

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees on 18th April 2006, 7:30 pm Iochdar School

Present

Kate Dawson (secretary)
Norma MacIntyre
Margaret Ann Humberstone (Croileagan)

Apologies

Marion Steele
Mairi Bremner (Trustee)
Fiona Ballantyne (Croileagan)

Ronnie MacPhee (Youth Club)

Rhodri Evans (Access)
Alasdair MacEachen
Howard Warner

ACTION
<p>1. Kate opened the meeting. There were not enough trustees present to hold a quorate meeting, so we agreed to stick to progress reports and matters of fact.</p> <p>2. Minutes of last 2 meetings: These could not be approved.</p> <p>3. Matters arising:</p> <p>a. Footpath: Kate had received an update from Rhodri Evans. The contractors who have been appointed to the work in Griminish are still occupied at Loch Skipport. The Griminish-Liniclate route will be undertaken this year.</p> <p>b. No reply from Chris Ryan concerning funding for the walk leaflet, KD to follow-up</p> <p>c. There has been no progress with the cycle rack project.</p> <p>d. Playground project: Since the last meeting we have heard that we have been awarded £15,000 by CERS, £15,000 by the council, and £5,000 from the councillor's ward money. We still have a significant shortfall. We need to fill this gap before WIE will consider awarding us £20,000. Applications have gone to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Robertson trust• Garfield Weston Foundation• Scottish Co-op• A CNSA member has applied for funds from the RboS on our behalf• CNSA may add some funding <p>In addition, the council's finance department may be looking at how much of the project could be managed through their own departments to reduce VAT liability. There has been nothing in writing on this point.</p>

The project is at the tendering stage as well, although there has been a delay while the council checked the maintenance implications.

- e. Website project: Funding has been applied for. We need to decide:
 - Editorial policy especially re Gaelic.
 - Agreement on content
- f. Subscriptions and membership: Forms are being sent out to all known potential user groups. In addition, KD is producing an information leaflet to go with the subscription forms. An article should go in to am paipear.

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4. Accounts:

We have £82325.48 in the account at present. This includes £66,000 for Children in Need, and £5,000 from Awards for All. GiftAid submissions are pending.

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

We have received a reminder about our financial year-end from companies' house; our year-end is the end of June, so we can't hold the AGM before this.

5. Fundraising:

- a. 50/50 club: Kate bought along the forms for setting up a 50/50 club. This would need to be ratified by the trustees
- b. Spring/Summer Fair: The school are holding a fundraising event, with some of the funds going to the school, and some to the playing fields association.
- c. Bingo: The Croileagan is holding a fundraising Bingo on the 21st May. Posters are already up, and letters have gone out looking for prizes.
- d. Recycled Jewellery: KD is selling jewellery with all receipts going to the association.
- e. Ebay: We can register as a charity on Ebay, and raise funds by selling items online. KD to send out further information on this

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6. VAT registration

We discussed, briefly, the possibility of becoming VAT registered in order to get the VAT off the project; This would entail a considerable amount of work for the treasurer. However, as we are not retailing goods or services, we would not be eligible.

7. Publicity:

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Kate has produced several versions of a possible information leaflet, in preparation for the Bingo, the school summer fair and other events. In addition, we can have an information stall at the cattle show.

8. Lankelly Foundation:

Kate had found a potential funder in the above organisation, but getting funds from them may involve becoming members of a community development forum, which involves some financial outlay depending on the size of the group. KD is to contact the foundation for more information before a decision can be made.

9. Next meeting:

We agreed to meet on the first Tuesday in June, depending on the availability of the trustees.

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