lease was signed in the summer of 2013.

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

We have continued to keep Iochdar School informed of our activities. We are also in contact with the council concerning general maintenance issues around the school and play areas.

We transferred funds to the Junior Football Club; the funds are held in trust for them by the parent council.

In partnership with the school, we had been campaigning for traffic calming measures around Iochdar School. Slow signs have been added to the road. There is still no speed limit on the road past the school.

4. **Liaison with third parties with reference to footpaths:**

We have kept in touch with Diane McPherson at the council, concerning the long-range footpath, and any consultation that this might involve. We also discussed the possibility of volunteer events for path maintenance.

We also shared our walk information with VisitHebrides website.

5. **Involving other groups and user groups**

The following groups were members of our organisation in 2012-2013:

- Iochdar Junior Youth Club
- Iochdar Saints Football club

We have maintained links with:

- SUBAS (South Uist and Benbecula Annual Show)
- Storas Uibhist
- Iochdar Hall Committee
- Grazings committee
- Iochdar School & Iochdar School Board

In 2012-13, we were members of:

- Uists and Barra Sports Council
- Third Sector Hebrides

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.

6. Fundraising

At the start of our accounting year, we held a fundraising licenced dance with Sandie MacIver, raising over £550. We continued to have regular charitable donations from private individuals.