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

**At 19:30 on 26th March 2024 on Zoom**

1. **Welcome** 
   1. Present: Peter Bird, Kate Dawson, Robert Currie, Ronnie MacPhee, Morag Ann MacAulay
   2. Minutes: Kate Dawson
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** Correction: Ronnie had sent his apologies for the last meeting
3. **Intimation of AOCB:** Nil of note
4. **Accounts**
   1. Bank balance £13,095.63
   2. Bills coming up: Accountants (general), John Linich (football pitch), Fencing for trees (Fencing).
   3. Draft Accounts 2022-2023
      * Fall in capital – funds being spent on intended activity from restricted funds, especially on pitch maintenance and playpark maintenance via donation to school.
      * Clear accounting of restricted and unrestricted accounts and spending.
      * Depreciation of assets clearly set out, broken down by fund.
      * The purchase of the picnic bench at the co-op is correctly accounted for.
      * Proposed by Peter Bird, Seconded by Morag Ann MacAulay
5. **HHP Playparks**: We have asked if we can lease the playparks at Ford Terrace and Cuidhe na Gamhne, but no reply from HHP etcetera. We agreed that we would be looking for ‘accessible play equipment’ including facilities for autistic and disabled children. There is a lot of scope to introduce new equipment at Cuidhe na Gamhne. The playpark is near housing so it can’t create too much noise. Ronnie will send on some more details.
6. **Cycle racks:** 8 cycle racks have arrived, they are bayonet-fitted. There are two for Hebridean Jewellery, four for Talla, by the phone box, and two for the surgery. We are waiting to find out if they want to organise their own installation. If Hebridean Jewellery want three racks, they can have them, but arrange their own installation.
7. **Sculpture:** Applied to Henry Moore application, good feedback, but not awarded funding. We will reapply to other funds. We have been advised to apply for lottery funding (approved by the meeting).
8. **Next meeting:** The next meeting will be for AGM planning online on the 23rd or 29th April, and then the AGM in May.