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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.

P Bird (Chairman)

M A MacAulay (Treasurer)

R MacPhee

R Currie

For2023 to 2024 we set ourselves the following objectives:

1. Liaison with the school and council concerning the maintenance of the school grounds and playparks.
2. To continue work on sub-projects relating to the pitch, including mowing, rolling and pitch drainage.
3. Support for tree planting, collaborating with the community council.
4. Installation of cycle racks and benches along the cycle and footpath route

**Liaison with the school and council concerning the maintenance of the school grounds and playparks:** We have been monitoring progress of the maintenance of the school grounds and playpark. The tendering process has yet to start. We have been negotiating with Hebridean Housing Partnership and the Council about leasing the playparks at Cuidhe na Gamhne and Ford Terrace.

**To continue work on sub-projects relating to the pitch, including mowing, rolling and pitch drainage:** We contracted for pitch maintenance. In 2023-2024 the pitch was top-dressed with sand, and it is now able to be used for informal matches.

**Support for tree planting, collaborating 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. We paid for fencing around the tree planting area on our land at the road end and have top-dressed the area with natural fertiliser.

**Installation of cycle racks and benches:** We benefitted from a grant from the Scottish Co-op Local Community Fund, and we were able to complete our installation of cycle racks, with new racks at the community hall, GP surgery and Hebridean Jewellery.

In 2024-2025 our objectives were set as follows:

1. To recruit more members and trustees
2. To pursue the leases for the playparks
3. To continue to maintain the pitch and footpath route
4. To consider returning the pitch to the Hall Committee, who are keen to resume pitch maintenance.

**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 Hall committee.
* 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