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BÒRD NA GÀIDHLIG A' TOIRT TAIC DO CHOMHAIRLE NA GÀIDHEALTACHD

Faodar seo a chleachdadh sa bhad

Sgrìobh Bòrd na Gàidhlig gu Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd a thoirt taic dhaibh nan ceumannan an aghaidh a' Chomhairliche John Rosie à Inbhir Theòrsa an dèidh dha ionnsaigh a thoirt air Gàidhlig le briathrachas agus beachdan a tha, am barail a' Bhùird, gu tur neo-chothromach, gràineil agus an aghaidh na càileachd.

Thuir Cathraiche a' Bhùird, Art MacCarraig: “Tha sinn uile eòlach gu leòr air na beachdan a tha an Comhairliche Rosie air nochdadh mar-tha mun Ghàidhlig roimhe seo agus tha sinn air a bhith a' feuchainn ri co-luadar reusanta agus ciallach a chumail leis. Ach tha am briathrachas a chleachd e an t-seachdain a chaidh, a' coimeas gnothaichean Gàidhlig ris na bha a' tachairt anns a' Ghearmailt ri linn Hitler, dìreach suaitheanta. Chan eil gnothaich aig Comhairliche sam bith a bhith ri leithid agus tha sinn làn taiceil dhan Chomhairle anns na ceumannan a tha iad a' gabhail.”

Thuir Mgr MacCarraig gun robh e air leth tàmailteach gun robh a leithid de ghnothach air a thighinn anns an rathad agus am Bòrd ag obair gu dlùth leis a' Chomhairle a thaobh na Gàidhlig agus suidheachadh sgoiltean thar na roinne a leasachadh. “Tha Cròileagan ann an tè de na sgoiltean far an tèid Ceannard ùr fhadhadh. Ann an suidheachadh mar seo airson luchd-obrach fhadhadh, a tha gu cinnteach àbhaisteach anns a h-uile dòigh, agus far a bheil Gàidhlig na pàirt de phoileasaidh na Comhairle leis an aon seasamh ri gnothaichean eile, tha e gu math fada air ais gun tigeadh Comhairliche sam bith a-mach le leithid de bheachdan a tha faoin agus gràineil. Tha a leithid de thachartas mar seo a' cur sgleò air cùisean ann an

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suidheachadh far a bheil am Bòrd a' feuchainn ri com-pàirteachas èifeachdach a chur air chois leis a' Chomhairle airson foghlam Gàidhlig adhartachadh, agus a' fàgail dhaoine air an dà thaobh gu math an-fhoiseil. Tha na beachdan a chaidh a nochdadh leis a' Chomhairliche Rosie nan dragh agus nan tàmailt do dhaoine fad is farsaing, eadar Coimhearsnachd na Gàidhlig fhèin, a' Ghàidhealtachd agus an saoghal mòr a bhios a' coimhead air an seo le uabhas."

Thuir Mgr MacCarraig gum biodh am Bòrd deònach a-nis feitheamh gus am faicist dè an ceann-a-mach a bhios aig ceumannan na Comhairle leis a' Chomhairliche Rosie mus rachadh breithneachadh air an ath cheum leotha fhèin.

Aig deireadh na seachdainne a chaidh, sgrìobh ceannbhairean na Comhairle gu Mgr Rosie ag iarraidh air a leisgeul a ghabhail airson na thuir e a thaobh na Gàidhlig agus mar a tharraing e fhèin agus an Comhairliche Dòmhnall MacAoidh a-mach à agallamhan airson Ceannardan sgoile mu thuath.

Crìoch

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BÒRD NA GÀIDHLIG SUPPORTS HIGHLAND COUNCIL IN CALL FOR APOLOGY

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The Gaelic development agency Bòrd na Gàidhlig has written to Highland Council in support of moves to seek an apology from Thurso councillor John Rosie following his intemperate use of language, referring to Gaelic in a way which was, in the Bòrd's view, unbalanced, offensive and unwarranted.

Bòrd Cathraiche (Chair) Arthur Cormack said: "We are all very familiar with the views which Councillor Rosie has previously expressed about Gaelic and we have tried to engage with him in a reasonable and meaningful way. However, the language he used last week when he compared Gaelic issues to the situation which existed in Germany in Hitler's time is particularly offensive. It ill behoves any councillor to behave in this way and we fully support Highland Council in their request to Mr Rosie that he apologise."

Mr Cormack added that he was particularly concerned that such a situation had arisen at a time when the Bòrd was working closely with Highland Council on Gaelic related issues so that further developments could take place throughout the region. "There is a Gaelic playgroup in one of the schools where a new Head teacher is being appointed. In a situation like this where employment issues are being considered, and the post is being handled within standard Council protocols and where Gaelic is accepted as a matter of policy supported by the Council, it is extraordinary that a Councillor would express views which are, by any measure, offensive and pointless. This sort of thing simply casts a shadow over our relationship at a time when the Bòrd is working very hard to secure a constructive and effective partnership with the Council, seeking improvements and further development in Gaelic education. It is understandably unsettling for all concerned. I am sure that the views

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expressed by Councillor Rosie will have been offensive to many people, even beyond the Gaelic community, the wider Highland area and the world at large where such views are abhorrent.”

Mr Cormack said that the Bòrd will now await the outcome of the Council’s request for an apology from Councillor Rosie before it would conclude its own deliberations.

Last week, the Council’s leaders wrote to Councillor Rosie seeking an apology for what he had said about Gaelic in relation to Hitler’s Germany and his withdrawal, along with Councillor Donnie MacKay from an appointment process being held for Head Teacher posts in the north.

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