

# SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at 7:30pm at the Old School House

Present

Apologies

Mairi Bremner (Chairwoman)  
 Norma MacIntyre (Treasurer)  
 Kate Dawson (Secretary)  
 Stephen MacAulay (Trustee)  
 Angus Campbell (Trustee)

Ronnie MacPhee (Trustee)

Minuted by Kate Dawson

1. Welcome: Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of meetings of January 2009, and AGM in June 2009 were approved.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Pitch Lease: Storas Uibhist have confirmed verbally and by email that they have no interest in the pitch land (although not in writing) and so they have no objection to Duncan Burd acting on our behalf to draw up the lease for the pitch land. Mr Burd has been contacted for a quote for the work. The Hall secretary has approached us also stating that he is keen to resolve the issue of the lease. KD to apply to LEADER for funding for this.
- b) Pitch lease II: Following a meeting with the show committee, it is clear that if we upgrade the pitch as planned there would be serious problems with the show continuing to be held on the site as at present. The show has used the pitch in the past, as the existing plot that they own is not sufficient for all of the show tents. One possible solution would be to approach Colin MacPherson, who has the grazings to the north of the pitch. It may be possible to locate the pitch slightly further north, creating a lot more space on the site. KD to contact Mr MacPherson to discuss; he may be home over Easter.
- c) Planning permission: This has been granted for the plans submitted for the pitch. This has been granted on condition that we do not obstruct access to the grazings to the west of the pitch.
- d) lochdar School Playing fields: the trees are now becoming well established although not yet very tall. We still have funds in the budget for this project for ongoing development and maintenance. This could include developing an adventure trail across the field, including small footbridges over the ditches. KD to consult with the school. KD to get quotes for grass cutting for central area over summer.
- e) Local Advisory Group: this has not met recently, but some outline plans are available. Marie Campbell has arranged

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<p>some local consultation events to help shape the structure of any Local Outcome Agreements. MB is our representative on the Local Advisory Group. The consultation event covers more than one strand of local development, including drawing up the Local Development Plan, Environmental project planning and group working initiatives. The meeting for South Uist will be at 5:30-8:30pm at Cothrom. We will have a small display at this meeting. The draft Local Outcome Agreement will be available in the Library and on the council website.</p> <p>f) Seating at Ardivachair: carry forwards</p>	<p>KD HW</p>
<p>4. Accounts:</p> <p>a) Norma presented the annual accounts. The accountants have prepared these based on the information we provided. They have also prepared the forms for returning to Companies House and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. Norma explained that in the year 2008-2009, we had overspent on our unrestricted funds. While we still have money in the bank, we cannot undertake any new projects until we have raised new funds (either specific to new projects or unrestricted).</p> <p>b) Bank balance is currently £14,849.76</p> <p>c) Looking for better rates of interest: carry forward</p>	<p>NM</p>
<p>5. Fundraising:</p> <p>The Iochdar Saints Football Club met recently, and discussed fund raising to get the pitch project underway. After they have raised enough funds for themselves to get their season paid for, they have agreed to raise funds for the pitch. Other fund-raising ideas were also mooted.</p> <p>a) Poker night</p> <p>b) Dance/disco (licencing issues to be resolved)</p> <p>c) Pay-roll giving</p> <p>d) Bingo (winter time)</p> <p>e) Sale of work (after show): MB to investigate how to organise this.</p> <p>f) Quiz night</p>	<p>(Saints) (Saints) (KD) (?) (MB)  (Saints)</p>
<p>6. AGM planning:</p> <p>a) KD had drawn up a spreadsheet to show which decisions need to be taken at what time over the year to enable the AGM to run smoothly. This plan has been adapted from a similar program used by Storas Uibhist. We agreed that we were too small to merit paying the electoral commission to run voting for the board of trustee. However, the plan will help timetable the activities through the year. All to read; decisions re who is to stand down to be made prior to the AGM</p> <p>b) Decision to be made in year ahead to decide process and timing of nominations prior to the AGM.</p>	<p>ALL  ALL</p>

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- c) AGM speaker: KD to ask Matthew MacDonald if he would like to make a short presentation at the AGM
  - d) AGM date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 KD to book Hall/venue
7. Repairs and clean-up:
- a) Tree planting Maintenance: We still have £100 from MADL to spend on re-painting benches. There are also some fence repairs to be undertaken, and litter to be cleared from under the trees at Rubha Chlachain. KD to check with Ronnie MacPhee to see if the Junior Youth Club would be interested in assisting with this. HW and KD have undertaken some cutting back and thinning this winter. Initial suggested date: Easter holidays (except this does not leave enough time to contact the Youth Club)
  - b) Some money will need to be spent on repairing the teenage shelter, which has a broken Perspex panel. KD has contacted R Stubbington for contact details of DSO for repair.
8. AOCB:
- a) Community account management: LEADER/HIE initiative working with local authorities for employment of Local Development Officers to develop Community Growth plans and develop Local Outcome Agreements. Locally, organisations invited to work with these plans include Third Sector Hebrides and Cothrom. Our CnES local area is covered by Marie Campbell. In each area, a Needs Analysis will take place to determine what support is necessary. The LEADER worker (Donna Matheson) is now based in the former UCVO offices (now a partner in Third Sector Hebrides) and undertaking a needs analysis. It has been suggested that we approach her to discuss our need for legal advice re the pitch lease etc.
  - b) £15 to join Third Sector Hebrides: This is the organisation formed by UCVO and VAL, aimed at reducing overheads and sharing facilities between Lewis and Uist. At present, no clear advantage to joining, meeting agreed not to join at present
  - c) Money to join another group linked to not-for-profit trading: declined (check details)
9. Next meeting
- The next meeting will be the AGM, on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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