

Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Minutes of Board Meeting
Pacific Quay, Glasgow
Wednesday 08 July 2015: 09.00 - 13.00

Board Members

Allan MacDonald – *Chair* (AMD)
 Coll MacDonald (CMD)
 Donald MacLeod (DML)
 Elizabeth McAtear (EMA)
 John MacLeod (JML)
 June Graham **On the phone** (JG)

Senior Management Team

Mairi MacMillan (MMM)
 Alasdair MacKinnon (AMK)
 David Boag (DB)
 Steven MacIver (SMI)
Attending
 Douglas Ansdell (SG) (DA)

BnG-2-1516-02	PRELIMINARIES
(a)	Apologies
	An apology was recorded from Fiona O’Hanlon (FOH). Members asked that the Board’s congratulations be recorded to FOH following her recent marriage. They also requested that a gift be sent to her to mark the occasion.
(b)	Declaration of Interests
	No declarations of interest were recorded.
(c)	Minutes
	The Minutes of the Board Meeting on 04/06/2015 were approved. Members asked officers to mark a line in the budget for a contingency sum to be identified from uncommitted funds, which could be used if the need should arise, and that this recommendation should be presented to the full meeting of the Board in September.
BnG-2-1516-03	UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR
(a)	An information session was held with Board Members only. The Chair informed them of the plan which had been formulated to ensure that the duties of the Ceannard were fulfilled in the short-term.
BnG-1-1516-04	CORPORATE MATTERS
(a)	The Post of Ceannard of Bòrd na Gàidhlig
	AMK spoke about the information in the papers presented. The Chair said that he was of the view that we should stand back and take stock of the situation. However, he added that he would welcome any request from the Government to proceed with recruiting the new Ceannard. He also requested that a meeting should be set up between the Chair of the Board, the Scottish Government and the Chairs of Bòrd na Gàidhlig’s other committees. This recommendation was approved.

d)	Structural Review
	<p>SMI confirmed that a private company had been informed that they had been successful in winning a contract, following an open procurement process, to review the structure of Bòrd na Gàidhlig. He added that guidance was now required from the Board since the Ceannard had resigned, and that confirmation was required as to who would be responsible for this project internally.</p> <p>The Board confirmed that they would make this a priority and look at the matter following the meeting.</p>
BnG-1-1516-05	DEVELOPMENT MATTERS
(a)	PNE – Progress Report
	<p>Members noted the information in the paper presented. The Chair asked DA to set up a meeting with the Minister and representatives of Creative Scotland in order to discuss the situation regarding PNE and the Gaelic Arts in general.</p>
(b)	GLAIF 1516/038 0-3 Highland Council
	<p>Members noted the information.</p>
BnG-1-1516-06	ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
	<p>JG asked for more information on when it was expected that a replacement for the Head of Education and Learning would be recruited. This question was answered.</p>