

DREACHD

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

Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh / *Minute of meeting*

Disathairne 4 Ògmhios aig 10.30m
Premier Inn, George Square, Glasgow

An làthair / Present

Bob McGowan (BM)	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Marsaili Dow (MD)	Ionmhasair
Magaidh Wentworth (MW)	Oifigear Phàrant
Gill Steele (GS)	Obar Pheallaidh
Fiona Stephen (FS)	Convenor, CnP Dhùn Èideann
Kathleen Macleod (KM)	Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Diorbhail Wentworth(DW)	Oifigear Leasachaidh
Dawn Morgan (DM)	Inbhir Nis
Bruce Robertson (BR)	Interim CEO Bòrd na GÀIDHLIG
Sorcha O'Carroll (SC)	CnP Inbhir Narainn
Becky Davidson (BD)	Cnp Inbhir Narainn
Claire Wilding (CW)	CnP an t-Òban
Fiona Carter (FC)	CnP Glaschu
Helen Mackinnon (HM)	CnP Glaschu
Kerry Jardine (KC)	CnP Obar Dheathain

1. Leisgeulan / Apologies

Iona McTaggart	Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Chrissie Valluri	CnP Pheàirt

2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 12 Màrt 2016

Minute of meeting, 12th March 2016

- 2.1. GS enquired if Thig a Chluich was successful in STV bid, MW reported that it was unfortunately unsuccessful but had secured £5000 for the project
- 2.2. The minute of the meeting on 12th March was approved.
Proposed: Gill Steele
Seconded: Bob MacGowan

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

Matters arising not on agenda

- 3.1. Noted that John Swinney now has Gaelic remit, GS suggested meeting to be arranged
ACTION POINT: Chair to write letter to John Swinney

4. Bruce Robertson, BnaG – fios as ùr mu stiùireadh nàiseanta agus deasbad cuisean eile cudromach ann am FG an dràsta / Update on National Guidance and discussion on other significant issues for Gaelic education

- 4.1. BR explained that the recent conference was his last official role in the capacity of interim CEO but that he would be continuing to work with BNG within an advisory capacity to provide continuity and assistance with the statutory guidance
- 4.2. Mona Wilson has been appointed as Head of Education at BNG and will be the first point of contact for education matters once in post
- 4.3. Issue of second post for CnP to be taken back to BNG board for decision at next set of meetings
- 4.4. 15% funding cut – BR explained this was the same across the board for Gaelic organisations as a result of a 250k budget cut however this amount has been reinstated for the following year and is open to bids. MW was not aware of this, BR suggested that CNAG would have the information
- 4.5. BR suggested that overall clarification of what each Gaelic organisations roles and responsibilities are (following question from Fiona Stephen on role of CNAG) was needed
- 4.6. Meriel Young Report – Bruce apologised that this had not been published earlier, the delay had been extended due to the general election Purdah but advised that this would be online from Monday
- 4.7. BR suggested CNP organise a conference for parents both to discuss the report and the statutory guidance
- 4.8. Stated that the Education Scotland Act 2016 has Royal Assent but that there are varying commencement dates for various clauses but that he expects those relating to GME provision to be 15th July. Regarding the statutory guidance SG lawyers had advised that a consultation not possible while parliament dissolved but that the 16th of June would be the last meeting for the group writing the statutory guidance and that they hoped to hold a 12-week consultation provisionally from Monday 19th August to 31st October. During this consultation period events will be held and there will be opportunities to respond online. The statutory guidance will commence from February 2017.
- 4.9. The guidance will consist of a 2-part document, the first part relating to the Act and the second to good practice in GME – both these documents will form secondary legislation therefore significantly strengthening the position of GME. The guidance will also include advisory notes as well as a standardised form with which parents can request GME with clear information on where form should be sent.
- 4.10. Suggestion that CnP needs to discuss and plan how best to administer its new role as detailed within the Act, suggested that legal advice is sought as to how best discharge the duties imposed upon CnP by the Act
- 4.11. In response to question from Helen Mackinnon BR indicated that in the interim it would be 'business as usual' for parents requesting GME, and supported by CnP and BNG, also indicated that advice in guidance would be specific following enquiry from Gill Steele
- 4.12. Recap of situation in Edinburgh, BnaG intervened due to Education Council's poor transition management, the threat of legal action was successful with assurance that until year 2020/21 James Gillespie's will be school for GME pupils secondary provision and that a review of GME across the city will be held, BNG has offered assistance in this and will recommend it is an open review
- 4.13. Recap of situation in Glasgow, BnaG contacted by parents regarding Glendale and all those who sought advice had successful appeals. Helen Mackinnon raised issue of parent that had been refused an appeal and was asked to put parent in touch with BnaG. Glasgow city council has agreed to a review of GME across the city, BR of

the opinion that a third school and high school is required also that a new dialogue with councils is required

- 4.14. Glasgow city council has indicated it will no longer accept placing requests from out with the council area and as such provision in surrounding areas will have to be looked at. BnaG has 'master plan' for Glasgow Area potentially including GME for both Dunbartonshire councils to be combined and same for both Renfrewshire councils. Issue of pupils being turned away from Meadowburn has been resolved with assistance of BNG and SG – a new teacher will be appointed
- 4.15. Moray: GME provision to be put in place in Elgin in new school
- 4.16. There has also been official request from Aberdeenshire – another area that needs expansion
- 4.17. Fife also needs to be addressed
- 4.18. BR has meeting arranged with Argyll and Bute to discuss current issues
- 4.19. MW raised East Ren request, 2018 seen as reasonable timescale
- 4.20. BR covered e-sgoil, initially Western Isles (2017/18) but mainstream within 2 years
- 4.21. Claire covered current issue within Rockfield primary especially relating to teacher recruitment
- 4.22. BR mentioned need for more workforce planning in GME beyond teacher recruitment, BNG already in discussion with colleges and praised efforts of UHI. BR explained that finance for teacher training is not a problem, filling places is more problematic
- 4.23. Framework for new language plan has begun, this will be continued at board meeting in June
- 4.24. Fiona officially recognised BR help and contribution to Edinburgh

5. Prògram obrach làitheil agus cuisean ag èirigh/Current programme of work and current issues

- 5.1. 15% funding cut to our funding from BnaG will affect our project expenditure this year
- 5.2. Edinburgh week has seen good feedback, one of best weeks so far. MW thanked Fiona for her assistance, venues already booked for next year for week beginning 24th April
- 5.3. School diaries are being distributed, each school has been asked for a £1 contribution again this year which is 50% of cost but doesn't cover postage
- 5.4. Parental advisor scheme – ongoing, will need to see how this is affected by funding
- 5.5. Also funding part time parental information officer in Western Isles through the PAS for a year as other funding for the post was withdrawn
- 5.6. MW covered issues raised at Thursday's Education Scotland/BNG conference
- 5.7. HM brought up the need to raise national profile of CnP
- 5.8. Early years funding from SG – funding application made for 130k but funding received same as other years at 90k
- 5.9. DW working covered current programme of work including TASC, support of parents in Oban and Bunessan

6. Pròiseact TASC (Teaghlaidhean agus sgoiltean còmhla) agus goireasan / TASC project and new resources

- 6.1. TASC pilot scheme being held in Dingwall and Glasgow as pilot schemes, new resource packs will also be handed out at these classes

7. Cuairt-litir / Newsletter

7.1 Contributions for the Summer edition are welcome, latest newsletter was shared on ParentZone and Education Scotland website.

8. Aithisg Ionmhasair / Treasurer's Report

8.1. Marsaili provided an update on accounts and the satisfactory status was noted.

9. GISBE / AOCB

9.1. Nairn – anticipating that they will not keep PSA next year, MW recommended writing to Jim Steven at highland council and to also raise secondary provision. MW to contact parents with further advice.

9.2. Oban - CW concerned that level of Gaelic will be cut to unacceptable level in Rockfield Primary if no applicants by 10th June, if that was to occur CnP(N) would write letter to explain that it is not acceptable

Next meeting

10th September in Glasgow