

Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday 24th September 2013: 0930-1630
BBC Offices, Pacific Quay, Glasgow

Present

Board Members

Iain Campbell - *Chair*
Elizabeth McAtear
Murdo MacLennan
Christine Allon
John MacLeod
Kenneth Nicolson
Shona MacLennan
June Graham
Coll MacDonald
Kenneth MacKinnon

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

Staff

John Angus MacKay - *Ceannard* (JAM)
Mairi MacMillan (MMM)
Alasdair MacKinnon (AMK)
David Boag (DB)
Steven MacIver (SMI)
Karen MacLeod **on the phone** (KML)

BnG-3-1314-01

PRELIMINARIES

(a)

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone.

(b)

Attendance and Apologies

There was an apology from Douglas Ansdell (DA).

(c)

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

(d)

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on his work on behalf of the Board since the last Board Meeting. Members welcomed the information and questions were welcomed from Members.

(e)

Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented his report and spoke on a number of points from the report.

The Members agreed that the structure of the Gaelic Organisations and Bòrd na Gàidhlig would have to be reviewed in order to implement the aims of the National Gaelic Language Plan. Members asked the Chief Executive to prepare a timetable to review the structure of BnG and the Gaelic Organisations.

(f)

Board Meeting on 17/06/2013 – draft

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 17/06/2013 were approved.

(g)

Meeting of the Gaelic Usage Committee --- 28/08/2013 --- draft

Members noted the information presented to them. A question was raised concerning organisations which have an impact on Gaelic, and whether they should have a Gaelic Language Plan. The Chief Executive asked Members to note that at present, it was not clear who had the authority to require of organisations with Gaelic Language Plans that they implement the aims of those plans.

(h)

Meeting of the Education Committee – 20/08/2013 --- draft

Members noted the information presented to them.

(i)

Meeting of the Remuneration Committee --- 20/08/2013 --- draft

Members noted the information presented to them. It was agreed that Board Members and the Chair be awarded a salary increase, as was permitted by the Government.

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DEVELOPMENT

(a)

Presentation from the Head of Education & Learning

The Head of Education & Learning gave a presentation on the work of the Education Directorate and Members noted the information.

(b)	Presentation from the Head of Gaelic Usage
	The Head of Gaelic Usage gave a presentation on the work of the Gaelic Usage Directorate and Members noted the information.
(c)	East Dunbartonshire Council
	Members noted the Gaelic Language Plan and it was approved.
BnG-3-1314-03	CORPORATE MATTERS
(a)	Report on the budget for 2013-14
	<i>*KML joined the meeting on the phone*</i> KML talked about the information presented to the Members. Members noted the information.
(b)	GLAIF 13-14: Applications from Public Authorities
	The recommendations for funding in the papers were approved, but it was agreed that Bòrd na Gàidhlig itself would provide guidance for the project officers. <i>*KML left the meeting*</i>
(c)	Membership of Committees
	Members noted the information that was presented to them. The recommendations in the paper were approved, and it was recommended that a Member be chosen who could assume the role of the Chair if and when necessary.
(d)	Terms of Reference of Committees
	Members noted the information that was presented to them and it was approved, with certain recommendations for amendments recorded separately.
(e)	Organisation's Staffing Structure
	Members agreed that a special meeting of the Planning and Finance Committee should be held to discuss the matter in more depth.
(f)	Implementing the Corporate Plan 2013-14
	Members noted the information that was presented to them.
(g)	Role of Boards
	Members noted the information that was presented to them.
(h)	Risk Management
	The Risk Register was discussed and approved.
BnG-3-1314-04	ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
	One Member asked for confirmation of the date of the Board Meeting in 02/2014. Members and officers approved this and the meeting was informed that an email would be sent to Members and Officers with the new dates.

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Iain Campbell – Chair

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Date