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

Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh

Minute of meeting

Disathairne 19 Cèitean 2012 aig 9.30m aig Oifis Taigh-òsta Alexandra, An Gearasdan

Saturday 19th May 2012 at 9.30am in Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

An làthair Present

Dawn Morgan (DM) Inbhir Nis

Bob McGowan (BM) Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn

Margaret Ford (MF)
Donna Young (DY)
Kay Crawford (KC)
Daibhidh Sutherland
Marsaili Dow (MD)
Magaidh Wentworth (MW)
Acharacle
Dùn Òmhain
Meadhan Alba
Ionmhasair
Oifigear Phàrant

1. Leisgeulan

Apologies

Fiona Byrne (FB) Lochaber Kerry Butler Sruighlea

2. Taghadh luchd-stiùiridh

Election of Office Bearers

Office bearers were elected as follows:

Convener: Dawn Morgan was proposed by Bob McGowan

Seconded by Donna Young

Dawn was elected unopposed.

Vice-Convener: Bob McGowan was proposed by Donna Young

Seconded by Daibhidh Sutherland

Bob was elected unopposed

Secretary: Donna Young was proposed by Kay Crawford

Seconded by Daibhidh Sutherland

Donna was elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Marsaili Dow co-opted as treasurer

The committee agreed that Iona McTaggart, Gaelic medium Information Office for Comhairle nan Eilean Siar should be co-opted onto the committee in order to strengthen links with parents in the Western Isles.

Action: MW to contact Iona.

3. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 3 Màirt 2012 Minute of meeting, 3rd March 2012

The minute of the meeting on 3rd March was approved.

Proposed: Bob McGowan Seconded: Marsaili Dow

4. Gnothaichean ag èirigh nach eil air a' chlàr-chùisean Matters arising not on agenda / Action Points

From §3 Letter to be written to BnaG re: the recent HMle report and secondary provision, letter to BnaG on 29th March. No reply.

From §7 Consultation on NHSScotland Gaelic Language Plan responded to.

From §10 Perth & Kinross Gaelic Language Plan responded to.

From §10 Highland Council Gaelic Education Officer, letter sent to Hugh Fraser and reply received which was shown to the meeting.

Action: Letter to follow up reply DM / MW

4. Cumhnant Bòrd na Gàidhlig Bòrd na Gàidhlig contract

The Comann nam Parant contract from BnaG for 2012-13 was discussed. There had been no increase in funding from the previous two years. Members expressed some disappointment that we were unsuccessful in our application to run an 'Edinburgh week' for high school pupils. It was decided to look at making other funding applications for this.

Action: MW to look at funding possibilities

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 was a training day in Glasgow with 6 potential advisors but unfortunately the planned training day in Inverness had to be cancelled due to a number of people who hoped to attend not being able to.

6. Cuairt-litir Newsletter

The second publication of the newsletter was published and circulated in April Hopefully we will be able to get more information from local groups for the next publication. Members asked that the newsletter be e-mailed to the national committee as well as local groups and publication on the internet.

Action: Newsletter at start of new session with information from local groups and e-mailed to national committee.

7. Co-chomhairle air Plana Gàidhlig SNS na h-Alba Consultation on NHSScotland Gaelic Language Plan A response to this consultation was submitted from CnP.

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

The paperwork on this was circulated to all local CnP groups. MW to attend seminar on the proposed strategy in June.

9. Aithisg lonmhasair Treasurer's Report MD gave an update on committee accounts which had been presented to the AGM the previous evening. Comann nam Parant has received part payment of early years funding for this financial year and are awaiting information from BnaG on how this funding is to be distributed to early year's groups.

10. GISBE / AOCB

Additional Support

DS said that the number of children with additional support needs was on the increase in SGG and parents felt that more provision was needed for these children. MF said that there was now a package available for children in Gaelic medium with dyslexia. Members felt that there was still bad advice been given to parents from health professionals. These issues are addressed in the next National Plan for Gaelic which is due to be launched this summer.

Teacher Supply

There had been a lot of discussion at the AGM regarding problems with teacher supply, both at primary and secondary levels. There was a perception that the situation was worsening and this was cause for much concern particularly with an increase in promotion of GME, will we be able to meet the demand from parents.

Action: Invite representative from BnaG to discuss this at our next meeting

Action: Short survey of local groups to gain a better understanding of what the situation with regard to teacher supply is.

11. Coinneamhan 2012-13 Meetings 2012-13

8th September in Glasgow 17th November in Inverness 9th March in Glasgow 18th May AGM 2013