



SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of AGM held on 26th May 2025 at Talla an Iochdair

Present	Position	Status
Peter Bird	Chairman	Community council
Robert Currie	Trustee	Individual member
Kate Dawson	Secretary	Individual member
Anne Bird		Community council
Harry Luney		Individual member
Donnie Beaton		Individual member
Andrew Shaw		Individual member
Joan MacDonald		Head Teacher Iochdar School
Mel Butler		Parent Council

Apologies were received from Joe MacNeil

- Welcome:** The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. In his opening remarks, he highlighted the achievements of the association. This included providing fencing for the community council's tree planting area, completing the cycle rack project, and ongoing upkeep of the pitch at the hall.
- Annual report & Treasurer's report:** The approved annual report and accounts were presented. Unfortunately, Morag Ann was unable to attend.
Treasurer's report:
 - There were no specific fund-raising events in the accounting period from 2023 to 2024
 - There were donations and grants of £5,020 of which £2,791 was restricted to the cycle rack project.
 - Cash at bank at the end of the financial year to June 2024 was £10,163 (£2,219 general funds, £7,944 football pitch)**Annual report:** Activities for the year
 - We contacted Hebridean Housing Partnership and the Council to see if we could lease the playparks at Cuidhe na Gamhne and Ford Terrace. This was finally approved in principal by HHP in March 2025.
 - Pitch maintenance: We contracted for pitch maintenance, including regular mowing and rolling. The pitch has been top-dressed, and some regular play is helping to compact the surface and reduce moss.
 - Support for tree planting, with the community council. 950 trees have been planted on land owned by the trustees. The committee funded the fencing around the trees, which has now been installed.
 - Cycle racks and paths: The final sets of racks have been installed at Hebridean Jewellery, Talla an Iochdair and Griminish Surgery.
 - The amenity path and bench installed by our group has now been revamped through the 'making places' program led by the community council.
 - We remain members of UCVO and Uist and Barra Sports Council and maintain close links with the community council.
 - We have a website, Facebook page, Instagram account and twitter account.
- Appointment of accountants:** We will continue with Campbell Stewart MacLennan and Co of Skye, who have been reliable and helpful in preparing our accounts and charitable returns.
- Memberships and Subscriptions:**
 - We agreed that our subscriptions should remain £1 per year or £10 for 10 years for individuals
 - We agreed a proposal to switch to community groups paying an annual membership of £1 or £10 for 10 years, to ensure that membership for community groups does not inadvertently lapse,

- c. Those attending the meeting who are not members will be invited to join the association, making them eligible for standing as a trustee.

5. Nominations and election of new trustees:

- a. **Standing down:**
 - 1. **Dr Kate Dawson** will stand down as secretary. She will continue to work as the secretary until there is a clear successor to whom she can pass on the archives, and for whom she can act as a resource.
- b. **Nomination and confirmation of Trustees:**

1. Peter Bird , chairman	Wishing to stand down as chair
2. Morag-Ann MacAulay , treasurer	TBC
3. Robert Currie , Vice-chair	Community council
4. Mel Butler	Nominated (parent council) pending membership
5. Joe MacNeil	Nominated, TBC if accepted
6. Harry Luney	Nominated, accepted (Hall committee)
7. Donnie Beaton	Nominated, accepted
8. Andrew Shaw	Nominated, accepted (lochdar Saints, Gerinish)

We should have three trustees representing community groups and three trustees acting as private individuals. A seventh trustee can be co-opted.

- c. **Nomination of new officers:**

We have a vacancy for secretary. We can address this appointment at our next ordinary meeting.

6. Ordinary meeting business

- a. **Community council update**
 - i. **Pathway:** Awaiting decision from Transport Scotland. The community council were supported by Hitrans when making the application.
 - ii. **Placemaking:** This funding has now all been spent on local resources.
- b. **Playparks:** HHP have offered us a licence agreement to manage the playparks at Cuidhe na Gamhne and Ford Terrace. The trustees agreed to sign the licences. Kate will liaise with HHP to get the licences issued and signed. (Proposed RC, seconded PB). Once the licences are agreed, we will need to deal with the two playparks separately.
 - 1. **Ford Terrace:** Requires general maintenance to existing play equipment and fencing
 - 2. **Cuidhe na Gamhne:** Review of facilities and parking, repair to existing equipment, redesign of area including new equipment, parking issues, installation of equipment. This will take a bit of planning and funding.
- c. **Ball Court:** The council own the land that the ball court at lochdar school sits on. The council seem amenable to extending our lease in time and space, to add another 25 years and to include the ball court and play equipment. The trustees agreed that we would approach the council to secure the lease. This would allow the community to redevelop the ball court and play equipment. Proposed AB, seconded RC
- d. **Football pitch:** We agreed to relinquish the lease for the pitch, so that its management reverts to the hall committee. We had around £8,000 in the account for the pitch at June 2024, this sum would be less by now, as we will have been billed for pitch maintenance in 2024 at the end of the season. We agreed to hold these funds in trust, as the hall committee have issues accessing their old account. Proposed PB seconded KD.

- 7. **Date of next meeting:** We agreed to meet again on the 23rd June, venue to be agreed.