

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

Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh

Minute of meeting

Disathairne 24 Sultain 2011 aig 10m ann an Oifis Comunn na Gàidhlig, 5

Caolshràid Mhicheil, Inbhir Nis IV2 3HQ

Saturday 24th September 2011 at 10am in Comunn na Gàidhlig office, 5

Mitchell's lane, Inverness, IV2 3HQ

An làthair

Present

Dawn Morgan (DM)

Inbhir Nis

Bob McGowan (BM)

Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn

Marsaili Dow (MD)

Ionmhasair

Magaidh Wentworth (MW)

Oifigear Phàrant

1. Leisgeulan

Apologies

Fiona Byrne (FB)

Lochaber

Margaret Ford (MF)

Acharacle

Donna Young (DY)

Dùn Òmhain

Morag Soszka

Ros an Ear

Kerry Butler

Sruighlea

Colin Meek

Ros an Iar

2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 21 Ceitean 2011

Minutes of meeting, 21st May 2011

The minutes of the meeting on 21st May were accepted.

Proposed: Marsaili Dow

Seconded: Bob McGowan

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

Matters arising not on agenda / Action Points

From §2 Morag Soszka, a parent from Bonar Bridge has joined the committee. Colin Meek has resigned.

From §6 The situation with classroom assistants in the Highland Council area is still under review.

From §7 A report with results from the survey of Bonnington School is due to go to council in October. There is already support in principle for the establishment of a Gaelic school in Edinburgh.

From §8 It was agreed that since we have now appointed a development officer on the graduate placement scheme that we would be able to go ahead with the production of an electronic newsletter. Suggested topics were; advantages of bilingualism, profile work of one parental advisor, general information on CnP groups, list of the main Gaelic organisations.

From §11 The Comunn na Gàidhlig camps went ahead in the summer, the Sradagan camp was particularly successful and the level of Gaelic content was excellent.

4. **Bun-stèidh Comann nam Pàrant**
Comann nam Parant Constitution
The minor proposed changes to the constitution will be put to next year's Annual General Meeting.
5. **Cumhnant Bòrd na Gàidhlig**
Bòrd na Gàidhlig contract
We have been invited to meet with BnaG in October in order to review progress with this year's contract and to discuss next year's contract and how our organisation will contribute to the next National Plan for Gaelic.

Action: MW and DM to attend meeting with BnaG.
6. **Poileasaidh Gàidhlig Comann nam Parant**
Comann nam Pàrant Gaelic Policy
The Policy was put to the committee and adopted following one amendment; remove 'the post town will be shown as it appears on a list agreed by the organisation'.
7. **Sgeama Comhairleachaidh Phàrant**
Parental Advisory Scheme
MW gave an update on the scheme. So far this year 34 people have attended training and a number of meetings are being held with previously trained advisors in order to plan activities in their local areas.
8. **Sgeama Luchd-ceumnachaidh**
Graduate Placement Scheme
Interviews were held and Kenneth MacKenzie from Dingwall appointed. His remit is to support the Parental Officer particularly with the Parental Advisory Scheme.
9. **Co-chomhairle air Plana Nàiseanta na Gàidhlig**
Consultation on Gaelic National Plan
The consultation on the next National Gaelic Plan for Gaelic is due to be launched shortly and we will encourage CnP groups to participate in the consultation process.
10. **Co-chomhairle air Plana Gàidhlig Taigh-tasgaidh na h-Alba**
Consultation on National Museums of Scotland Gaelic Plan

The consultation on this plan ends on the 5th October and the national committee will submit a response.

Action: MW to draft comments and circulate to committee

11. Aithisg luchd-sgrudaidh

HMIE Report

The HMIE report 'Gaelic Education: Building on the successes, addressing the barriers' was published in June. The report highlights the importance of a strong immersion phase in Gaelic medium education and the need for written national guidance which would define best practice in delivering Gaelic medium provision. Comann nam Parant have asked for such guidance for a number of years in order to reduce the variation in provision in GME that currently exists.

Action: Letter to BnaG / HMIE welcoming the report and given the recommendations restate our case for national guidance.

12. Aithisg Ionmhasair

Treasurer's Report

MD gave an update on committee accounts.

13. GISBE

AOCB

The lack of progress with provision at secondary level was raised as a continuing area of concern.

Action: Letter to BnaG raising concerns

14. An ath choinneamh

Next meeting

Meeting dates were set as follows:

Sat. 12th Nov. (changed to 26th Nov. after the meeting) in Glasgow

Sat. 3rd March in Inverness

AGM 18/ 19 May