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Mionaidean bhon Choinneamh Choitcheann

Bhliadhna 1^d Dùbhlachd, 2017, Rùm Fèis Chill Donnain
6:00f

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Friday 1st

December 2017 Kildonan Feis Room 6.00pm

Buill a' Bhùird an Làthair: Màiri NicAonghais, Pauline Dhòmhnallach, Catriona Nic an t-Saoir, Isabel Dhòmhnallach, Iseabail Dhòmhnallach, Róisín King, Dòmhnall Iain Dhòmhnallach. **Leisgeulan:** Mairead Walker, Lauren Mhoireastanach.

Board Members Present: Màiri MacInnes, Pauline MacDonald, Catriona MacIntyre, Isabel MacDonald, Iseabail MacDonald, Róisín King, Donald John MacDonald. **Apologies:** Margaret Walker, Lauren Morrison.

Buill a' Chomataidh an Làthair: Flòraidh Chaimbeul, DR Caimbeul, Màiri Ann Chaimbeul **Leisgeulan:** Criosaidh Nic a' Phì, Màiri Steele, Aonghas Dhòmhnallach, Ann Marie Colleir, Cèit Chaimbeul.

Committee Members Present: Flora Campbell, DR Campbell, Mary Ann Campbell **Apologies:** Chrissie MacPhee, Mairi Steele, Angus MacDonald, Ann Marie Collier, Katie Campbell.

Luchd-obrach: Màiri Schmoller, Iain Dhòmhnallach, Peigi Ann NicilleMhaoil, Liam Crouse, Catherine Yeatman, Rebecca Rennell.

Staff: Mary Schmoller, Iain MacDonald, Peggy Ann MacMillan, Liam Crouse, Catherine Yeatman, Rebecca Rennell.

Am Poball: Julia NicÌosaig, Mgr Mìcheal Dhòmhnallach, Comh. I. MacNèill, Marion NicilleMhoire, Iain Stephen Moireastan (pàipear), Mgr Cailean MacAonghais, Shona NicDhòmhnail (tbh), Màiri Chaimbeul, Bob Lewis, Iain Paterson is Tomaidh MacDhòmhnail. **Leisgeulan:** Comh Pòl Steele, Rosemary Lewis, Jane Twelves, B-Mgr Lindsay Schluter, is BP Aonghas B MacNèill.

Public: Julia MacIsaac, Fr Michael MacDonald, Cllr I. MacNeil, Marion Morrison, Iain Stephen Morrison (Press) Fr Colin MacInnes, Shona MacDonald (Press), Mairi Campbell, Bob Lewis, Iain Paterson and Tommy MacDonald. **Apologies:** Cllr Paul Steele, Mrs Rosemary Lewis, Mrs Jane Twelves, Rev Lindsay Schluter and MP Angus B MacNeil.

Shuidhich DR Caimbeul mar **chathraiche** na coinneamh agus chuir e fàilte ris na bh' ann. Chuir am bòrd-stiùiridh an aithne orra don luchd-èisteachd.

Mr D.R. Campbell took the **chairmanship** of the meeting and welcomed everyone for attending. Board of Directors introduced themselves to the meeting.

1. Leughadh a-mach na **leisgeulan**

Apologies were read out

2. Mholadh **Mionaidean** na Coinneimh 2016 le Màiri Ann Chaimbeul, taic: Flòraidh Chaimbeul

Minutes of 2016 were Proposed by Mary Ann Campbell and Seconded by Flora Campbell

3. **Aithisg bhliadhna:** bhruidhinn Màiri NicAonghais mun aithisg bhliadhna. Bha amasan àrda agus dùil mhòr mu choinneamh suidheachadh dùbhlachd. Tha sinn a' feitheamh co-dhùnadh Comhairle Maoineachaidh na h-Alba, nach tig gun 16mh Dùbhlachd. Dh'fhàs an luchd-obrach agus an gnìomhachd mar thoradh air sin. 'S e an sgoil shamhraidh fhathast an rud as motha, agus tòrr a' tilleadh bliadhna is bliadhna. Tha neart na buidhne a' tighinn à taic bhon choimhearsnachd airson an tachartais. Thòisich clasaichean Gàidhlig an 2017 agus mu 35 gam frithealadh. Thugadh iomradh air bàs ar deagh charaid Mgr Dhòmhnail MhicÀidh agus chuireadh fàilte air Mgr Cailean mar

Annual Report Mairi MacInnes spoke to the annual report. The following were highlighted that we now have high targets and high expectations in a challenging situation. We await the outcome of the Scottish Funding Council who will not be given an indication of their budget until 16th December. The growth in staff was highlighted and the consequent increase in activity arising from this. Summer school remains our showcase event with many people returning year on year. Community support of summer school is a core strength of the organisation. Gaelic classes were a new development in 2017 and we currently have 35 people attending classes. The passing of the critical friend Fr Donald MacKay was acknowledged and a welcome extended to Fr Colin who is likely to

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charaid bhreithneach ùr. Cha robh ceistean bhon èisteachd. Sgaoilte an aithisg bhliadhnail nam measg.

become a new critical friend. No questions were raised from the floor. Copies of Annual Report had been distributed in the room.

4. **Aithisg an Ionmhasair:** mhìnich Isabel Dhòmhnallach gun robhas ann an suidheachadh neònach leis gu bheil maoin còrr is £1m agus sgrùdadh dà uimhir nas mionaidiche agus nas fhaide a' tighinn oirnn. Bidh figearan rim faighinn sa bhliadhna ùr agus gabhaidh ri comhairle am feumar coinneamh shònraichte a ghairm airson nan cunntasan.

Treasurers Report: Isabel MacDonald explained the meeting found itself in an unusual position of having funds in excess of £1million which moves us to the next stage of audit. Audit takes twice as long and costs twice as much. Figures will be available in the new year and advice will be taken on whether an extraordinary meeting will have to be convened to approve the accounts.

5. **Taghadh Stiùirichean:** bha aig Pauline Dhòmhnallach is Catriona Nic an t-Saoir ri seasamh sios. Sheas iad a-rithist agus ghabhadh riutha.

Election of Directors: Pauline MacDonald and Catriona MacIntyre were required to stand down and stood for re-elections and were approved.

6. **Taghadh Comataidh:** Chaidh Julia NicÌosaig a chur air adhart, air a thaiseadh agus ghabhadh rithe air a' chomataidh.

Election to Committee: Julia MacIsaac was proposed, seconded and approved to join the committee.

7. **Taisbeanadh Cnoc Soilleir:** thug Catherine Yeatman PowerPoint seachad air adhartas leis a' phròiseact mhòr ùrachaidh Cnoc Soilleir. Tha an sgioba, a' gabhail Tony Vernon a-staigh, cunntachail do Bhòrd Stiùiridh a' Phròiseact, air a bheil 2 stiùiriche Cheòlais, Màiri NicAonghais is Catriona Nic an t-Saoir, 2 stiùiriche LCC Iain Mac a' Mhaoilein is Jane Twelves, is 2 stiùirichean neo-eisimeileachd, Niall Graham (MG ALBA) is Dr Aonghas Dòmhnallach. Tha an taisbeanadh an cois nam mionaidean.

Cnoc Soilleir Presentation: Catherine Yeatman gave a PowerPoint on the progress of Cnoc Soilleir which is a Transformational Community Regeneration Project. Cnoc Soilleir staff team which includes Tony Vernon report directly to Project Management Board which consists of 2 Ceolas Directors, Mairi MacInnes and Catriona MacIntyre, 2 LCC directors Iain MacMillan and Jane Twelves, and 2 independent directors, Neil Graham from MG ALBA and Dr Angus MacDonald. Presentation attached.

8. **Cèistean bhon èisteachd:** Ciod as adhbhar nach maoinich CnES ach a bheag? **Freagairt:** Tha CnES air a bhith glè thaiseil agus tha fios againn uile mun teanntachd ionmhasail mu choinneamh nan comhairlean.

Questions from the Floor: Why does CnES consider funding so little? **Response:** CnES have been very supportive all along the way and everyone recognises the national current financial situation for councils.

Chaidh a' choinneamh a thoirt gu ceann aig 18:55, agus dinnear is fosgladh 'Às an Tobar' a' leantail na dèidh.

Meeting closed at 18.55 followed by a supper and the opening of the Às An Tobar Gaelic literary festival.