

## Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) (CnP(N))

### Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh / *Minute of meeting*

Disathairne 28/08/2015 aig 10m / *Saturday 28/8/2015 at 10am*

Oifis CNAG, Glasgow

#### **An làthair / Present**

Bob McGowan	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Daibhidh Sutherland	Meadhan Alba
Kirstie Birr	Glaschu
Marsaili Dow	Ionmhasair
Fiona Stephen	Convenor, CnP Dhùn Èideann
Magaidh Wentworth	Oifigear Phàrant
Diorbhail Wentworth	Oifigear Leaschaidh
Gill Steele	Obar Pheallaidh
Kathleen Macleod	Na-h-Eileanan Iar

#### **1. Leisgeulan / Apologies**

Iona McTaggart	Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Dawn Morgan	Inbhir Nis

#### **2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 14 Mart 2014**

##### ***Minute of meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014***

The minute of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March was approved.

Proposed: Bob McGowan

Seconded: Marsaili Dow

#### **3. Gnothaichean ag èirigh nach eil air a' chlàr-chùisean**

##### ***Matters arising not on agenda***

**3.1** The post for a new development officer to be based in the Central belt was advertised and Diorbhail Wentworth was appointed, with a start date of 01/08/2015. Interviews were performed by Màiri Macmillan. The initial intention was for Màiri Macmillan to be line manager, following her resignation this will now be Magaidh Wentworth with Donald MacNeil as line manager for corporate matters relating to the post. The new officer is based in Glasgow, working in the Bòrd Na Gàidhlig office with close ties to Sine (BnG early years officer). This post has a 12 month contract which will be reviewed by Bòrd Na Gàidhlig. The appointment was welcomed by the committee.

**3.2** Explanation of the current leadership team in place at Bòrd Na Gàidhlig. A letter of concern had been written to the ex-Chief Executive by Bob McGowan, Chair. This has been forwarded to a member of the interim leadership team, Bruce Robertson, who has suggested a meeting with a number of CnP committee members.

**3.3** Edinburgh branch of CnP had sent letter asking for a meeting with the Minister, Alasdair Alan. They have received a positive reply from S.Prescott and D.Andsell giving recognition to the work of CnP. Action like this helps raise the profile of CnP.

#### 4. Prògram obrach làitheil agus cuisean ag èirigh/ Bile an Fhoghlaim

##### ***Current Programme of work and issues/Education Bill***

**4.1** Magaidh Wentworth covered her current program of work. The claim for the Early years fund has been submitted for this year's allocation of 90k. The application to the Early Years Intervention fund for 2016-19 has to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Ongoing work relating to the current education bill. Writing of newsletter – ongoing. Development of new resources (in partnership with Diorbhail Wentworth). Meeting with current Parental advisors to set out work plans for the current academic year and recruitment and training of new Parental advisors for the scheme.

**4.2** Diorbhail Wentworth covered her program of work. Arranging Bookbug training in the central belt. Recruitment and meeting with Parental advisors. Setting up of the 'Thig a chluich scheme' in the central belt.

**4.3** Discussion of the ongoing external research into the efficacy of the Parental Advisors scheme. Draft report due October. Discussion of problems in follow through of GME to high school and lack of support for parents at that stage. Some discussion of the potential of a new scheme to alleviate this issue.

**4.4** Kirstie Birr, as a new member, requested a copy of local CnP group's remit.  
**Action: MW to send this.**

**4.5** Marsaili Dow provided update on situation in Kilmarnock, a new probationer this year and some children lost to Glasgow Gaelic School.

**4.6** Kirstie Birr brought up the Glasgow Gaelic School Saturday Club and the issues with the large waiting list. Discussion of how to accommodate this, question of funding?

**4.7** Update from Kathleen Macleod on Western Isles situation. Still no local Comann nam Pàrant group.

**4.8** Education Bill. It was agreed that Bob McGowan, Fiona Stephen, Gill Steele and Magaidh Wentworth would meet with Alasdair Alan, Minister for Gaelic and culture, to discuss amendments and concerns with the Bill. Specific amendments and ideas on strengthening the bill were a discussed and a list drawn up as preparation for this meeting.

**Action: MW to chase up meeting with Minister. DW to prepare document of main issues arising from Bill, as discussed, for circulation and approval from committee prior to meeting.**

#### 5. Comann nam Pàrant Tachartas Nàiseanta

##### ***Comann nam Pàrant National Event 'Awards for All'***

Conference was a success and enjoyed by all, positive feedback had been received.

#### 6. Pròiseact 'Thig a chluich'

##### ***'Come and Play' project 'Families and Communities Fund'***

Sessions are up and running successfully in Stornoway and surrounding areas. Magaidh Wentworth and Diorbhail Wentworth undertook a visit to Stornoway to attend an event, pleased to see a high attendance level. A mix of free play and a more formal Bookbug session seemed popular with parents and children alike and allowed for discussion of GME with parents attending as well as time to hand out information.

**Action: DW to develop similar sessions in the Central Belt.**

**7. Maoin eachadh Tràth Bhliadhnaichean**

***Early Years Funding***

Magaidh Wentworth has been applying for this fund for previous three years and will continue to do so.

**8. Cuairt-litir / Newsletter**

Writing of newsletter – ongoing.

**Action: Members to send in any matters of interest which might be included in the newsletter.**

**9. Aithisg Ionmhasair / Treasurer's Report**

Marsaili provided an update on accounts.

**10. Duaisean / Gaelic awards**

Agree to nominate

Mairead MacÌomhair (contribution)

Dawn Morgan (learner award)

Cuilean Craicte (Innovation)

**11. An ath choinneamh / Next meeting**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November in Glasgow.