

# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Notes of meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007

Present

Apologies

Norma MacIntyre (Trustee)  
Margaret Ann Humberstone  
Kate Dawson (secretary)  
Josephine MacDonald

Rhodri Evans  
Ronnie MacPhee  
Barbara MacAulay  
Howard Warner

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. Welcome: Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting. Unfortunately, Norma was unable to stay and there were no other trustees present, so the meeting was unable to formalise any decisions.

2. Minutes September 2006:  
No amendments were noted

3. Treasurer's report:

- a) Current balances: We have a current balance of £18,605.55 with only one uncleared cheque for £60, which has been unrepresented for more than six months.
- b) Debits: We will be due to pay the council the balance of the fees and maintenance over the next year. This will come to £19,447.34. We can claim back this 9% of money once it has been paid, as long as it is processed in this financial year. This will leave us with about £1000.00 in the account.
- c) Internet banking: We have successfully set up the internet banking facility, allowing us to track our bank account online, but not to manage any transactions online.
- d) Accounts Norma has prepared a balance sheet and the paperwork for the accountants. Our Deficit for the year to June 2007 was £27,964.20 with a balance at the end of the year of £56,313.61 NM to submit paperwork to accountants.

4. Matters arising (Oct 2007):

- a) Bicycle racks: The council have agreed to site our remaining cycle racks at the statue and at West Gerinish road end. One problem with racks has been finding sites that are obvious to cyclists. Most venues want the racks tucked out of the way, where they don't get seen/used.
- b) Local Walks: Chris Ryan (Paths for Health co-ordinator) and Rhodri Evans (Access Officer) have met and are looking to train up more walk leaders and start a program of local walks. Rhod is also consulting on walk networks and thinking about a Butt to Barra path. Contact Rhodri at the council or add to the discussion at <http://www.w-isles.gov.uk/access/corepaths.htm>
- c) Junior Football Club: Uncertain status, KD to check up
- d) Fencing and woodland maintenance: KD has applied to awards for all for money to fence additional tree planting

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<p>areas, and additional maintenance. Outcome awaited. The trees will be thinned in November with cuttings being offered to any takers for a small donation. KD to fix a date and publicise.</p> <p>e) Community Survey: A couple of questions went into the survey about walking and the football pitch at Lochdar</p> <p>f) Involving younger people: Helen Stoddart had an event at Lionacleit School shortly after the start of the session, asking younger people about community involvement. No response yet about how this went. We have also been approached by Marie Campbell to see if we would be interested in meeting up with Tony MacNeil for a project. KD to check with trustees and to get more details from Marie.</p> <p>g) Award: We have been awarded runners up trophy in the category 'Best Community Award for Play' (rural winner) in the Nancy Ovens Trust Awards for Play 2007. We will put this award on the website once we have received it.</p> <p>h) Trustees: At the last meeting we co-opted the standing chair of the Croileagan as a trustee. Josephine MacDonald now holds this post.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>KD</p> <p>KD</p>
<p>5. Lochdar Hall Football Pitch:</p> <p>Emma MacSween, (CnES) Donald MacInnes (Hall), Donald MacAulay (Lochdar Saints) and Kate Dawson met at Lochdar hall last month, to discuss how it might be possible to upgrade the pitch at Lochdar Hall. Emma is putting together a proposal to the council for a development budget, and is looking to see what projects might be expected to come forwards in the next five years.</p> <p>At the meeting, Donald (Hall) said that the hall committee would be prepared to agree a long lease with SAIAAC and let us manage the project, with maintenance being a service level agreement.</p> <p>Emma will be getting back to us to let us know what additional supporting material she would like. If she includes our project in her bid, and if she gets awarded enough money to consider it, we may be able to upgrade the pitch at Lochdar as our next big project.</p>	
<p>6. New Play Area</p> <p>a) The play area has been officially opened, and is looking good. There are a few outstanding issues, including 2 year maintenance, grass cutting, some swing seats etc. Robert Stubbington will also be looking at a sign for the Croileagan area.</p> <p>b) We discussed other ongoing maintenance. The parts of the project that are on school premises are ultimately the responsibility of the council. The tree areas are the responsibility of the playing fields association. KD has</p>	

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<p>trialled a local business for grass cutting and found them effective and reasonable.</p> <p>c) The fence at the Croileagan can be painted by their members if they wish. We do not have additional funding at present for this, but would encourage the Croileagan to do this if they wished.</p> <p>d) Balance of funding: we have pretty much stuck to our budget. We will have around £1000 in the account if the final bill is as predicted by Robert. This is about the sum of money we had before we started fund raising for the playground, suggesting that we have spent all the grant money.</p> <p>e) After five years, the trees at the school should have grown a bit, and may need thinning. Once this has happened, the plan is to establish a footpath/activity trail through the trees.</p>	
<p>7. AOCB: The Croileagan play leader and committee are looking at starting a wee garden. They are liaising with the school about the nature of the project, the site and the funding. They have asked Robert Stubbington to come up with some ideas and an outline cost. KD suggest that they also ask for ideas from Laura Donkers.</p> <p>Once costed out, we would be able to vouch for the Croileagan when they were applying for funding, possibly through awards for all. KD also offered to donate plants.</p>	
<p>8. Next meeting: The next meeting of the trustees will be notified to the trustees and members of the association. The meeting closed at 8:30pm.</p>	