

**Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta)
Coinneamh Bhliadhnail 2022**

11 An t-Ògmhios aig 10.30 am

(air Zoom)

An Làthair

Magaidh Wentworth (Comann nam Pàrant)
Innes MacQueen (Comann nam Pàrant)
Fiona Stephens (Vice-Chair, Edinburgh)
Isobel Taylor (Dunoon)
Will Clem (Nairn)
Sarah Thomas (Stirling)
Marsaili Dow (Treasurer)
Joanne McHale (Education Manager, Bòrd na Gàidhlig)
Kirsteen Murray (Comann nam Pàrant)
Gill Steele (Secretary, Aberfeldy)
Evelyn Coull MacLeod (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar)
Wilma Laird (Edinburgh)
Jim Whannel (Director of Education, Bòrd na Gàidhlig)
Rob Dunbar

1. Fàilte / Welcome

Fiona Stephens stands as chair for today's meeting. Fiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Leisgeulan / Apologies

Joan Esson, Helen MacKinnon, Lewis Laing & Anna Wilson

3. Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh Bhliadhnail 2021 / Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2021

Proposed: Marsaili Dow

Seconded – Evelyn Coull MacLeod

4. Gnothaichean ag èiridh às a' Gheàrr-chunntas / Matters arising from the Minute

No matters arising

10. Taisbeanadh bho Jim Whannel air Phlana Nàiseanta na Gàidhlig / Presentation from Jim Whannel on the National Gaelic Plan

Jim's presentation was brought forward in the agenda.

Jim presented on the National Gaelic Plan.

Fiona asked about the review of the Statutory Guidance and the opportunity to strengthen it. A proposal to review the guidance is going to Board members of BnaG in December for approval and then hopefully out to public consultation.

Fiona welcomed the mentioned of normalisation of the language as stated in the plan. Jim encouraged individuals and local groups to respond to the consultation. There are questions in the draft to help construct your response.

Rob Dunbar thanked CnP for the work they are doing. Discussed how a language commissioner could make a big impact on the development of Gaelic.

Jim congratulated Dunoon on their award at the recent Scottish Education annual awards.

5. Aithisg Bhliadhnail / Annual Report

The annual report was distributed to attendees beforehand. Fiona highlighted main points in the report. A busy year for the committee and office bearers. It has helped having continuity within the committee.

The GME stakeholders meetings which we have held are always very welcomed and are useful platforms to start conversations on important topics in Gaelic Education.

Invitation from Ken Muir to discuss the Education Reform was greatly received. A great opportunity to share points-of-view from a Gaelic perspective. Parents emphasised at that meeting that Gaelic must be embedded from day one in any new organisation created.

GME promotion and supporting new GME provision. Ongoing work with many local authorities

Work for a 3-18 campus in Inverness and north Lanarkshire is ongoing.

Increasing online presence to ensure information is available for parents. Social media, websites. Neadan.scot - very helpful material within the website.

Comann nam Pàrant continuing to attend the Faster Rate of Progress (Gaelic) meetings.

Invitation to speak at the Cross party group. This was a good opportunity to raise the important topic of Language rights. Fiona thanked Eilidh for her presentation to the cross party.

Fiona noted the huge success of the early year's team and thanked them for their hard work.

Edinburgh Gaelic week for GM schools was able to run again this year and was held over two weeks rather than one due to high demand.

The continued good working relationship with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Education Scotland is very welcome.

Magaidh also noted Comann nam Pàrant is in a strong position at the moment with a team of officers now in place. This along with a strong committee and a good working relationship with Bòrd na Gàidhlig has given us opportunities to achieve goals that have been discussed within the committee for a while.

6. Aithisg Ionmhasair / Treasurer's report:

Report distributed beforehand by Marsaili. Financial year end 31st Jan 2022 – figures given for that date.

7. Taghadh Buill na Comataidh / Election of Committee Members:

Chairperson: Helen MacKinnon

Nominated: Fiona Stephens

Seconded: Marsaili Dow

Vice Chair: Fiona Stephens

Nominated: Will Clem

Seconded: Marsaili Dow

Secretary: Gill Steele

Nominated: Isobel Taylor

Seconded: Marsaili Dow

Treasurer: Marsaili Dow

Nominated: Fiona Stephen

Seconded: Gill Steele

Ordinary Members:

Isabel Taylor

Will Clem

Evelyn Coull MacLeod

Wilma Laird

Sarah Thomas

Claire Wilding

8. Taghadh Neach-sgrùdhaidh Neo-eismeach / Appointment of independent examiner:

W.R Accountants, Cumnock. Marsaili proposed to continue using this accountant. Local to Marsaili, has been used for many years and have a successful working relationship. Committee agreed.

9. GISBE/AOCB:

No other business to discuss.

Meeting Closed