**MEETING OF SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A’CHOIMHEARSNACHD**

**At 19:30 on 1st May 2024 on Zoom**

1. **Welcome** 
   1. Present: Peter Bird, Kate Dawson, Robert Currie, Ronnie MacPhee
   2. Apologies: Morag Ann MacAulay
   3. Minutes: Kate Dawson
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** Approved (proposed PB, seconded RM)
3. **Intimation of AOCB:** Community council update (benches and trees)
4. **AGM planning:** We agreed to aim to have the meeting in Talla an Iochdair on the 28th May at 7:30pm. We will publicise the meeting on Social media. We agreed to invite Donna Hogg along to talk about her beach wheelchair idea. We will also target individuals with an interest in our proposed projects, with the aim of recruiting more members and trustees. We agreed to provide tea, coffee, baking. RM intimated his intention to retire from the committee.
5. **Accounts:** Morag Ann not available, no significant movement of funds.
6. **HHP Playparks**: Kate has contacted HHP who are going to take our proposal to their board later on in May. (Now postponed to 5th June)
7. **Trustee vacancies:** Robert agreed to be a co-opted trustee, proposed RM seconded PB. We also discussed approaching specific individuals to see if they would be interested.
8. **Cycle racks:** The cycle racks are being fitted this week, two at Hebridean Jewellery, four at Talla an Iochdair and two at Griminish Surgery. Robert has agreed to be in a publicity photograph, which can be used for our website, facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, and for the local press, as well as the NHS Western Isles Bulletin.
9. **Sculpture:** Lottery funding applied for.
10. **Football pitch:** The pitch is being maintained but remains wet in spite of the existing drains. At the end of the last season, Iochdar Saints were using the pitch for training. However, the Saints remain separate, with no engagement with our meetings, the proposed subgroup has not materialised, no contribution to maintenance costs. PB reports they are forming a committee. We agreed that we would investigate the possibility of adding triangular matting and topsoil to create a new better drained surface (RC) as well as making contact with the Saints to ascertain their future plans and engagement.
11. **Publicity:** Depends on activity, see above, to include promoting the cycle racks, fencing of tree area, etcetera.
12. **AOB:** 
    1. **Bench replacements:** The community council proposes replacing any benches on their access route with recycled plastic benches. Any benches in good condition can then be used to replace any damaged benches at other sites. The committee approved this plan.
    2. **Cycle racks at Iochdar School:** The community council are planning on installing a green cycle rack shelter, including sorting out the ponding around the existing racks. We approved this plan.
    3. **West Gerinish:** There are plans afoot to reinstate the Taigh Ceilidh committee.
13. **Next meeting:** The next meeting will be the AGM, proposed date is 28th May.