

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

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

Disathairne 14 Mart 2015 aig 10m / *Saturday 14th March 2015 at 10am*  
Premier Inn, Glasgow

#### **An làthair / *Present***

Bob McGowan	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Daibhidh Sutherland	Meadhan Alba
Marsaili Dow	Ionmhasair
Fiona Stephen	Convenor, CnP Dhùn Èideann
Iona McTaggart	Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Dawn Morgan	Inbhir Nis
Magaidh Wentworth	Oifigear Phàrant

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

Mairi MacMillan	Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Kathleen Macleod	Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Gill Steele	Obar Pheallaidh

#### **2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 22mh Samhain 2014**

##### ***Minute of meeting, 22nd November 2014***

The minute of the meeting on 22nd November was approved.

Proposed: Fiona Stephen

Seconded: Bob McGowan

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

##### ***Matters arising not on agenda***

From §5 The relationship between Comann nam Pàrant groups and Parent Councils. Comann nam Pàrant representatives met with the Education Manager at BnaG in January for to discuss the roles of the groups. This was an open, and positive discussion, which covered many of the opportunities and challenges for Comann nam Pàrant groups. We are all working in support of GME and there are issues that are within the remit of both groups which provide opportunities for joint initiatives. Generally Parent Councils' are concerned with the fabric of the school, curriculum issues whilst Comann nam Pàrant are more involved in the general development of GME within an area, liaison with officials and suchlike.

#### **4. Prògram obrach làitheil agus cuisean ag èirigh**

## **Current Programme of work and issues**

**4.1** Comann nam Pàrant's recent application to Bòrd na Gàidhlig for additional funding has been successful. The sum granted is £60k and will enable us to employ a Development Officer, initially for one year. MW detailed the project submitted which was as follows:

'In line with current Government policy on Parental Engagement and known benefits to families of parental involvement in all aspects of children's development we seek funding to enable us to develop a range of activities, building on current models of good practice, to encourage and support greater family participation in Gaelic medium education.

We will: Gather information on current activities and examples of good practice including resources for families

Organise family events for families with children in Gaelic medium early years (pre-school and primary)

Sessions will include:

Activities for children

Information for parents on methodology of GME; information / activities that will enable them to support their child's use of Gaelic in the home;

Promotion of constructive relationships between parents, schools, Comann nam Pàrant, Parent Councils and local authorities'

**Action: MW to advertise and recruit for Development Officer**

**4.2** There was discussion amongst members on continuing parental concerns regarding a) the workforce in GME and b) lack of progress in developing the secondary sector.

**Action: RM to write to BnaG on behalf of CnP(N)**

**4.3** MW reported that in some areas parents are still experiencing difficulties due to issues with transport to GME.

**Action: MW to continue to support parents experiencing problems**

## **5. Comann nam Pàrant Tachartas Nàiseanta**

### ***Comann nam Pàrant National Event 'Awards for All'***

There was discussion on arrangements for the CnP national event to be held on the 9th May in Inverness.

**Action: MW to progress arrangements for event**

## **6. Pròiseact 'Thig a chluich'**

### ***'Come and Play' project 'Families and Communities Fund'***

IM updated the committee on this project which she manages in the Western Isles along with the Early Years officer at Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Comann nan Pàrant has funding from the Communities and Families Fund which will enable us to run the project until December 2015. The sessions involve play for pre-school children and an information service for parents.

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

CnP continues to produce a quarterly newsletter which is well received by parents. It is on our website, distributed via our Facebook page and Parentzone.

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

Marsaili provided an update on accounts.

**9. An ath choinneamh / *Next meeting***

9th May Conference in Inverness.