

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

Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh / *Minute of meeting*

Disathairne 10/09/16 aig 10m / *Saturday 10/09/16 at 10am*
Premier Inn, Glaschu

An làthair / *Present*

Bob McGowan	Chair
Fiona Carter	Glaschu
Helen Mckinnon	Glaschu
Marsaili Dow	Ionmhasair
Fiona Stephen	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Magaidh Wentworth	Oifigear Phàrant
Diorbhail Wentworth	Oifigear Leasachaidh
Gill Steele	Obar Pheallaidh
Kathleen Macleod	Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Claire Wilding	Oban
Chrissie Valluri	Peairt
Kerry Jardine	Obar Dheadhain

1. Leisgeulan / *Apologies*

- 1.1. Iona McTaggart Na-h-Eileanan Iar
- 1.2. Dawn Morgan Inbhir Nis (also stepping down)

2. Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh 4 Ògmhios 2016

Minute of Meeting 4th June 2016

- 2.1. The minute of the meeting on 14th March was approved.
- 2.2. Proposed: Marsaili Dow
- 2.3. Seconded: Gill Steele

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

Matters arising not on agenda

- 3.1. Mona Wilson in post at BNG as new Director of Education and will be invited to future meetings
- 3.2. MW and BM to meet with Scottish Government to discuss duties of CNP as set out in the Education Act (2016) along with representatives from the NPFS
- 3.3. John Swinney has been invited to and will attend Aberfeldy GME celebration day on 4th November
- 3.4. BM as chair to write to John Swinney on behalf of CNP Nàiseanta

4. Stiùireadh Nàiseanta

National Guidance

- 4.1. CNP(N) will respond and encourage individuals to respond through provision of information document. All local CNP groups to encourage responses to the consultation
- 4.2. Notable lack of information on transport, school requests, criteria, transitions, strategic planning

- 4.3. CNP to recommend separate paper by BNG on transitions
- 4.4. Ensure GME request form is standardised, easily available and makes it clear that CNP and BNG are available to support parents
- 4.5. Potentially suggest a 'register of interest' or CNP have database of interested parents
- 4.6. Had previously been suggested that CNP need legal advice on responding to requests BM made point that we need advice on how it will work in practice first
- 4.7. Look for admin staff as part of next year's funding to help CNP fulfil new position as set out by Act
- 4.8. Criteria – agreed that CNP must take position of no criteria is ever suitable for GME, in case of over subscription every effort should be made to accommodate all children

5. Aithisg Meriel Young

Meriel Young Report

- 5.1. MW covered background of the report and content
- 5.2. CNP(N) to write to BNG to raise question of how they intend to act on recommendation of the report (BM with special reference to the toolkit for LA's)

6. Maoinachadh Tràth Bhliadhnaichean

Early Years Funding

- 6.1. MW thanks to MD. There has been 90k core funding allocated for this financial year from Scottish Government in support of Gaelic early learning and childcare. BnaG are contributing extra funds towards this budget this year which will ease the pressure on the funds but we have only been able to fund core running costs of groups.
- 6.2. CnP requires breakdown from BnaG on how this funding is allocated and MW is involved in assessing the funding applications from the early years groups.
- 6.3. Current opportunity to apply for project funding, but CnP need agreement for project from BnaG

7. Prògram obrach làitheil agus cuisean ag èirigh

Current programme of work and current issues

- 7.1. Draft of next national Gaelic plan to be launched at the Mòd ready for 3 month consultation period
- 7.2. From Monday 12th DW to be part time and Eleanor Wood joining as part time, work to be divided according to geographical areas
- 7.3. CW – update on Oban situation, there are now a probationer and principal teacher in post. Class 4/5/6/7 have GME only 3 days a week.
- 7.4. Aberdeen – lost two teachers and loss of high school teachers, e-sgoil as current solution, concerns that this might become permanent solution. General concerns in Aberdeen over negative coverage of Gaelic in the media and community attitudes. Suggested that a positive press release is made and contact made with community development officer.
- 7.5. CV update on Perth, new fulltime teacher and advertising for permanent 0.5 post. Crisis with dropout rates at secondary level. Fluent and learners are

mixed. Also looking to move the nursery to a different site to accommodate growth. Suggest that guidance covers age range and preferential ratios (for composite classes) to avoid P1 – 7 classes. Suggest that it also cover unsuitability of mixing fluent and learners speakers at secondary level.

- 7.6. Gill requested Oban school request letter so that it might be used to draft a letter in P&K.
- 7.7. Nairn – still pushing for high school provision, head teacher is main barrier. Virtual school suggested and contact to be made with Kenny Murray.
- 7.8. Edinburgh – positive mood in the council, need to look at expanding provision in upcoming years. FS to provide CnP Glaschu with info and terms of reference on GIG.
- 7.9. GS – can BNG push for improved pay for GME teachers
- 7.10. FS – more in guidance to recommend language assistant at P1 - 3

1. Cuairt Litir

Newsletter

- 1.1. MW invited contributions for Autumn newsletter.

2. Aithisg Ionmhasair

Treasurer's Report

- 2.1. MD provided update on accounts which were accepted by the committee as being in order.

3. GISBE

AOCB

- 3.1. CNPn to design and provide new pop up banners for events as (as requested by CV and CnP Glaschu).
- 3.2. Date set for next meeting Saturday 26th November