

## Bòrd na Gàidhlig

### Glasgow

**Thursday 5 February 2015: 09.00 - 15.30**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Allan MacDonald – *Interim Chair*  
 Coll MacDonald  
 Donald MacLeod  
 Elizabeth McAtear  
 John MacLeod  
 June Graham  
 Shona MacLennan

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

**Ceannard**

John Angus MacKay - *Ceannard* (JAM)

**Senior Management Team**

Alasdair MacKinnon (AMK)  
 David Boag (DB)  
 Mairi MacMillan (MMM)

**Attending**

Iain Campbell (IC)

**BnG-5-1415-01 PRELIMINARIES**

a) Apologies

Apologies were recorded from Douglas Ansdell and Steven Maciver.

b) Declaration of Interests

JG declared an interest in **BnG-5-1415-02-a: Clì Gàidhlig**  
 DML declared an interest in **BnG-5-1415-03-b: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar**  
 SML declared an interest in **BnG-5-1415-03-b: UHI TòMaS**  
 JML declared an interest in **BnG-5-1415-03-b: UHI TòMaS**

c) Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 03/12/2014 - draft

Board Members approved the **Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 03/12/2014 - draft** with recommendations which were recorded separately.

**BnG-5-1415-02 DEVELOPMENT**

a) **Main Gaelic Organisations and Projects**

\*\* JG left the meeting\*\*

• **PT1 - Clì Gàidhlig**

JAM and MMM informed Members of the outcome of discussions which had been held with Clì Gàidhlig since the last Board Meeting in December 2014. Members asked a number of questions regarding the work of the organisation and the sector which they supported and officers answered those questions. Following a discussion about the organisation and the needs of adult learners, the Board decided the following:

- To fund Clì Gàidhlig until 30 June 2015
- That officers from the Bòrd would meet with officers from Clì to agree funding and actions that would allow the magazine Cothrom, work relating to classes, information services, and the support for the LearnGaelic.net website to continue until 30 June 2015
- That Clì could apply for funding to the Bòrd for projects which would continue after 30 June 2015
- That Bòrd officers would present a report on the Gaelic Adult Learners Strategy to Members at the Board Meeting on 4 June 2015.

	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>** JG rejoined the meeting **</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PT2</b> - Comunn na Gàidhlig JAM and DB informed Members of the outcome of discussions which had been held with Comunn na Gàidhlig since the last Board Meeting in December 2014. Members asked a number of questions concerning the work of the organisation, which were answered by officers. Following discussions about the organisation and community work, the Board decided the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To fund Comunn na Gàidhlig up until 31 March 2016</li> <li>• That officers from the Bòrd would meet officers from Comunn na Gàidhlig to assess and evaluate the work of CnaG</li> <li>• That Bòrd officers would prepare a Communities Strategy and that they would present this to the Board later in 2015.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>PT3</b> - Pròiseact nan Ealan JAM and DB informed Members of the outcome of discussions which had been held with Pròiseact nan Ealan since the last Board Meeting in December 2014. Members asked a number of questions concerning the work of the organisation, which were answered by officers. Following a discussion about the organisation and the arts sector, the Board decided the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reject the application for £135,000 towards the running costs of Pròiseact nan Ealan</li> <li>• That officers from the Bòrd would meet with officers from Pròiseact nan Ealan to gain an understanding of and discuss the situation at PNE and the way forward</li> <li>• That Bòrd officers would present a report on the situation regarding Pròiseact nan Ealan at the Board Meeting on 04 March 2015.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>BnG-5-1415-03</b>	<b>CORPORATE MATTERS</b>
<b>a)</b>	Finance Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PT1</b> - Costs up to 26/01/2015 Members noted the information and asked questions about the report, which were answered by AMK.</li> </ul> <p>The Interim Chair informed Members that the responsibility of Accountable Officer at Bòrd na Gàidhlig would be shared for a time between JAM and IC.</p>
<b>b)</b>	Funding applications
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PT1</b> – Comann nam Pàrant Members noted the information in the paper and approved the recommendation: to award £60,000 to the project from budget 9281. The Board requested that the sustainability of the project should be reviewed as part of the Communities Strategy.</li> <li>• <b>PT2</b> – Ceòlas Members noted the information in the paper and approved the recommendation: to award £7,125 to the project from budget 9232.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>** DML and SML left the meeting **</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PT3</b> - Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Members noted the information in the paper and approved the recommendation: to award £16,664 to the project from budget 9310.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>** DML rejoined the meeting **</i></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PT4</b> – Dundee University Members noted the information in the paper, and following a discussion by Members the application was rejected.</li>   <li>• <b>PT5</b> – CLADRG Members noted the information in the paper and approved the recommendation: to award £25,500 to the project from budgets 9231/9232.  <i>** JML left the meeting **</i></li>   <li>• <b>PT6</b> – UHI TòMaS Members noted the information in the paper and following a discussion by Members, it was decided to reject the application for support for the project in its current form.  <i>** JML rejoined the meeting **</i></li>   <li>• <b>PT7</b> - Gaelic Drama Development Fund Members noted the information in the paper and approved the recommendation: to award £57,828 from budget 9250 to be divided between 9 drama projects.</li> </ul>
<b>BnG-5-1415-04</b>		<b>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</b>
		The Chief Executive recommended that a sub-committee be established to approve applications for grants received up until 31 March 2015. The Board approved the recommendation and AMD, EMA and JML were appointed to the sub-committee.