



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

COMATAIDH NA Gàidhlig

Minute of Meeting held in the Council Offices,
Stornoway on Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 4.00pm

Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh a chaidh a cumail ann an
Oifisean na Comhairle, Steòrnabagh air Dimàirt 4
Gearran 2025 aig 4.00f

PRESENT

Mr Uisdean Robertson (Vice-Chair)
Mr Kenneth Macleod
Mr Calum Maclean
Mr Duncan Macinnes MBE

APOLOGIES

Mr Donald Macsween (Chair)
Mr John A Maciver
Mr Gordon Murray

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Iain A MacNeil
Mr Kenneth M Macleod

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Malcolm Burr
Dr Donald Weir
Mr Angus MacIannan
Mr Donald Macleod
Mr Colin G Morrison
Mr Derek Mackay
Mrs Marina Macaulay

AN LÀTHAIR

Mgr Ùisdean MacDhonnchaidh (Iar-Cathair)
Mgr Coinneach MacLeòid
Mgr Calum MacIlleathain
Mgr Donnchadh MacAonghais MBE

LEISGEULAN

Mgr Dòmhnall MacSuain (Cathair)
Mgr Iain A MacIomhair
Mgr Gordon Moireach

BUILL AN LÀTHAIR

Mgr Iain A MacNeil
Mgr Coinneach M MacLeòid

OIFIGEARAN AN LÀTHAIR

Mgr Malcolm Burr
An t-Oil Dòmhnall Weir
Mgr Aonghas MacIlIinean
Mgr Dòmhnall MacLeòid
Mgr Cailean S Moireasdain
Mgr Derek MacAoidh
Bh-ph Marina NicAmhlaigh

MINUTES

- Minute of Meeting of 26 November 2024

The Minute of Meeting of 26 November 2024 was **approved**.
- Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

GEÀRR-CHUNNTASAN

- Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh air 26 Samhain 2024

Chaidh **aontachadh** ri Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh air 26 Samhain 2024.
- Clàradh Ùidh

Cha deach ùidh a chlàradh ann an cuspair sam bith.

PRESENTATION

3 Presentation by Bòrd na Gàidhlig

This Item was withdrawn.

It was agreed that the Scottish Government Gaelic Team be requested to give a presentation to Comataidh na Gàidhlig on Scottish Government support for Gaelic in the islands.

GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN

4 Gaelic First Implementation: Update

Report by Chief Executive

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which provided an update regarding the Comhairle's progress and impact in implementing its Gaelic First Policy. The Table at Appendix A to the Report outlined actions and next steps in terms of implementing the Gaelic First Policy, with comments regarding progress colour coded, using a traffic light system, to aid accessibility.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.

5 Gaelic as an Economic Asset

Report by Chief Executive

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which demonstrated the economic benefits of developing the use of Gaelic in the Western Isles. The appendices to the Report provided examples of ways in which Gaelic brings demonstrable economic benefits to the communities of the Western Isles

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.

6 Gaelic Creative Industries Revenue Funding 2025/26

Report by Chief Executive

The Chief Executive submitted a Report in relation to funding agreements with Gaelic creative industries organisations in 2025/26. It was proposed, in the Report, to retain Sgioba na

TAISBEANADH

3 Taisbeanadh le Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Chaidh an Aithisg seo air a' tharraing air ais.

Chaidh aontachadh gun iarrar air Sgioba Gàidhlig Riaghaltas na h-Alba taisbeanadh a thoirt do Chomataidh na Gàidhlig air taic Riaghaltas na h-Alba don Ghàidhlig anns na h-eileanan.

PLANA CÀNAIN GÀIDHLIG

4 Buileachadh Poileasaidh Gàidhlig mar Chiad Chànan: Cunntas as ùr

Aithisg leis an Àrd-oifigear

Chaidh Aithisg a dheasachadh leis an Àrd-Oifigear a thug seachad fiosrachadh mu dheidhinn buileachadh agus buaidh a' Phoileasaidh Gàidhlig mar Chiad Chànan sa Chomhairle. Thug a' chliath aig Fa-sgrìobhadh A seachad shealladh air gnìomhan a chaidh a choileanadh agus na h-ath cheumannan a thathar an dùil a ghabhail, le dathan gan cleachdadh a thaobh siostam solais-thrafaig agus ìre adhartais a chomharrachadh.

Chaidh aontachadh ri moladh gun toireadh a' Comhairle fa-near na tha am broinn na h-Aithisge

5 Gàidhlig mar Sho-mhaoin Eaconomach

Aithis leis an Àrd-oifigear

Chaidh Aithisg a dheasachadh leis an Àrd-Oifigear a thug seachad fiosrachadh mu dheidhinn buannachdan eaconomach a tha an lùib leasachadh cleachdadh na Gàidhlig sna h-Eileanan Siar. Thug na Fa-sgrìobhaidhean an cois na h-Aithisge seo seachad eisimpleirean de na dòighean anns am bi Gàidhlig a' cruthachadh bhuannachdan eaconomach dearbhte dha coimhearsnachdan nan Eilean Siar

Chaidh aontachadh ri moladh gun toireadh a' Comhairle fa-near na tha am broinn na h-Aithisge.

6 Maoineachadh Teachd a-steach Ghnìomhachasan Cruthachail Gàidhlig 2025/26

Aithis leis an Àrd-oifigear

Chaidh Aithisg a dheasachadh leis an Àrd-Oifigear a thug seachad fiosrachadh mu dheidhinn aontaidhean maoineachaidh le buidhnean gnìomhachasan cruthachail Gàidhlig ann an

Gàidhlig funding at 2024/25 levels for the Hebridean Celtic Festival, Ceòlas and the seven Fèisean in 2025/26, subject to budget setting for 2025/26 and there being sufficient provision in the Sgioba na Gàidhlig budget to do so.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle approve, subject to budget setting for 2025/26, that the Comhairle approve, subject to budget setting for 2025/26, that the sums of £4,275, £4,512 and £6,400 be awarded in 2025/26 to the Hebridean Celtic Festival, Ceòlas and the seven Fèisean respectively on such terms and conditions as the Chief Executive shall determine.

2025/26. Chaidh a mholadh anns an Aithisg gun tèid maoinachadh Sgioba na Gàidhlig 2024/25 airson Fèis Cheilteach Innse Gall, Ceòlas agus nan seachd Fèisean a chumail aig an aon ìre ann an 2025/26, a rèir pròiseas suidheachadh buidseit airson 2025/26, 's gu lèor ann am buidseat Sgioba na Gàidhlig airson seo a dhèanamh.

Chaidh aontachadh moladh gun aontaicheadh a' Chomhairle a rèir pròiseas suidheachadh buidseit airson 2025/26, gun tèid maoinachadh de £4,275, £4,512 agus £6,400 a thoirt do Fhèis Cheilteach Innse Gall, Ceòlas agus na seachd Fèisean fa leth ann an 2025/26 a rèir theirmean agus chùmhnanntan air am mìneachadh leis an Àrd-oifigear.