Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) Coinneamh Bhliadhnail 2026

Dimàirt 19 Cèitean 2026/Tuesday 19 May 2026
19:00
Air-loidhne/Online

Geàrr-Chunntas

1. Fàilte
   Weclome
   An làthair
   Sarah Thomas
   Helen MacKinnon
   Martainn Mac a' Bhailidh
   Joanne MacKenzie
   Hollie Souter
   Gwen Cluberston
   Katrina Laurie
   Wilma Laird
   Arleen Cameron
   Kirsteen Murray
   Magaidh Wentworth

2. Leisgeulan
   Apologies
   Alison Craig
   Margaret Millar
   Athene

3. Geàrr—chunntas na Coinneimh Bhliadhnail 2025
   Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2025

   The minutes of the 2025 annual general meeting was agreed as an accurate account.
   Proposed: Sarah Thomas
   Seconded: Helen MacKinnon

4. Aithisg Bhliadhnail
   Annual Report
   The draft annual report was shared beforehand.

Helen gave an overview, highlighting how it gave an overview of the work that Comann nam Pàrant have been invovled with.
Helen highlighted the very positive work happening from the early year's team.
Helen also made reference to the commencement of Gaelic Medium Education in Lochaline as very positive news. A GME teacher has now been recrutied and will be beginning in August.
Discussion regarding the Gaelic Medium request that was submitted to the Borders. Despite following the process, the council have been to stalling to begin GME in August. Discussions continue to try and ensure gaelic education begins as soon as possible. Gwen made reference tthat UHI have a campus in the Borders which PGDE course so this could be a future filter system for teachers within the area.
We also highlighted the report on secondary provision by Wilson MacLeod & Jim Whannell.
HMIE also produced an important report this year on Gaelic Medium Education. They will also be holding a conference on Gaelic learning education, where numbers of pupils have decresed greatly.
Kirsteen updated committee that the results from the survey that was carried out among parents in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has now been shared with officer at the council. In the results there were was a 50/50 split about GME although those that chose English Medium were very vocal about this. Some that chose English were concern that GME would affect their child's english litreature capbiltiy. Some also made reference that the standard of Gaelic was not good enough in school and some also felt that the Gaelic provision in the secondary was poor so didn't see the beenift of choosing GME at primary.
The report looking at secondary provision in Stornoway was submitted in February to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

5. Bonn-stèidh CnP(N)

CnP (N) constitution

Discussion was had regarding the proposed changes to the constitution. All changes were agreed and constitution will be changed accordingly.

6. Notice of resolution to convert a charitable company into a SCIO
   Agreed to convert group into a SCIO.

7. Notice of resolution to adopt the proposed constitution of a SCIO
   Martainn brought up the set-up of local groups in particular looking at Comann nam Pàrant Phort Rìgh. The group is looking to change the group to Comann nam Pàrant an Eilein Sgitheanaich. In particular there are issues with the secondary school and feel that it would be better for one group to be representing the whole island. Comann nam Pàrant are happy to support the group to make changes, if required.

8. Aithisg an Ionmhasair
Treasurer's Report

Report was shared with the committee. Innes gave an overview of all expenses up until January 2026.

Magaidh explained to all attendees how Comunn na Gàidhlig employ the six staff for Comann nam Pàrant and that the bank account is purely for committee expenses which is fairly limited with the majoirty of meetings now taking place online.

9. Taghadh Neach-Sgrùdaidh Neo-eismealach
Appointment of Independent Examiner

Agreed that we continue to use WR Cumnock as independent examiner.

10. Taghadh Buill a' Chomataidh
Election of Committee Members

Office Bearers
Chairperson: Helen MacKinnon
Nominated by Martainn Mac a' Bhailidh
Seconded: Katrina Lawrie

Secreatary: Wilma Laird
Nominated: Helen MacKinnon
Seconded: Sarah Thomas

Treasurer: Sarah Thomas (co-opted)
Nominated: Wilma Laird
Seconded: Helen MacKinnon

Committee Members
Athene Richford
Alison Craig
Jon Andrews
Margaret Millar
Katrina Lawrie
Martainn Mac a' Bhailidh
Arleen Cameron