

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees on 6th June 2006, 7:30 pm Iochdar School

Present

Kate Dawson (secretary)
 Mairi Bremner (Trustee)
 Ronnie MacPhee (Youth Club)
 Howard Warner (trustee)
 Marie Campbell (on behalf of football club)

Apologies

Norma MacIntyre
 Alasdair MacEachen
 Fiona Ballantyne
 Mary Harman

1. Kate opened the meeting pending the arrival of further members.

2. Minutes of last 3 meetings: These were approved.

3. Matters arising: (MB arrived)

- a. Footpath: No change
- b. Walk leaflet: This will be funded by the health board, and is currently at the printers.
- c. Cycle racks: Planning permission forms have been completed. The trustees present gave Kate permission to pay the additional fee for help with contacting landowners. Benbecula Community Council will help by submitting the plans.
 Kate has drawn up agreements with the landowners to secure the sites.
- d. Playground project: Funding. Since the last meeting we have heard that we have been awarded £5,000 by the Robertson trust, less than we had hoped for. We still have a shortfall of £54,000. This would become significantly less if the council could manage part of the project. However, there had been no recent communication from them on this matter. KD is to write to the new Chief Executive, but giving prior warning to the finance department.

We now have more than 75% funding. Applications pending:

- Cargill Trust
- Gannochy Trust
- Scottish Co-op
- Qinetiq (KD to email Howard with copy of letter)
- Hugh Fraser trust

ACTION
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MacRobert Trust <p>We have had rejections from Garfield Weston, and our CNSA contact has disappeared, so we don't know if they ever applied to the RBOS on our behalf. Kate and Norma to ask Donald Innes for more details if possible</p>	KD & NM
<p>Tendering: The tender documents are out and we should know who the contractor is soon.</p>	
<p>Publicity: Marie Campbell and Margaret Ann Humberstone drew our attention (by email) to a program on a community garden in Lewis, a project that had been televised. We agreed that we should pursue this as an option for ourselves. KD will contact Margaret Ann, watch the program, and work out what to do next.</p>	KD & MAH
<p>e. Website project: We have been awarded £350, which is enough to cover the majority of the costs of the website. Any balance can be met out of our own funds, to a maximum of £50.</p>	
<p>f. Subscriptions and membership: Forms have been sent out to all known potential user groups, and an article has appeared in the paper. A publicity leaflet has also been produced. We now have 12 individual reps, 8 group reps, as well as 24 regular contacts with statutory bodies and funders.</p>	
<p>g. Fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50/50 club: no decision taken. • Spring/Summer Fair: The school are holding a fundraising event this weekend, with some of the funds going to the school, and some to the playing fields association. • Bingo: The Croileagan has organised this, raising £680. • Recycled Jewellery: KD is selling jewellery with all receipts going to the association. This is bringing in around £100 a month, including Ebay sales. • Car boot sale • Kate is opening her garden in July • We could have a fund-raising ceilidh in association with the dancing clubs • Clean-up: we discussed this idea further, whether this should be an island wide event, and how to get lots of people involved 	KD
<p>h. Lankelly trust: KD has not yet contacted them. Marie let us know that someone from the Development Trust</p>	

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Association will be visiting soon.

4. Accounts:

We have £... in the account at present. This includes £66,000 for Children in Need, £5,000 from our councillor, and funds recently raised, including £680 from the Bingo, and £200 from jewellery sales.

Campbell, Stewart and MacLellan met with KD and agreed to act as our auditors. They will be charging professional rates (approx £50/hr). Because we are a company, we do need to have a professional audit. The accountants advised us that if Norma prepares the accounts to the end of June 2006, they will work on them over the summer, but do not expect to have them ready for the next meeting. They suggested making the AGM later on in the year.

We have received a request from company's house concerning our details, and asking for a cheque for £30 that must be paid this month. KD has registered for this to be submitted online next year.

5. A.O.C.B

- Marie has attended on behalf of the Benbecula Football Club. They are planning an area-wide audit of facilities and changing rooms. The audit will look at facilities for other sports as well. They are interested in knowing if we can help them in any way. Kate has provided Marie with a copy of the Council's own audit that was prepared a couple of years ago, along with their scoring system. The council's planning is based on this, and runs out in 2008. Of note, the pitch at Iochdar scored highly on this, but missed out on funding as the pitch owners (Hall Committee) were not in a position to manage the additional work that the project might entail.

We agreed that we would give the Benbecula football club a copy of our community consultation document, and the 2000 feasibility study, in addition to the council's reports. We also noted that Iochdar Pitch is still on the council's priority list, and that any difficulties with a project on this site could be tackled in advance of any new funding strategy.

- Marie is also involved in discussions about the future of community development, in the light of future changes to councillor's wards, and changes to funding strategies. She asked those attending the meeting which geographical area did we consider Iochdar to be most linked to? We discussed this further, although we

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came to no conclusions. Iochdar community council area extends to Howmore from the South Ford. The catchment area of the school covers 75% of Benbecula (excluding Balivanich area) all the way down to Peninerine. When applying for funds, and comparing with other local facilities, the nearest facilities are in Benbecula. We also noted that the South end and the Middle District of South Uist also have their own sense of identity.



6. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th September 7:30pm