

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

Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh *Minute of meeting*

**Disathairne 7 Sultain 2013 aig 10.30m aig Oifis Comunn na Gàidhlig,
Inbhir Nis**

***Saturday 7th September 2013 at 10.30am at Comunn na Gàidhlig office,
Inverness***

An làthair *Present*

Dawn Morgan (DM)
Bob McGowan (BM)
Marsaili Dow (MD)
Iona McTaggart (IM)
Kathleen Macleod
Magaidh Wentworth (MW)

Inbhir Nis
Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Ionmhasair
Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Oifigear Phàrant

1. Leisgeulan *Apologies*

Gill Steele(GS)
Daibhidh Sutherland (DS)
Donna Young (DY)
Janice Toner

Obar Pheallaidh
Meadhan Alba
Dùn Òmhain
Lannraig a Tuath

2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 16 Màrt 2013 agus 18 Cèitean 2013 *Minute of meeting, 16th March 2013 and 18th May 2013*

The minute of the meeting on 16th March was approved.

Proposed: Marsaili Dow
Seconded: Dawn Morgan

The minute of the meeting on 18th May was approved.

Proposed: Marsaili Dow
Seconded: Dawn Morgan

3. Gnothaichean ag èirigh nach eil air a' chlàr-chùisean *Matters arising not on agenda*

16th March

From §3 National Guidelines on GME – MW has spoken to Joan Esson at Education Scotland regarding the guidelines.

From §9 Letter to East Ayrshire – MW wrote to the Director of Education at East Ayrshire and shared his reply with the committee and her subsequent response. The situation regarding Gaelic medium provision in East Ayrshire remains a concern.

18th May

From §2 Election of Office Bearers –

Vice-convenor Kathleen Macleod was elected unopposed
Proposed: Marsaili Dow Seconded: Dawn Morgan
Secretary Dawn Morgan was elected unopposed
Proposed: Bob McGowan Seconded: Marsaili Dow

4. Sgeama Comhairleachaidh Phàrant *Parental Advisory Scheme*

MW provided an update on the scheme. Parental Advisors have had a quieter spell over the summer spells but the next few months will be the busy spell prior to nursery enrolments. We continue to work closely with BnaG and Early Years groups. A number of Parent Advisors are to attend Bookbug training this month. Some advisors are helping to establish early years groups in new areas with a view to progression to Gaelic medium provision in new local authority areas. The new Fios is Freagairt information pack was shown to the committee and discussion took place on how best to utilise this valuable resource.

5. Tràth Bhliadhnaichean / *Early Years*

The business plan and project outline for the early years funding through the strategic funding partnership with the government had been circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The first 6 months of this years funding is now in BnaG budget and MW will meet with early years' staff at the Bòrd before any funding is allocated as stipulated in the treasurer's letter to BnaG on transfer of funds. The Scottish Government liaison officer for this fund is Janet Dunsmuir and the committee agreed that we should invite her to our next meeting as she has already stated her willingness to attend a meeting.

Action: MW to liaise with BnaG on fund
MW to invite Janet to next meeting

6. Comann nam Pàrant / Comhairle Phàrant – eadar dhealachadh *Comann nam Pàrant / Parent Councils - differences*

A draft paper had been circulated prior to the meeting listing the different functions of the bodies although there will inevitably be some crossover. It was agreed that this paper is a useful tool as a rough guide to remit and role of the two organisations.

Action: Any feedback from groups to MW

7. Cuairt-litir / *Newsletter*

The summer edition has just been published and it was agreed that we should have an Autumn edition.

Action: Any contributions to be sent to MW.

8. Duaisean Gàidhlig Nàiseanta / *National Gaelic Awards*

Nominations are now open for the Scottish Gaelic Awards. The awards are to celebrate and reward all aspects of Gaelic culture, education and language. There are 10 categories and information is on the awards website. The committee agreed that we should support these awards and put forward nominations. The deadline for nominations is 4th October.

Action: MW to collate and circulate suggestions for nominees to the committee.

9. Cuisean rianachd – Coinneamh Bhliadhnail, luchd-amhairc, comataidh / *Administrative issues – Annual General Meeting, observers, committee*

Bòrd na Gàidhlig have been meeting with all the Gaelic organisations that they fund in order to look at issues of governance. Ailig Graham has met with the

Parental Officer regarding CnP and we await his report. CnP(N) are also due to meet with BnaG in November when we will be required to deliver a presentation which will include a summary of our current activities, costs and links to the National Plan for Gaelic, our Mission Statement and how we see the work of our organisation develop over the next three years.

Following discussion it was decided that a paper be prepared for the next meeting which would consider the role and structure of CnP(N) as well as opportunities and a plan to develop the organisation.

Action: MW to prepare presentation for BnaG
MW to draft paper next meeting

10. Aithisg Ionmhasair / Treasurer's Report

MD presented her report to the committee.

11. GISBE / AOCB

National Parent Forum – information has been circulated on the national conference which is to be held on 5th October in Bishopbriggs.

Education Officer Highland Council – still no appointment

Action: MW to write to HC requesting update

Gaelic medium in Thurso- the committee noted and welcomed the commencement of Gaelic medium education in Mount Pleasant Primary School

An ath choinneamh / Next meeting

Next meeting is 23rd November in Edinburgh, venue to be confirmed