

SGOIL AN IOCHDAIR AGUS A'CHOIMHEARSNACHD

Minutes of meeting of trustees on 7th February 2006

Present

Kate Dawson (secretary)
 Fiona Ballantyne (Croileagan)
 Mary Harman (SNH)
 Rhodri Evans (Access)
 Margaret Ann Humberstone (Croileagan)

Apologies

Mairi Bremner (Trustee)
 Ronnie MacPhee (Youth Club)
 Martin Taylor (councillor)

1. Kate opened the meeting and thanked everyone for his or her attendance. There were not enough trustees present to hold a quorate meeting, so we agreed to stick to progress reports and matters of fact.

2. Minutes of last meeting: These could not be approved.

3. Matters arising:

- a. Footpath: Rhodri Evans confirmed that the Griminish-Liniclate route will be undertaken this year. The sheer volume of viable routes brought to Rhod's attention exceeds the timescales and budgets available, so no new suggested paths will be undertaken this year. Mary Harman and Rhodri pointed out a number of possible routes, using old rights of way and old highways.
- b. Chris Ryan will be coming down at the end of the month to look at walk routes. He may be able to fund the walk leaflet around Iochdar. He is also interested in potential walk routes, and Mary's list will be of use to him in the future.
- c. Memorial fund: A total of £8578.94 has been handed on to the memorial fund, accompanied by a letter as agreed at the last meeting.
- d. Three sites are being looked at for the bicycle rack project. Once the sites have been confirmed, drawings and planning permission will be sought through the council. The sites include Liniclate School, Creagorry Post Office, and beside Lovat's shop. An alternative site would be the graveyard. Benbecula Community Council will submit the plans for us, reducing the planning permission costs.
- e. Playground project: Following a meeting between the HT, the Croileagan, the rep from Kompan, and Robert Stubbington, the plans have been redrawn to include disabled access, and other adaptations. The new plan will cost over £200,000, and we are now informed that

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| <p>we are liable for VAT, taking the costs to £245,000. We are waiting to hear from CERS and the council. Even if they award us the full amount, and WIE let us apply for £20,000, we will have a shortfall. We discussed fundraising options, outlined under AOCB below.</p> <p>f. Website quotes: These have all come in at around £1,000. This includes local web-designers as well as mainland companies. Only one company was significantly more expensive, offering a site much bigger than we had envisaged. BNSF might be potential funders for this, to be decided by the trustees.</p> <p>g. Subscriptions and membership: Little work has been done on this issue.</p> | Trustees KD |
| <p>4. Accounts: We have £74371.85 in the account at present. This includes £66,000 for Children in Need, and £5,000 from Awards for All.</p> <p>We are waiting to hear from Campbell, Stewart and MacLellan as to whether they are prepared to be our appointed auditors.</p> | |
| <p>5. Fundraising: We had a general discussion about how we might raise funds. Kompan had originally offered to host an open day when the facility was completed. This would be a good occasion to raise funds for the tree planting, which could take place on a separate day. We could ask families to 'sponsor' trees.</p> | ALL |
| <p>We also discussed the possibility of a fund-raising bingo. Margaret Ann undertook to ask Dan and Ann when they would find this easiest to do.</p> | MAH |
| <p>Kate undertook the task of speaking to the HT and the school board about school-based fundraising.</p> | KD |
| <p>6. Correspondance: We have received a survey form asking us about youth volunteers. We agreed that, although we do not currently have a youth volunteer, we would be happy to consider this. The volunteer could be responsible for taking on one of the areas such as organising fundraising, or increasing general membership. The survey form will be completed accordingly.</p> | KD |
| <p>7. Next meeting: We agreed to meet every couple of months at present, with the next meeting being the first Tuesday after the Spring holiday (18st April) at 7:30pm in Iochdar school.</p> | |