

Bòrd na Gàidhlig			
Nos/Rhum – Great Glen House, Inverness			
Wednesday 04 March 2015: 09.00 – 13.00			
Board Members		Ceannard	
Allan MacDonald – <i>Interim Chair</i>	(AMD)	John Angus MacKay - <i>Ceannard</i>	(JAM)
Coll MacDonald	(CMD)	Iain Campbell - <i>Ceannard</i>	(IC)
Donald MacLeod	(DML)	Senior Management Team	
Elizabeth McAtear	(EMA)	Alasdair MacKinnon	(AMK)
Fiona O’Hanlon	(FOH)	David Boag	(DB)
John MacLeod	(JML)	Mairi MacMillan	(MMM)
June Graham	(JG)	Steven MacIver	(SMI)
Shona MacLennan	(SML)	Attending	
		Karen MacLeod	(KML)
		James Munro	(JM)
BnG-6-1415-00	PRELIMINARIES		
a)	Apologies		
	An apology was recorded from Douglas Ansdell.		
b)	Declaration of Interests		
	FOH declared an interest in BnG-6-1415-02-a PT2 JG declared an interest in BnG-6-1415-02-a PT2		
c)	Chair’s Report		
	The Interim Chair reported on developments at Board level since the last meeting of the Board. Members noted the information.		
d)	Chief Executive’s Report		
	<p>The Chief Executive presented his report and Members noted the information. Questions from Members were welcomed regarding the information.</p> <p>The Chief Executive expressed his regret at the passing of Donald John MacIver a well-known champion of Gaelic who had done much for the language in his lifetime.</p> <p>As this was his last meeting as Ceannard, JAM took the opportunity to thank the Board for their support over the years. He explained that the progress that had been achieved over the last four years had been down to partnerships, and the hard work and dedication of the staff.</p> <p>Members thanked the Chief Executive for the tremendous work he had done over the last 4 years.</p>		
e)	Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 03&04/12/2014 - draft		
	Board Members approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 03&04/12/2014 - with recommendations which were recorded separately.		
f)	Minutes of the Meeting of the Gaelic Development Committee 13/01/2015 – draft		
	Members noted the draft Minute of the Meeting of the Gaelic Development Committee 13/01/2015.		

BnG-6-1415-01	STRATEGIC MATTERS
	Presentation from the new Chief Executive
	The new Chief Executive gave a presentation of strategy up until 2016. Members noted the information. After they had carefully considered the proposals from the new Chief Executive, Members approved his proposals.
BnG-6-1415-02	DEVELOPMENT
	Main Gaelic Organisations and Projects
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PT1 - Pròiseact nan Ealan DB presented the paper and questions were welcomed from Members on the information contained within the paper. It was agreed that PNE be awarded £42,750 for running costs. £9,750 of which would be awarded as a fast-tracked, emergency payment for which PNE would be asked to submit an application to Bòrd na Gàidhlig. It was agreed to award them £30,000 for the <i>Sequmar International</i> project. <i>** JG and FOH left the meeting **</i> PT2 - Clì Gàidhlig MMM presented the paper and Members noted the information presented. The recommendation in the paper was approved to award Clì funding (£34,575) until the end of June, and that then services for adult learners, which is one of the Bòrd's development priorities, would be put out to tender. <i>** JG and FOH rejoined the meeting **</i> PT3 – An Lòchran DB presented the paper and Members noted the information. Following an open discussion, the recommendation in the paper was approved and £20,210 was awarded to An Lòchran.
b)	Presentation on Main Gaelic Development Organisations and funding sources
	DB gave a presentation on funding sources and Members noted the information. They agreed that the information had been very useful and interesting and that this information should be disseminated more widely. They thanked DB for sourcing and presenting the information.
BnG-6-1415-03	CORPORATE MATTERS
	Finance
a)	Finance Report
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>**KML and JM joined the meeting**</i></p> Members noted the information and asked questions about the report, which were answered by KML. The recommendations in PT1 and PT3 were approved and Members approved the information in the other papers. The Accountable Officer confirmed that he would formally thank the Government for the letter of award for the G-I-A, and would inform them that the Board was satisfied with the information therein.
b)	Desktop instruction - Scheme of Delegated Financial Limits
	JM presented the paper, and Members noted the information. Following confirmation from the Policy and Finance Committee, the Members approved the recommendation in the paper.

	Staff
c)	Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2008, Discretionary Policies
	JM presented the paper and Members noted the information contained in the paper. Following confirmation from the Policy and Finance Committee, Members approved the recommendation in the paper.
d)	Risk Management
	AMK presented the paper and Members noted the information. Members were informed that this paper would also go before the Audit Committee to be considered in more depth. Members recommended that Risk Management should be moved further up the Agenda of Board Meetings to reflect its importance to the Bòrd.
	Corporate Governance
e)	Committee Membership
	AMK presented the paper and Members noted the information. It was agreed that EMA would fill the vacancy which will occur on the Audit Committee when SML leaves the Board at the end of March 2015. It was also agreed that the membership of committees will be properly addressed when new Board Members for Bòrd na Gàidhlig are announced later in the year.
f)	Terms of Reference of the Policy and Finance Committee
	EMA recommended the approval of the amendments, which were proposed for the Terms of Reference of the Policy and Finance Committee at a meeting of Policy and Finance Committee on 03/03/2015, and Members approved the recommendation.
BnG-6-1415-04	PARTNERSHIPS
a)	MG ALBA
	AMK presented the paper and Members noted the information. Members agreed to contact AMK by 11/03/2015 with their proposals for the membership of the Board of MG ALBA.
b)	OHCPP
	EMA spoke on OHCPP and Members noted the information.
c)	Highland CPP
	JAM spoke on the Highland CPP and Members welcomed the progress.
d)	Creative Scotland
	The new Chief Executive informed Members of his meeting with Creative Scotland concerning co-operation in the future.
BnG-6-1415-05)	ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
	There was no other competent business to record.