COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

COMATAIDH NA GÀIDHLIG

Minute of Meeting held in the Council Offices, Stornoway on Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 4.00pm

Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh a chaidh a cumail ann an Oifisean na Comhairle, Steòrnabhagh air Dimàirt 17 Og-Mhios 2025 aig 4.00f

PRESENT
Mr Donald Macsween (Chair)
Mr Uisdean Robertson (Vice-Chair)
Mr Kenneth Macleod
Mr Duncan Macinnes MBE

AN LÀTHAIR
Mgr Dòmhnall MacSuain (Cathair)
Mgr Ùisdean MacDhonnchaidh (Iar-Cathair)
Mgr Coinneach MacLeòid
Mgr Donnchadh MacAonghais MBE

APOLOGIES
Mr Calum Maclean

LEISGEULAN
Mgr Calum MacIlleathain

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
Mr Kenneth J Maclean
Mr Iain A MacNeil
Mr Paul F Steele
Mr Mustapha Hocine
Mr Kenneth M Macleod

BUILL AN LÀTHAIR
Mgr Coinneach J MacIlleathain
Mgr Iain A MacNèill
Mgr Pòl F Steele
Mgr Mustapha Hocine
Mgr Coinneach M MacLeòid

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Malcolm Burr
Mr Donald Macleod
Mr Angus Maclennan
Mr Neil Macleod
Ms Renee Mason
Mr Colin G Morrison
Mr Finlay Maclennan
Mr Derek Mackay
Mrs Marina Macaulay

OIFIGEARAN AN LÀTHAIR

Mgr Malcolm Burr
Mgr Domhnall MacLeòid
Mgr Aonghas MacIllinean
Mgr Niall MacLèoid
Ms Renee Mason
Mgr Cailean S Moireasdain
Mgr Fionnlagh MacIllinnein
Mgr Derek MacAoidh
Bh-ph Marina NicAmhlaigh

MINUTES

1 Minute of Meeting of 30 April 2025

The Minute of Meeting of 30 April 2025 was **approved.**

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

GEÀRR-CHUNNTASAN

1 Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh air 30 Giblean 2025

Chaidh **aontachadh** ri Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh air 30 Giblean 2025.

2 Clàradh Ùidh

Cha deach ùidh a chlàradh ann an cuspair sam bith.

PRESENTATION

3 E-Sgoil

This item was withdrawn.

GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN

4 Library Service – Gaeilc Update

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which provided an update on the progress made on Gaelic priorities for the Library Service following the presentation to the Committee on 24 September 2024.

It was agreed to recommend that the Report be noted.

5 Areas of Linguistic Significance: How they could work

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought to stimulate discussion about how Areas of Linguistic Significance (ALS) should be designated in the Western Isles.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:

(1) note the content of this Report; and

(2) authorise officers to engage with Bord na Gàidhlig regarding a definition of Areas of Linguistic Significance (ALS) and what that would mean for the Western Isles.

Arising out of consideration of this item it was agreed that Bord na Gàidhlig would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Comataidh.

6 Developing a Strategy for Gaelic in the Community

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which provided information in relation to a meeting that was held on 22 April 2025, where Gaelic development officers from a range of public organisations were in attendance.

The Report stated that, at the conclusion of the meeting, three actions to take forward were agreed by all the organisations in attendance, namely:

TAISBEANADH

E-Sgoil

Chaidh an cuspair seo a tharraing air ais.

PLANA CÀNAIN GÀIDHLIG

4 Seirbheis Leabharlainn – Ùrachadh Gàidhlig

Chaidh Aithisg a dheasachadh leis an Àrd-Oifigear a thug seachad fiosrachadh air an adhartas a chaidh a dhèanamh air prìomhachasan na Gàidhlig airson Seirbheis na Leabharlainn às dèidh an taisbeanaidh don Chomataidh air 24 Sultain 2024

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

5 Sgìrean Sònraichte Gàidhlig: Mar a b' urrainn dhaibh Obrachadh

Chaidh Aithisg a dheasachadh leis an Àrd-Oifigear a thug seachad aithisg airson deasbad a bhrosnachadh mu mar bu choir Sgìrean Cànain Sònraichte (SCS) a stèidheachadh anns na h-Eileanan an Iar.

Chaidh aontachadh ri moladh gum biodh a'Chomhairle:

(1) gun toireadh a' Chomhairle fa-near na tha am broinn na h-Aithisge seo; agus

(2) gun obraich oifigearan agus Bord na Gàidhlig comhla gus mìneachadh soilleir a dheanamh air dè bhiodh Sgìrean Cànain Sònraichte a'ciallcahdh dha na h-Eileanan Siar.

Ag èirigh às dèidh beachdachadh air a'chùis seo, chaidh aontachadh gun deidheadh cuireadh a thoirt gu Bord na Gàidhlig a bhith an làthair aig an ath choinneimh den Chomataidh.

6 A'Leasachadh Ro-Innleachd Airson Gàidlig sa Choimhearsnachd

Chaidh Aithisg a dheasachadh leis an Àrd-Oifigear a thug seachad fiosrachadh mu choinneamh a chaidh a cumail air 22 Giblean 2025, far an robh oifigearan leasachadh na Gàidhlig bho shreath de bhuidhnean poblach an làthair.

Thuirt an aithisg gun deach, aig deireadh na coinneimh, chaidh aontachadh gun cuimisich na buidhnean gu leir aig trì giòmhan, mar a leanas:

- Organisations should be encouraged to give more time to employees to develop their spoken Gaelic skills.
- Adults with Gaelic skills should be encouraged to increase their use of Gaelic in talking to children.
- Evidence about the value of Gaelic to the economy of the Isles should be communicated to the public.

- Bu chòir buidhnean a bhith air am brosnachadh gus ùine a thoirt don luchd-obrach gus sgilean còmhraidh Ghàidhlig a leasachadh.
- Bu chòir inbhich a bhith air am brosnachadh gus barrachd Gàidhlig a chleachdadh ann an conaltradh le clann.
- Bu chòir dearbhadh air luach na Gàidhlig don eaconamaidh a bhith air a thaisbeanadh dhan phoball.

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

Arising out of consideration of this item it was agreed to invite Highlands and Islands Enterprise to attend the November 2025 meeting of the Comataidh.

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

Ag èirigh às dèidh beachdachadh air a'chùis seo, chaidh aontachadh gun deidheadh cuireadh a thoirt gu Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd agus nan Eileanan a bhith an làthair aig coinneamh a'Chomataidh san t-Samhain 2025.