

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees on 13th December 2005

Present

Mairi Bremner (Trustee)
 Norma MacIntyre (Trustee)
 Kate Dawson (secretary)
 Mary Harman (SNH)
 Marie Campbell (Community Support)

Apologies

Peter Carlin (Councillor)
 Martin Taylor (Councillor)
 Ronnie MacPhee (member)
 Susan Wood (Estates)

1. Mrs Bremner opened the meeting and thanked everyone for his or her attendance.

2. Presentation by Marie Campbell:

Marie introduced herself; she is now the council's officer for Community Support, which is continuing some of the work of BNSF. She will not have the same level of administrative support as the BNSF project, nor will she have a fund for awarding grants. She will be in a position to co-ordinate and develop the activities of local charitable organisations and develop access to funding.

One of her first projects is likely to be looking at how groups publicise their activities. There may be a workshop soon on websites for community groups. This will be of interest to us. Marie will keep us updated.

3. Footpath update:

The footpath from Griminish to Linidate is going ahead, although RE was not able to come to the meeting to give us an update about starting dates for the work.

KD had met with the new 'Paths to Health' co-ordinator, who is working with RE to encourage people to walk. He is keen to assist in the funding of a reprint of our walk leaflet. In addition, he is keen to receive ideas for walks in the area. We agreed that MH would be 'keeper of the walk list' and collate information about paths and walks. All members can pass details of their favourite routes on to her, to collate and send on.

Initial suggestions include: East Gerinish walk; Griminish peat track; Rhugasinish to Ardmore; Bualdubh to Ardnamonie; Ardnamonie to the main road.

4. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes were approved.

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5. Matters arising:

- a) Walk Leaflet update: KD has emailed the back-file of the old walk leaflet to the health board's development officer prior to a reprint.
- b) The Memorial fund has been set up, and details of the account have been published in the press, alongside a formal notice stating the new arrangements for the fund. We noted that the new fund operates on a single signature. We were concerned that this could cause further problems for us, in that we could be responsible for handing over the funds to an inadequately managed trust account. We agreed that the management of the fund is the responsibility of their trustees. KD will write a covering letter to go with the cheque, noting our concerns.
- c) Bicycle racks: we have received £2,500 in funding for installing racks. The only two responses that were at all positive were from Creagorry post office, Lovat's shop, with a possible third rack to be sited either at the seating area at Hebridean jewellery, or at the graveyard. We agreed that we should go ahead and arrange for racks to be installed at these locations.
- d) Playground project: We are continuing to see sums of money being granted to us for this project. We are waiting to hear about planning permission, and also about two grant applications totalling £35,000. The project has not yet gone out to tender. A number of alterations have been made to the plan on the advice of the disability access officer, which may impact on the final cost to a certain extent. We agreed to approach him to see if he had any additional funds.

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6. Accounts:

We have 82,452.77 in the account at present, of which around £8,000 is for the memorial fund. This also includes £66,000 for Children in Need, and £5,000 from Awards for All,

We are waiting to hear from Campbell, Stewart and MacLellan as to whether they are prepared to be our appointed auditors.

NM

7. Website:

We discussed whether or not we should consider having a website. KD has been aware that potential funders have been accessing old information from uistonline to get more information about us. A site would also allow us to publicise our activities and plans. A suitable site should meet the following criteria:

- a) Have a simple first page outlining our main aims
- b) Have a simple page outlining our past and future

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projects

c) Have the minutes of our last meeting, and the agenda for the next, available as pdf files

d) Have a contact page so that the public can email the secretary, or contribute to our funds online.

We agreed to look at existing similar websites, and identify costings and contractors.

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8. Subscriptions:

We discussed how we might increase the number of group and individual subscription. We would need to have a concerted campaign in the new year, involving the press and radio, as well as posters in shops, and circulating information through the school. We should also write directly to groups that we know if in the area, particularly if their aims are congruent with our own.

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9. Correspondance:

We have received a consultation pack from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. This is another glossy Scottish Office publication, consisting of three booklets, each examining different aspects of the implementation of the current regulations.

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KD will email out links to the online documents to members, and will complete a reply on behalf of the committee.

10. Next meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30pm at Iochdar school on the 7th February