

**Bòrd na Gàidhlig**  
**MG ALBA Offices, Seaforth Road, Stornoway**  
**Wednesday 03 December 2014: 09.30 - 15.30**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Allan MacDonald – *Vice-chair*  
Donald MacLeod  
Elizabeth McAtear  
Fiona O’Hanlon  
John MacLeod  
June Graham  
Shona MacLennan *\*on the phone\**

(AMD)  
(DML)  
(EMA)  
(FOH)  
(JML)  
(JG)  
(SML)

**Senior Management Team**

John Angus MacKay - *Ceannard* (JAM)  
Alasdair MacKinnon (AMK)  
David Boag (DB)  
Mairi MacMillan (MMM)  
Steven MacIver (SMI)

**Staff**

Karen MacLeod *\*finance only\* \*on the phone\** (KML)

**Attending**

Iain Campbell (IC)

**BnG-4-1415-01 PRELIMINARIES**

a) Apologies

Apologies were recorded from Coll MacDonald and Douglas Ansdell.

b) Declaration of Interests

FOH declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 Clì Gàidhlig**  
JG declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 Clì Gàidhlig**  
DML declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 An Comunn Gàidhealach**  
SML declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 Clì Gàidhlig**  
JML declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 An Comunn Gàidhealach**  
SML declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 Faclair na Gàidhlig**  
SML declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 Tobar an Dualchais**  
SML declared an interest in **BnG-4-1415-02-a PT1 TOMAS**

c) Chair’s Report

There was no Chair’s Report.

d) Chief Executive’s Report

The Chief Executive presented his report and spoke on a number of points contained within the report. He asked Members to note that the Bòrd was going to hold an exhibition in the Scottish Parliament in 2015, and he added that this would be an important event, especially as the Parents’ Bill is going through Parliament at the moment.

Questions were welcomed from Members, and they were answered.

e) Minutes: Board Meeting held on 17/09/2014 - draft

Board Members approved the **Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 17/09/2014 - draft** with recommendations which were recorded separately.

f) Minutes: Meeting of the Gaelic Development Committee 05/11/2014 – draft

Members noted the **Minutes of the Meeting of the Gaelic Development Committee 05/11/2014 – draft.**

g) Minutes: Meeting of the Audit Committee 11/11/2014 - draft

Members noted the **Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee 11/11/2014 – draft.**

**BnG-4-1415-02 DEVELOPMENT**

a) **Main Gaelic Organisations and Projects**  
**PT1** Progress reports, with recommendations

The Vice-chair asked for clarification on the Bòrd’s strategy and on how the sums of money, which the Gaelic organisations receive as support from the Bòrd, are shown.

	<p>The Board asked that an independent expert be invited to a special meeting of the Board to be held in January 2015 to look at preparing a plan/strategy linked to the Gaelic Language Act and the National Gaelic Language Plan.</p> <p>The following funding agreements were agreed for 2015/2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stòrlann Nàiseanta na h-Alba – £285,960</li> <li>• Ionad Chaluum Chille Ìle – £116,000</li> <li>• An Lòchran – £20,210</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>* JML left the meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Comunn Gàidhealach – £111,500</li> <li>• Pròiseact nan Ealan – £135,000 in principle, with a request that a report be presented to the Board in March 2015 confirming the way ahead for the organisation.</li> <li>• Fèisean nan Gàidheal – £130,000</li> <li>• Gaelic Books Council – £244,824 it was also recommended that they be asked to open their shop on a Monday</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>**JML rejoined the meeting &amp; SML left the meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland – £55,000,</li> <li>• Faclair na Gàidhlig – £75,000</li> <li>• Tobar an Dualchais – £25,000</li> <li>• UHI - ToMaS – £30,000</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*SML rejoined the meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comunn na Gàidhlig – It was agreed to extend CnaG’s contract between April and September 2015 with a recommendation that the secondments that are in place at present be brought to an end on 31/03/2015.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>* FOH and JG left the meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clì – It was agreed that Clì should prepare a lifelong learning strategy, but that other organisations would also be given the opportunity to apply for this funding. Officers were requested to inform Clì immediately that they should not use funding, awarded for development, for their running costs, and that if such a situation arose, that they would have to return the funding immediately. Members agreed that Clì should be asked to submit a detailed financial report and an action plan before any agreement is made that they receive more money. They must be submitted to the Bòrd before 19/12/2014. This information will then be circulated among Members via email.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*FOH and JG rejoined the meeting*</i></p> <p>The Chief Executive recommended that a register be created which shows the various Gaelic organisations and indicates the amount of funding they receive from other organisations over and above Bòrd na Gàidhlig.</p>
<b>(b)</b>	<p><b>Gaelic Corpus Planning</b> <b>PT1 Structural Recommendations</b></p>
	<p>DB presented the paper and he answered the questions asked by Members. Following an open discussion, the Members approved the recommendation in the paper. The Vice-chair raised concerns that the officer who prepared the paper had not sought support from Members in the preparation of this paper, which had been requested at the last meeting.</p>
<b>(c)</b>	<p><b>The National Gaelic Language Plan</b> Implementation of the National Gaelic Language Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation from the Head of Education &amp; Learning</li> <li>• Presentation from the Head of Gaelic Usage</li> </ul>
	<p>The Head of Education and Learning and the Head of Gaelic Usage gave presentations to Members on the work of their directorates and they answered the questions which followed.</p>

<b>d) Gaelic Language Plans</b>	
South Ayrshire Council Gaelic Language Plan	
	Following the recommendation from the Gaelic Development Committee to approve South Ayrshire Council's Gaelic Language Plan, this Plan was formally approved.
<b>BnG-4-1415-03</b>	<b>CORPORATE MATTERS</b>
<b>a) Finance Report</b>	
	KML presented the report to Members. Members noted the information and asked questions about the report, which were answered by KML.
<b>b) Funding applications &gt;£5k</b>	
<b>PT1 National Theatre of Scotland</b>	
	Members noted the paper and approved the recommendation; to award £10,000 for the project from budget 9250.
<b>c) Text and Audio Resource for Pupils with Additional Support Needs</b>	
	Members noted the paper and approved the recommendation; to award £18,000 for the project over two financial years (2014/2015 & 2015/2016).
<b>d) Staff Handbook</b>	
	SMI presented the paper to Members. Members noted the information presented and approved the Staff Handbook and the Statement of Main Terms of Employment.
<b>e) Risk Management</b>	
	Following recommendations, received from Members via email, for the latest version of the risk register, it was reported that the updated risk register would be prepared and then presented to Members in March 2015.
<b>BnG-4-1415-04</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIPS</b>
<b>a) MG Alba</b>	
	The Vice-chair informed the meeting that following Iain Campbell's appointment as the new Chief Executive of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the question now arose as to who should represent the Bòrd on the Board of MGALBA. It was agreed that the Vice-chair and the Chief Executive should meet with OFCOM and MGALBA to seek guidance on the matter.
<b>b) OHCPP</b>	
	Members noted the information that EMA had circulated and they thanked her for her work. It was agreed that this partnership should be examined in greater detail at the Strategy Meeting to be held on 15/01/2015.
<b>BnG-4-1415-05</b>	<b>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</b>
	Members noted that the Chair, Iain Campbell, had stood down from his position as the Chair of the Board on 01/12/2014. After giving Members the opportunity to put themselves forward for the position of the Interim Chair of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, no one did so and Allan MacDonald was appointed to the post. AD will be in post until the Government completes the procedure to appoint a new Chair.