

Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Minute of Extraordinary Board Meeting by telephone

Caerlaverock, Great Glen House, Inverness

Wednesday 09/08/2017 at 16.00

Members: (by phone)		In Attendance:	
Allan MacDonald (Chair)	(AMD)	Shona MacLennan (Ceannard)	(SML)
Allan Campbell	(AC)	Mona Wilson	(MW)
Donald MacLeod	(DML)	Carol Johnson (Secretariat)	
Fiona Dunn	(FD)		
Jennifer Gilmour	(JG)		
Jim Whannel	(JW)		
Johan Smith	(JS)		
Joy Dunlop	(JD)		

OPENING ITEMS

1) Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were recorded for Mary Ann Kennedy, Mary T MacInnes and Donald MacSween. However, Mr MacSween asked that his approval for the proposals detailed in the papers issued be noted.

Declarations of Interest

None to note.

2) East Renfrewshire Council

Further to legal advice on the matter of the recent Initial Assessment for GMPE request to East Renfrewshire Council (ERC), Chair had requested this board meeting in order to inform Members of courses of action available to the Board and to decide on which of these to pursue.

The Chair and Ceannard gave a summarisation of these as (1) every effort is made through discussions with East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) to resolve the situation; (2) the submission of an application to the Court of Session for a judicial review of ERC's decision of 19 May 2017 not to proceed to full assessment of the request for Gaelic medium primary education, made under the Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (as advised by legal counsel, Anderson Strathearn LLP); (3) if the application for a judicial review were successful, a separate paper would be presented to the board for a decision on whether to continue the legal process or otherwise.

After discussion and consideration, Members agreed unanimously to proceed with the recommendations from the paper circulated and agreed an additional one that officers would also continue discussion with Sponsor Division about the possibility of a Section 70 Complaint if the parental appeal were unsuccessful.

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Allan Campbell	(AC)	Mona Wilson	MW)
Donald MacLeod	(DML)		
Donald MacSween	(DMS)		
Fiona Dunn	(FD)		
Jennifer Gilmour	(JG)		
Jim Whannel	(JW)		
Johan Smith	(JS)		
Joy Dunlop	(JD)		
Mary MacInnes	(MMI)		
Mary Ann Kennedy	(MAK)		
2)	East Renfrewshire Council (ERC)		
	<p>Further to the recent meeting between representatives of ERC Education Department with Ceannard SNI and JW, Chair of Education Committee, Members agreed to allow the process for appeal to be followed rather than the previously agreed course of action. It was agreed that increased communication with ERC be maintained throughout the remainder of the consideration period, as well as engagement with parents through Comann nam Pàrant.</p> <p>Questions raised were satisfactorily responded to by the Ceannard. Thereafter Members agreed unanimously to proceed as recommended, with further information on the progress of the parental appeal being conveyed to Members at the next meeting of the Board in October.</p>		