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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 council’s 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 2022 our trustees were

P Bird (Chairman)

M A MacAulay (Treasurer)

N Johnstone (vice-chairman)

J MacVicar (outgoing trustee)

R MacPhee

For 2022 to 2023 we set ourselves the following objectives:

1. Liaison with the school and council concerning the maintenance of the school grounds and playparks.
2. Fundraising
3. To continue work on sub-projects relating to the pitch, including mowing, rolling and pitch drainage
4. Support for tree planting, working with the community council
5. Installation of cycle racks and benches along the cycle and footpath route
6. Research the possibility of creating a nature trail

**Liaison with the school and council concerning the maintenance of the school grounds and playparks:** Over the year, we donated a total of £10,000 to a project at the primary school for upgrading the playpark at Iochdar School, matching the funding from NHSWI. We also contacted Hebridean Housing Partnership and the Council about leasing the playparks at Cuidhe na Gamhne and Ford Terrace.

**Fundraising:** We did not hold any specific fundraising events, but individual members undertook fundraising.

**To continue work on sub-projects relating to the pitch, including mowing, rolling and pitch drainage:** We contracted for pitch maintenance. We had a proposal for a subgroup working specifically on the pitch, but no members of the football club became members or formed a subgroup that was part of our association.

**Support for tree planting, working with the community council:** We agreed with the community council that they could plant 950 trees on land controlled by us. We agreed that we would continue to support their tree planting project in the future.

**Installation of cycle racks and benches:** We applied for funding to install more cycle racks around the area. We also undertook work to clear the overgrown areas of the footpath across the corner plot, and liaised with the waterboard to put right some damage to the path incurred during pipe-laying. We worked with the Scottish Co-op to install some cycle racks outside the co-op, and installed a picnic bench in the area.

**Research the possibility of creating a nature trail:** We liaised with the school, and then organised a talk from a local out-door play organiser. A local biologist with an interest in natural history provided some thoughts about ensuring that we created updatable resources via QR code, so that information points and interesting habitats could be updated seasonally.

**Memberships and third parties:**

* We continue to be members of UCVO
* We remain members of Uist and Barra Sports Council
* We continue to be signed up to SportEd
* We maintain close ties with the community council
* We have liaised with the council and related groups concerning the maintenance of facilities.
* We have kept in contact with the local football association.
* We continue to maintain a website and a Facebook page. We have a linked Instagram and facebook account and a X (formerly twitter) account.
* We remain subscribers to JustGiving