

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

### **Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh** *Minute of meeting*

**Disathairne 23 Samhain 2013 aig 10.30m aig Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce,  
Dùn Èideann**

*Saturday 23rd November 2013 at 10.30am at Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pairce,  
Edinburgh*

### **An làthair** *Present*

Dawn Morgan (DM)	Inbhir Nis
Bob McGowan (BM)	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Marsaili Dow (MD)	Ionmhasair
Kathleen Macleod	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Gill Steele(GS)	Obar Pheallaidh
Donna Young (DY)	Dùn Òmhain
Fiona Stephen	Convenor, CnP Dhùn Èideann
Magaidh Wentworth (MW)	Oifigear Phàrant
Janet Dunsmuir	Riaghaltas na h-Alba

### **1. Leisgeulan** *Apologies*

Daibhidh Sutherland (DS)	Meadhan Alba
Janice Toner	Lannraig a Tuath
Iona McTaggart (IM)	Na-h-Eileanan Iar

### **2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 7 Sultain 2013**

*Minute of meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013*

The minute of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September was approved.

Proposed: Marsaili Dow  
Seconded: Dawn Morgan

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

From §9 We are awaiting Governance Report from BnaG

### **4. Prògram obrach làitheil agus cuisean ag èirigh** *Current Programme of work and issues*

BM and MW met with Bòrd na Gàidhlig in November where they delivered a presentation which included a summary of CnP 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. The meeting was constructive and we were advised that we would be informed hopefully in December or early in the New Year on next year's funding. Possible secondment

of the Parental Officer's was mentioned but there was no detailed discussion on the practicalities.

The Parental Advisory Scheme work has become more than a promotion scheme for Gaelic-medium education with some advisors involved in delivery of pre-school activities such as Bookbug and providing support for early years groups. DY raised the need for a Toolkit for Early Years groups which BnaG are currently working on. It would be also useful for parents to have a guide to Gaelic Organisations, we provide this in our training for Parent Advisors and we could include the information on our website which is currently being redesigned. It was suggested that this be something along the lines of 'Gaelic for Dummies' or 'Navigate this world of Gaelic'.

Parent Advisors will have a dedicated e-mail attached to the website e.g. [donna@parant.org.uk](mailto:donna@parant.org.uk)

Strategic Fund -the report for the first 6 months of the fund was circulated to members and noted. MD will require a breakdown of expenditure from BnaG by the end of December for our end of year accounts in January.

There was general discussion from members present on the situation in each of their areas. There was general concern expressed about the recent Head teacher appointment at Bun-sgoil Gàidhlig Inbhir Nis and the potential impact on other appointments in Gaelic schools.

Actions: MW to prepare discussion paper on role of Parent Advisors  
MW to include the suggested information on website  
MW to contact accountant at BnaG for information

(GS left the meeting at this point)

## **5. Structar Comann na Pàrant / Structure**

A discussion paper on the structure of Comann nam Pàrant had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Members discussed this at length and there was broad agreement on proposals in the document. All present were convinced of the importance of Comann nam Pàrant at national and local level and especially at this time with the Government looking at parental entitlement to Gaelic-medium education the parental voice was very important.

Actions:

We should try to link the AGM with an event which would attract more participants – MW to initially approach Aberfeldy group regarding May next year when they are planning their Family Learning Week with local Mod taking place at the same time

To take other proposals forward BM and MW will put together a short questionnaire to circulate to local groups

MW to invite Parental Involvement Officer from Education Scotland to meet with us to discuss increasing Parental Involvement from GM parents at national level

## **6. Plana Gníomh Comann nam Pàrant *Comann nam Pàrant Development Plan 2014-15***

A draft paper had been circulated prior to the meeting It was decided due to time constraints that discussion on the plan be taken forward to our next meeting.

Action: Include Development Plan on Agenda for next meeting

## **7. Cuairt-litir / Newsletter**

The Autumn edition has been produced and almost ready for distribution. FS said how much she appreciated the newsletter which she found to be an attractive and informative publication.

**8. Aithisg Ionmhasair / *Treasurer's Report***

MD presented her report to the committee.

**9. GISBE / *AOCB***

There was no other business raised.

**An ath choinneamh / *Next meeting***

Next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> March in Inverness, venue to be confirmed