

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

Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh

Minute of meeting

Disathairne 3 Màrt 2012 aig 10.30m aig Oifis Comunn na Gàidhlig, Inbhir Nis

Saturday 3rd March 2012 at 10.30am in Comunn na Gàidhlig office, Inverness

An làthair

Present

Dawn Morgan (DM)

Inbhir Nis

Bob McGowan (BM)

Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn

Fiona Byrne (FB)

Lochaber

Marsaili Dow (MD)

Ionmhasair

Magaidh Wentworth (MW)

Oifigear Phàrant

1. Leisgeulan

Apologies

Margaret Ford (MF)

Acharacle

Donna Young (DY)

Dùn Òmhain

2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 26 Samhain 2011

Minute of meeting, 26th November 2011

The minute of the meeting on 24th November was approved.

Proposed: Marsaili Dow

Seconded: Bob McGowan

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

Matters arising not on agenda / Action Points

From §3 The conclusions from the review of classroom assistant posts is now on the Highland Council website. The review body have recommended posts of 'Pupil Support Assistants', graded at two salary levels which will combine the roles and responsibilities of Learning Support Assistants and Classroom Assistants.

From §3 The National Museums of Scotland Gaelic Language Plan has been delayed due to staffing changes at Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

From §3 Letter to be written to BnaG re: the recent HMle report and secondary provision

**4. Cumhnant Bòrd na Gàidhlig
*Bòrd na Gàidhlig contract***

Our funding application for 2012-13 was submitted to Bòrd na Gàidhlig at the beginning of December and we are awaiting their decision on next year's contract.

**5. Sgeama Comhairleachaidh Phàrant
*Parental Advisory Scheme***

MW gave an update on the scheme and advisors continue to actively promote Gaelic medium education. Coinneach is keeping a database of activities and statistics on number of parents who are given information through the scheme. There are two training days planned for March, one in Inverness and one in Glasgow. FB said that Lochaber advisors were planning a recruitment drive outwith the pre-enrolment period.

**6. Cuairt-litir
*Newsletter***

The first publication of the newsletter was published and circulated in December. Coinneach is working on the second publication to be ready for the end of March. It was suggested that there should be an update on the progress on the proposed Gaelic schools in Portree, Fort William and Edinburgh. FB said that they hoped to see the school build in Fort William start this summer with completion in 2014 although there is an issue with site clearance. In Edinburgh the timetable for the school will look for tenders mid-June 2012 with contracts awarded and building work starting early September and school ready for 2013.

An item on the new Fios is Freagairt DVD was also suggested for the newsletter.

**7. Co-chomhairle air Plana Gàidhlig SNS na h-Alba
*Consultation on NHSScotland Gaelic Language Plan***

The consultation on this plan has been extended until the 12th March. The plan had been circulated prior to the meeting and comments to be made were discussed.

Action: MW to respond on behalf of CnP

**8. A' dealbhachadh ro-innleachd nàiseanta airson pàrantan
*Developing a national parenting strategy***

The paperwork on this had been circulated prior to the meeting but it was felt that it would be too time consuming to discuss this in full at our meeting. Committee members will be asked to send comments to Magaidh by the end of March. The local CnP groups will also be asked if they would like to feed in comments to the national committee response.

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

MD gave an update on committee accounts. The end of CnP(N) financial year is 31st January so accounts are with the accountant. There was discussion on Early Years funding and how best to manage this if it was to be made available through Comann nam Pàrant in the next financial year.

10. GISBE / AOCB

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is due to be held on Friday 18th May and after discussion it was decided that the venue this year should be Fort William and that we should have a speaker on secondary education.

**Action: FB to investigate availability of Alexandra Hotel as a venue
MW to organise speaker**

Perth & Kinross Gaelic Language Plan

The consultation on this Gaelic Plan which is open until the end of March was discussed.

Action: MW to draft response and circulate to committee

Early Years sector

There was discussion on how CnP can best support the pre-school sector working with the early years team at Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Highland Council Gaelic Education Officer

CnP has had previous correspondence with Highland Council regarding the continuing failure of the local authority to appoint an education officer following the retirement of DJ Macleod a number of years ago. There is no dedicated post at a senior with responsibility for Gaelic medium education within the authority, a wholly unsatisfactory situation.

Action: Letter to Hugh Fraser, Director of Education, Highland Council.

Local CnP groups

There was some discussion on how to strengthen links between the national committee and local groups. Information will be going out shortly to local groups asking for nominations to the national committee prior to our AGM in May and MD suggested that we should stress that the national representative does not have to be an 'office bearer' on a local CnP group and can be an 'ordinary' committee member.

Action: MW to contact groups and encourage representation on the national committee.

11. *An ath choinneamh*

Next meeting

AGM 18th May / Committee 19th May