

Bòrd Na Gàidhlig

Minute of the Board Meeting Tuesday 8 May 2012 aig 1400 An Darach, Inverness

Attending

Members

Elizabeth McAtear – Interim Chair
Murdo MacLennan
Kenneth MacKinnon
Iain Campbell
John MacLeod
Christina Allon
Kenneth Nicolson
Shona MacLenna
June Graham
Coll MacDonald

(EMA)
(MML)
(KMK)
(IC)
(JML)
(CA)
(KN)
(SML)
(JG)
(CMD)

Staff

John Angus Mackay - Ceannard (IAM)
Mary MacMillan (MMM)
Alasdair MacKlinnon (AMK)
Daibhidh Boag (DB)
Steven MacIver (SMI)
James Munro *finance only* (JM)
Attending
Douglas Ansdell (DA)

Agenda

BnG-5-2012-01

OPENING ITEMS

(a)

Welcome

The Interim Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting in particular the new Members. She congratulated them and wished them well as Members of the Board.

The Interim Chair invited DA to explain to the members the links between Bord na Gaidhlig and the Scottish Government and how they are working together to deliver the National Gaelic Language Plan.

(b)

Apologies

There were no apologies

(c)

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

BnG-5-2012-02

MINUTES

(a)

Board Meeting on 21/02/2012; 05/03/2012; 06/03/2012; 22/03/2012 – draft

The Minute of **21/02/2012** was approved.

The Minute of **05/03/2012** was approved.

The Minute of **05/03/2012** was approved with corrections from MML at **BnG-3-2012-01(b)**.

The Minute of **22/03/2012** was approved with corrections from MNM at **Attending**.

(b)

Comataidh Cleachdadh Gàidhlig Meeting– 12-13/03/12 – draft

The information in the Minute of the Comataidh Cleachdadh Gàidhlig Meeting of **12/03/2012** and **13/02/2012** was noted.

(c)	Finance & Planning Meeting of 22/03/2012 – draft
	<p>The information in the Minute of the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting of 22/03/2012 was noted.</p> <p>AMK was asked to alter the date of the next Meeting.</p>
	CORPORATE ITEMS
	Committee Membership
	<p>The Interim Chair gave some explanation and some background information to the new members regarding Committee membership</p> <p>The Members noted the information contained in the papers before them and approved the recommendations that had been made.</p> <p>Referring to the paper the Ceannard, expanded on the information given on the Colmcille Committee, explaining the main aims of the Committee.</p>
BnG-5-2012-04	National Gaelic Language Plan 2012-17
	<p>The latest draft of the Plan was referred to.</p> <p>The Ceannard reported that the Plan was at present with the Ministers and their views were awaited prior to publication which was expected to occur before the Scottish Parliamentary Debate at the end of June.</p>
BnG-5-2012-05	FINANCE
(a)	Financial Report
	<p>*JM came into the Meeting*</p> <p>Members noted the information before them.</p> <p>IC requested more information on item 9 of the report. The Ceannard answered the request.</p>
(b)	Shared Services – Offices
	<p>Speaking to the Report that had been circulated to Members JM explained that Bord na Gaidhlig could make significant savings over 3 years if they were to move to Great Glen House.</p> <p>Members asked for more information regarding the costs involved in returning the Darach offices to their original layout and for confirmation of all the costs that were mentioned in the Report.</p> <p>With reference to the report, the Ceannard confirmed that it was incumbent on the Bòrd staff to carry out this form of research in an effort to save costs.</p> <p>DA said that he believed that the Scottish Government would welcome such initiatives.</p> <p>It was suggested that a visit to Great Glen House be arranged in order that Members could see the facilities that were available.</p> <p>*JM left the Meeting*</p>
BnG-5-2012-09	AOCB
	<p>With reference to a letter from OFCOM that had been circulated to Members at the start of the Meeting, the Interim Chair explained that OFCOM were seeking a Member from Bord na Gaidhlig as representative on the MG Alba Board. She referred to a letter that Arthur Cormack had sent to OFCOM earlier in the year and said that the Ceannard's name had been forwarded but that another two names were being sought.</p> <p>JML agreed for his name to be forwarded for the MG Alba Board. KMK agreed for his name to be forwarded for the MG Alba Board. IC agreed for his name to be forwarded for the MG Alba Board.</p> <p>KMK raised a question regarding the Royal Mail and their commitment to Gaelic. He recommend that this item be forwarded to the Cleachdaidh Gaidhlig Committee in order that the question be explored.</p>

