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Clàr-Ghnothaich

2.2007.01 GNOTHAICHEAN TÒISEACHAIDH

(a) An làthair

(b) Leisgeulan

(c) **Geàrr-chunntas a' choinneimh mu dheireadh den Bhòrd**

Tha geàrr-chunntas den choinneimh a chaidh a chumail air 26 Gearran 2007 air a chuirteachadh. Thathar ag iarraidh air buill a' Bhùird gabhail ris a' gheàrr-chunntas mar chlàr ceart den choinneimh.

(d) **Gnothaichean ag èirigh**

Faodaidh buill puing sam bith a thogail a tha ag èirigh bhon gheàrr-chunntas.

(e) **Geàrr-chunntas a' choinneimh mu dheireadh den Bhuidheann-Ghniomh**

Tha geàrr-chunntas den choinneimh na buidhne-ghniomh a bha air a cumail air 14 Cèitean air a chuirteachadh mar fhiosrachaidh. Faodaidh buill puing sam bith a thogail a tha ag èirigh bhon gheàrr-chunntas.

2.2007.02 GNOTHAICHEAN LEASACHAIDH

(a) **Adhartas a-rèir Phlana-Leasachaidh Fèisean nan Gàidheal 2005-10**

Tha geàrr-iomradh an cois seo a' mìneachadh adhartais a thaobh nan amasan anns a' Phlana Leasachaidh againn ann an dreachd ùr, anns a' Bheurla a-mhain. Faodar puing sam bith a thogail air na tha sgrìobhte anns a' gheàrr-iomradh.

2.2007.03 GNOTHAICHEAN IONMHAIS

(a) **Financial Report**

Tha aithisg air a cuairteachadh le teachd a-steach agus teachd a-mach Fèisean nan Gàidheal gu 30 Giblean. Cuideachd liosta de na tabhartasan a tha air gealltainn dha na Fèisean airson 2006-07 mar fhiosrachaidh. Faodar ceist sam bith fhaighneachd.

(b) **Suimean airgid anns a' bhanca agus fiosrachadh as ùire**

Bidh fiosrachadh aig a' choinneimh fhèin.

(c) **Cunntasan Ràitheil gu 31 Màrt 2007**

Tha MacNeacail agus Co air cunntasan ullachadh airson gu 31 Màrt 2007, a thèid an cuairteachadh aig a' choinneimh mar fhiosrachaidh. Thathar ag iarraidh gun gabhadh buill a' Bhùird ris na cunntasan.

2.2007.04 GNOTHAICHEAN POILEASAIDH

(a) **Blas Festival Ltd**

Aig a' choinneimh mu dheireadh, chaidh iarraidh air buill a' Bhùird ainmean a chur air adhart mar stiùirichean a' chompanaidh ùr – Blas Festival Ltd – agus tha aithisg ghoirid bhon Stiùiriche air a cuairteachadh a' sireadh co-dhùnadh air cò air am bu choir dhuinn a bhith ag amas mar riochdairean Fhèisean nan Gàidheal.

2.2007.05 GNOTHAICHEAN LUCHD-OBACH

(a) Planaichean airson structar luchd-obrach atharrachadh

Tha an Stiùiriche air pàipear ghoirid ag ullachadh mar chùl-fhiosrachaidh anns a' Bheurla a-mhain, le dealbhan, a' mineachadh dòighean anns an gabhadh structar luchd-obrach Fhèisean nan Gàidheal atharrachadh. Bidh taisbeanadh ann bhuaithe agus bidh làn chothrom aig na buill na molaidhean a dheasbad, le sùil gun gabhadh latha eile a chur air dòigh leis an luchd-obrach agus buill a' Bhùird còmhla.

A bharrachd air seo, tha an Cathraiche airson còmhraidh a thogail mun dòigh as fhèarr buill a' Bhùird agus Cathraiche a thaghadh neo an cur an dreuchd, agus an ùine a bhios iad air a' Bhòrd. Tha seo co-cheangailte ri dèanamh cinnteach gu bheil comasan dhaoine air an glèidheadh taobh a-staigh na buidhne. Togaidh Ceitidh Àdhamh còmhraidh mun seo aig a' choinneimh.

2.2007.06 OPERATIONAL ISSUES

(a) Aithisgean Luchd-Obdach

Tha aithisgean bhon luchd-obrach air an cuairteachadh. Faodar buill a' Bhùird ceistean sam bith a thogail agus puing sam bith a dheasbad.

(b) Co-labhairt agus Coinneamh-Bhliadhnail 2007

Thèid Co-labhairt agus Coinneamh-Bhliadhnail 2007 a chumail anns an Aghaidh Mhòir air 14 agus 15 Sultain. Thathar ag iarraidh air buill a' Bhùird beachd sam bith mun phrògram airson na dà latha a chur air adhart, agus geàrr-liosta de dh'ainmean mar neach-labhairt aigheachd a chur ri chèile.

(c) Taghadh Luchd-Stiùiridh

Thathar ag iarraidh dearbhadh gur i Peigi Nic Ill'innein a bhios a' riochadh nan Eilean Siar air a' Bhòrd an dèidh do Thomaidh Dòmhnallach tarraing às an taghadh.

2.2007.07 EILE

(a) Coinneamh nam buidhne-ghnìomh

Chaidh na pàipearan air fad bho choinneamh nam buidhne-ghnìomh an cuairteachadh air post-d a-mhàin. Faodar ceist neo beachd sam bith a thogail mun deidhinn.

(b) Ceann-latha na h-ath choinneimh

Thèid an ath choinneimh a cumail anns an Aghaidh Mhòir air 14 Sultain.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Geàrr-Chunntas na coinneimh a chaidh a chumail ann an Taigh-Òsta Holiday Inn, Port-adhair Ghlaschu bho 1.30f, Diluain 26 Gearran 2007

Àireamh air a' Chlàr Gnothaich: 2.2007.01(c)

1.2007.01 GNOTHAICHEAN TÒISEACHAIL

(a) An Làthair

Ceitidh Àdhamh (Cathraiche), Peigi NicNeacail (Iar-cathraiche), Sìne NicNèill, Seòras Stoddart, Laura Green, Mìcheal Sweeney, Ealasaid Nic Ille Bhàin, Iain Mac a' Ghobhainn (Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba), Art MacCarraig (Frithealadh), Daibhidh Boag (Frithealadh), Anna Willoughby, (Frithealadh), Calum Ailig MacMhaolain (Frithealadh – eadar-theangachadh), Alasdair MacLeòid (Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd agus nan Eilean - air ceangal fòn)

(b) Leisgeulan

Seasaidh Newton, Alasdair Dòmhnallach, Morag Anna NicLeòid (Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd)

Chaidh fàilte a chur air Laura Green mar bhall ùr air a' Bhòrd.

(c) Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh mu dheireadh

Bha geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh a chaidh a chumail 7 Dùbhlachd 2006 air a chuirteachadh, agus gabh Seòras Stoddart agus Peigi NicNeacail ris mar chunntas ceart den choinneimh.

(d) Gnothaichean ag èirigh

Bha aig Laura Green foirm 288a a lìonadh a staigh airson buill ùr a' Bhùird.

(e) Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh mu dheireadh den Bhuidhne-Ghniomh

Bha geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh mu dheireadh den bhuidhinn-ghniomh a chaidh a chumail air 12 Gearran air a chuirteachadh mar fhiosrachaidh. Chaidh gabhail ris a' gheàrr-chunntas.

1.2007.02 GNOTHAICHEAN LEASACHAIDH

(a) Adhartas a-rèir Phlana-Leasachaidh Fèisean nan Gàidheal 2005-10

Thug Art MacCarraig iomradh air adhartas a-rèir Phlana-Leasachaidh Fèisean nan Gàidheal 2005-10. Ghabh na buill ris an fhiosrachaidh. Bha cuid as motha den airgid airson na bliadhna 2007-08 air urrasachadh. Bha e air aonta aig a' choinneimh mu dheireadh den bhuidhinn-ghniomh gun robh atharrachadh a' dol a thighinn air an dòigh a bhathar a' toirt cunntais air a' phlana leasachaidh.

(b) Cuirmean Ceòl nam Fèis mar phàirt de Gàidhealtachd 2007

Bha Daibhidh Boag air pàipear a chur ri chèile a' mìneachadh na pròiseact seo, a bha aig aon àm gu bhith air a chur gu aon taobh air sgath dìth-airgid. Thug Buill a' Bhùird taic seachad do na planaichean seo.

(c) Taic airson Fèisean taobh a-muigh sgìre nan Eilean Siar, a' Ghàidhealtachd agus Earra-Ghàidheal agus Bòid

Bha an stiùiriche air aithisg a chur timcheall airson còmhraidh air an dòigh as fhèarr taic a chumail ri Fèisean a tha taobh a-muigh sgìrean far a bheil comhairlean ionadail air a bhith a' toirt dhuinn taic bho thùs. Bidh an t-oifigear ùr stèidhichte anns an sgìre aig a' Comhairle a chuireas taic-airgid ri seo. Thuir Iain Mac a' Ghobhainn gum bitheadh Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba a' coimhead airson com-pàirteachas còmhla ris a' Chomhairle sin.

(d) Làrach-lìn ùr Fhèisean nan Gàidheal

Bha taisbeanadh ghoirid ann airson sealltainn do Bhuill an ìre aig a bheil an dealbhachadh agus cò ris a bha an larch ùr coltach. Chaidh iarraidh air Buill a' Bhùird fios a chur gu Art MacCarraig air post-dealain air suaicheantas ùr Fèisean nan Gàidheal, agus chaidh aontachadh ris.

Bha cabhaig air crìoch a chur air làrach-lìn ùr Blas airson tiocaidean a reic, agus bha seo gu bhith air a dhèanamh an toiseach.

1.2007.03 GNOTHACHICHEAN IONMHAIS

(a) **Aithisg Ionmhais**

Bha aithisg air a cuairteachadh le teachd a-steach agus teachd a-mach Fèisean nan Gàidheal gu 31 Faoilleach 2007. Cuideachd bha liosta de na tabhartasan a bha air gealltainn dha na Fèisean airson 2006-07 mar fhiosrachaidh. Bha tòrr airgid air a dhol a mach ach bha suim airgid gu math mòr ri tighinn a-steach bho Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd, a bha ag adhbharachadh trioblaidean a thaobh sruth-airgid.

(b) **Suimean airgid anns a' bhanca agus fiosrachadh as ùire**

Bha na suimean a leanas againn anns a' bhanca:

- Cunntas làitheil: £22,000.00
- Cunntas le riadh: £811.39

(c) **Cunntasan Ràitheil gu 31 Dùbhlachd 2006**

Bha MacNeacail agus Co air cunntasan ullachadh airson nam mìosan gu 31 Dùbhlachd 2006, agus bha iad air an cuairteachadh mar fhiosrachaidh. Gabh buill a' Bhùird ri na cunntasan.

Thug Iain Mac a' Ghobhainn cunntais air airgead bho Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba. Bha Fèisean nan Gàidheal a' dol a dh'fhaighinn £100,000 bhon chrannchur nàiseanta a bharrachd air £250,000 airson prìomh choisgeasan na buidhne.

1.2007.04 GNOTHACHICHEAN POILEASaidh

(a) **Atharrachaidhean anns an t-siostam taghaidh airson luchd-stiùiridh**

Chaidh uireasbhaidhean a' comharrachadh anns an dòigh anns a bheil sinn a' taghadh Buill a' Bhùird anns an taghadh a chaidh a chumail anns na h-Eileanan an Iar o chionn greis. Bha aithisg ghoirid air cuairteachadh leis an stiùiriche le molaidhean airson gnòthaichean a chur ceart. Bhathar ag iarraidh air buill a' Bhùird seo a dheasbad agus aonta a ruighinn air an dòigh air adhart.

Chaidh iarraidh air an Stiùiriche bruidhinn ri Dùbhglas Greumach airson faighinn a mach a robh e ceadachd do Buill a' Bhùird bhòtadh gus co-dhùnadh a ruighinn, neo am feumadh an tagadh a chumail a rithist. Dh'aontaich na buill an taghadh a ruith a rithist airson gum biodh ball ùr aig an ath coinneimh.

(b) **Blas Festival Ltd**

B' fheudar dhuinn companaidh ùr a staidheachadh – Blas Festival Ltd – a bhios clàraichte airson VAT agus a bhios a' ruith na fèise. Bha feum air Fèisean nan Gàidheal smachd a chumail air a' chompanaidh, agus stiùirichean a chur air adhart airson a' Bhùird ùr, agus bha aithisg ghoirid ann bhon stiùiriche airson deasbad agus aonta. Bha Buill a' Bhùird a dol a cuir post-dealain gu Art MacCarraig le ainmean stiùirichean freagarrach airson a' Bhùird ùr.

1.2007.05 GNOTHACHICHEAN OBRACHAIDH

(a) **Aithisgean Luchd-Obrach**

Bha aithisgean bhon luchd-obrach air an cuairteachadh.

Thuir Ealasaid Nic Ille Bhàin gu robh an Fhèis thrèanaidh gu math soirbheachail agus bha i airson taing a thoirt gu Iona agus an luchd-obrachd a bha an-sàs. Dh'farr Seòras Stoddart gun dèighheadh taing a thoirt do dh'Iona às leth a' Bhùird.

(b) **Co-labhairt agus Coinneamh-Bhliadhnail 2007**

Bha Fèis Spè air cuireadh a thoirt dhuinn ar coinneamh-bhliadhnail agus co-labhairt a chumail anns an sgìre aca-san an ath bhliadhna. Thug Anna Willoughby iomradh air na cosgaisean a bha air tighinn a-steach bho àiteachan a dh'fhaodadh a bhith freagarrach airson na co-labhairt a chumail.

Bha i a' dol air ais gu Taigh Osta na Dòmhnallaich anns an Aghaidh Mhòr airson lùghdachadh iarraidh air coisgeasan.

(c) Taghadh Luchd-Stiùiridh

Bha an Stiùiriche a' dol a cuir air adhart tagadh eile air dòigh airson ball ùr a' Bhùird fhasdadh bho na h-Eileanan an Iar.

1.2007.06 EILE

(a) Gnothach iomchaidh sam bith eile

Bha Iain Mac a' Ghobhainn a' cur air dòigh buidheann-obrach airson a' phoileasaidh ealain Ghàidhlig air Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba ùrachadh.

Thuir e gun robh Graham Berry a' fàgail Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba agus bha e a pòsadh anns an Iuchar. Bha Art MacCarraig air litir a chur thuige mu thràth, a toirt taing do Graham le leth-breac den leabhar 'Fèis'.

Bha freagairt a dol air adhart air ro-innleachd GASD.

Bha uallach air Ealasaid Nic Ille Bhàin mu deidhinn Fèis ùr a dol air adhart ann an Dunomhainn. Bha Dùbhglas Beck a dol a bhruidhinn rithe mu dheidhinn seo.

(b) Coinneamh nam buidhne-ghnìomh

Chaidh na pàipearan air fad bho choinneamh nam buidhne-ghnìomh an cuairteachadh air post-d a-mhàin. Cha do thog duine ceist sam bith.

(c) Ceann-latha na h-ath choinneimh

Bha an ath coinneimh gu bhith ann an Barraigh air 29 An Cèitean. Thug Ceitidh Àdhamh taing dhan a h-uile duine airson a bhith làthair agus cuideachd do Chalum Ailig MacMhaolain airson an eadar-theangachaidh.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Geàrr-chunntas a' choinneimh den Bhuidhinn-Ghniomh (ann am Beurla a-mhàin) a chaidh a chumail ann an Taigh-Òsta Chluainidh, Diluain 14 Cèitean bho 3f.

Àireamh air a' Chlàr-Ghnothaich: 2.2007.01(e)

EX2.2007.01 PRELIMINARIES

(a) Present

Katie Adam (Fèis a' Bhaile, Chair), George Stoddart (Fèis sa Mheadhan, Secretary/Treasurer), Peggy Nicolson (Fèis an Earraich, Vice-Chair), Arthur Cormack (Fèisean nan Gàidheal Director), David Boag (Fèisean nan Gàidheal Development Manager), Anne Willoughby (Fèisean nan Gàidheal Finance & Administration Officer), Alasdair MacLeod (Highlands & Islands Enterprise).

(b) Apologies

Morag Anna MacLeod (The Highland Council), Ian Smith (Scottish Arts Council).

(c) Minutes of previous Executive Group meeting for approval

The minutes were approved as a true record.

(d) Matters arising

Alasdair MacLeod enquired about sales of 'Fèis: 25 years of the Fèis Movement'. It was reported that sales had been slow but distributors were being approached to increase sales. It was anticipated that Fèisean would sell more in the summer months.

EX2.2007.02 PROJECT UPDATES

(a) Bòrd na Gàidhlig contract 2007-08 (verbal)

David Boag provided updates on Sgioba-G. £65,000 was confirmed from Bòrd na Gàidhlig for Gaelic Developments. He reported that Bòrd na Gàidhlig wanted all drama groups working together to develop a Gaelic summer School. This would help raise interest among teenagers and students and increase numbers for Sgioba-G to draw on.

(b) Training Programme (verbal)

The Director reported that uptake for Cùrsa Inntrigidh was on-going and Gaelic grammar lessons for staff were continuing with another two days planned for June and August. Regional training sessions had gone ahead in the Western Isles the previous weekend. Another Tutor training session was planned for August.

(c) YMI contracts (verbal)

The Director reported that there was an over-spend on the YMI budget in Highland of around £16,000 due to increased spending on resources this year. The providers had been asked to reduce costs where appropriate but it was envisaged that spending would balance out the following year. The Director had a successful meeting with Graham Watson and a service level agreement was to be put in place for YMI funding.

(d) Blas Festival Progress Report (verbal)

Tickets were now on sale through The Booth. Additional funding may be required due to increased costs with Harvest. Inverness was included in the programme and there will be over 50 concerts this year. Blas musicians were appearing at Runrig's 'Beat the Drum' event in August 2007. There were other activities planned for the same day. There were clashes with the Mountain Bike Championships in Fort William but early marketing was planned in the area.

(e) Website Developments (verbal)

The new website had to be complete by the end of May as Ken Fraser was ending his contract to maintain the old website by that date. Fèisean could update their own pages if they chose to but there was also the option for it to be updated for them. It was agreed that there would be a presentation at the Board meeting/Annual Conference in September on the new website.

(f) Cèol nam Fèis concerts 2007 (verbal)

Nuala Kennedy was the Musical Director for the four concerts planned as follows:

27 June 2007 – Perth

28 June 2007 – Banchory

29 June 2007 – Glasgow

30 June 2007 – Edinburgh

A 'core' group had been secured from Cèilidh Trailers, but letters were being sent out to Fèisean for 16 –25 year olds to take part in one of the concerts. Rehearsals were planned for the Monday before the concerts.

(g) Cèilidh Trails (verbal)

New Cèilidh Trails were planned for Badenoch and the Western Isles dependent on funding. A sample letter of offer was included in the papers for information only. Alasdair MacLeod mentioned that HIE would like to receive publicity materials from the Cèilidh Trail concerts and Blas concerts. It was agreed that copies of press releases of events were to be sent to HIE also and quotes sought, where appropriate.

EX2.2007.03 STAFFING ISSUES

(a) Lochaber Fèisean Development Officer maternity cover (verbal)

The Director reported that Ingrid Henderson had given birth to a baby boy, and Fiona Ironside had replaced her temporarily. Fiona had been offered a 6-month contract, which would be renewed month by month thereafter until Ingrid's intentions are known. The Lochaber Steering Group had been interested in combining annualised hours with other Fèisean in the area, to employ an administrator but Fèis nan Garbh Chrìochan were keen to retain their own administrator, so the Director had not taken action on this as yet until the finance was clearer.

(b) Proposal to relocate Inverness offices (verbal - David)

David Boag reported that he had been looking for new offices in Inverness. He had looked at offices on Academy Street but our lawyer, Douglas Graham, was not happy with the lease conditions. Katie Adam suggested he contact Fairways as they may have offices for rent. Alasdair MacLeod was also going to enquire within HIE.

(c) Western Isles Fèis Support Worker (verbal – Arthur)

Fiona MacInnes was finishing in July and there was discussion over whether her post should be advertised as full-time or part-time. It was decided to advertise it as a full-time post and Arthur was going to contact Comhairle nan Eilean Siar regarding additional funding.

(d) Administrator, Portree office (verbal – Anne)

Anne reported that Elaine Ferguson was finishing at the end June and it was decided that her post should also be advertised.

(e) Grievance raised by Fèis Dhùn Breatainn (verbal – Arthur/Katie)

Katie Adam reported that this had been more or less resolved but agreed to speak to Bernard Bell regarding some outstanding issues.

(f) Proposals to change staffing structure (diagram circulated)

The proposals to staffing structure were circulated and Arthur Cormack outlined the various roles. It was agreed that Arthur would present this to the Board meeting for further discussion. It was also agreed that the staff and Board would meet for a day with the possibility of a Board training session organised for part of the same day.

EX2.2007.04 FINANCIAL ISSUES

(a) Financial Report (circulated)

A report from the Finance Officer had been circulated. A brief funding update was given for all projects but some of the items were covered elsewhere in the agenda under project updates.

(b) Bank Balances and up to date information (verbal)

The current bank balances were given as follows: £20,944.00 in the Current account and £66,504 in the High Interest account. £70,000 was on Deposit a/c for 2 month as well as £30,000 on Deposit a/c for 1 month.

(c) SAC funding (Agreement & Quality Framework and 2006-07 statistics circulated)

This was circulated for information only.

(d) Sgeama-leasachaidh nam Fèisean

This was circulated for information only

(e) Quarterly management accounts (to be tabled)

Expected quarterly management accounts, prepared by Nicolson & Co, were not available due to Angus Nicolson being on holiday.

EX2.2007.05 DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

(a) Archiving Project (verbal - David)

David Boag reported that £50,000 had been secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund and a part-time officer would be required from October 2007. He anticipated that 2 Fèisean would be involved every year, a total of 6 Fèisean over 3 years.

(b) City Fèisean Development Officer (verbal - Arthur)

Arthur Cormack reported that he was going to proceed with approaching the councils in the relevant areas to secure funding for a full-time development Officer, which he had delayed until after the election of new councillors.

(c) GASD evaluation report by Phyllis Steel (circulated)

This report was circulated for information, and noted by members.

EX2.2007.06 BOARD MEETINGS

(a) Agenda items to be included in May Board meeting (verbal)

A presentation of the new staffing structure was to be included in the May Board meeting. It was also agreed to include the financial statement with actual income and expenditure to end April.

(b) Board Election - Western Isles (verbal)

The Director reported that when preparing to re-run the election the Western Isles for Board members, Tommy MacDonald had withdrawn and Peggy McLennan was therefore appointed to the Board of Fèisean nan Gàidheal.

EX2.2007.07 GENERAL

AOCB

(a) Reporting format (verbal)

Katie Adam suggested that she would like the progress reports from staff to link in with the Development Plan and also the personal development plans of individual members of staff. Katie Adam produced a template to show how this might work.

It was agreed the Director would use this reporting method to report progress with development plan measures but that it was too late to include staff reports in this format this time round.

The Director reported that Fèis Lunnainn were having a launch at Westminster on 20 June and David Boag was accompanying youngsters playing at the event.

Fèis Mhoireibh had 45 participants registered and was taking place on 27 May 2007.

(b) Date and venue of next meeting

The date for the next meeting was 20 August 2007 at Cluanie Inn.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Adhartas a-rèir Phlana-Leasachaidh Fèisean nan Gàidheal 2005-10 a' gabhail a-steach targaidean nam prìomh bhuidhnean mhaoineachaidh

Àireamh air a' Chlàr Gnothaich: 2.2007.02(a)

Tha an geàrr-iomradh seo a' mìneachadh adhartais a thaobh nan amasan anns a' Phlana Leasachaidh againn. Tha mi an dòchas gu bheil seo gur cuideachadh ann a bhith a' cumail sùil air ciamar a tha a' dol dhuinn. Tha an dreachd air atharrachadh leis gu bheil sinn air targaidean nam prìomh bhuidhnean mhaoineachaidh – SAC, HIE, BnG, H2007 agus HC - a bharrachd orra-san a chaidh a chur air adhart le Fèisean nan Gàidheal fhèin a chur innte. Tha mi air na gnìomhan fhàgail anns a' Bheurla oir chan eil an t-siostaim RAG ag obrachadh anns a' Ghàidhlig:

R (Red) = Not presently on track, and measures to restore progress not yet in place. Danger that targets may be missed.

A (Amber) = Not presently on target, but with measures in place to restore progress

G (Green) = On target

Dev Plan Ref	Measure in Development Plan	Responsible	Performance Indicators	Progress	Status
1	Provide support for the development of individual Fèisean, promoting excellent working practices, and developing their range of activities				
1.1	Grants Scheme for Fèisean	Director	Continue to run a Grants Scheme for Fèisean (SAC Target)	Grants scheme in place. Grants offered to 41 Fèisean. Grants being paid out as per agreements.	G
		Finance & Administration Officer	Deliver Grant-aid support to at least 35 Fèisean annually (HIE Target)	Grants offered to 41 Fèisean for 2007-08, 35 of which are in HIE area.	G
		Director	With HIE and others, expand the finance available for R & D through the Fèis Development Fund (SAC Target)	£60k fund available for 2007-08, up from £15k in 2006-07.	G
		Development Manager	Support at least 3 new and innovative projects per year through the Fèis Development Fund (HIE Target)	Applications being invited at present, and on an ongoing basis.	G
1.2	Reducing the burden on volunteers	Development Team	Support workers in place	Ongoing support with administration, grants and practical support.	G
		Development Team	Range of support services in place	Detailed below under appropriate service heading.	G
		Training Officer	Policies are made as easy as possible for volunteers to deliver	All policies available as downloads on website. Training offered where action needed on the part of volunteers. Hands-on support with implementation of Gaelic policy.	G
		Finance & Administration Officer	Continuation of Annualised Hours scheme, with increase in hourly rate	Annualised hours offered for 2007-08 as part of grant offer	G

		Director	Employ 5 local Fèis Development Officers (HIE Target)	Proposals to changes status of Support Workers to Development Officers to be discussed by Board in May. 4 Workers currently employed, but status may change.	G
1.3	Annual Conference	Finance & Administration / Training Officers	Run an Annual Conference (SAC Target)	Conference to take place in Aviemore on 14 & 15 September 2007.	G
1.4	Insurance	Finance & Administration Officer	Adequate insurance cover in place for Fèisean nan Gàidheal, its staff and all Fèis activities.	Policy reviewed and renewed.	G
1.5	Musical instrument Bank	Finance & Administration Officer	Regular lending of instruments to Fèisean.	Ongoing and well used. Demand outstrips supply in Fèisean	G
			Renting to individuals to maximise income.	High level of rental achieved although this could be higher.	A
1.6	Disclosure checking	Collator	All tutors and volunteers involved in Fèisean in receipt of an enhanced Disclosure check.	Ongoing – over 1,000 Disclosure Checks carried out and disclosures now being renewed after 3 years.	G
			Continue to ensure good practice in relation to Child Protection (SAC Target)	Policy updated and ongoing training offered to those who need it.	G
1.7	Maintenance of a Fèis Tutors database	Finance & Administration Officer	Up to date data available at all times.	New template being worked on at present and new data being added as necessary, e.g. Councillors and MSPS following recent elections.	A
1.8	Developing, distributing and selling publications	Director	Publish a book celebrating 25 years of the Fèis movement by 2006 (HIE Target)	Book celebrating 25 years of the Fèisean now published and we are currently working on selling as many as possible.	A
1.9	Production and distribution of regular news and other information	Marketing & Communications Officer		<i>Faileas</i> now being professionally produced on a regular basis.	G
1.10	Support for new Fèisean	Development Manager	Create 2 new Fèisean per year (HIE Target)	Fèis Mhoreibh a certainty and Fèis Dhùnomhain a possibility for 2007.	G
1.11	Supporting the development of Fèisean, or collectives of Fèisean, wishing to become more independent	Director/ Development Manager	Continue to support individual Fèis projects such as the Fèis Bharraigh expansion activities (SAC Target)	Supporting Lochaber Fèisean, Fèis Spè and Fèis Bharraigh.	G
1.12	Extending support for the Fèisean outwith the 'traditional' Fèis local authority areas	Director	In cooperation with one or more local authorities, employ a Development Officer to cover Fèisean not covered by existing officers. (SAC Target)	Looking at viability of an officer to cover these areas now that the election is over.	A
2	Develop the use of the Gaelic language within the Fèis movement. Developing the spoken word as a means of communication and medium for tuition, according to the needs of the community each Fèis serves				
2.1	Prepare a Gaelic Language Policy for Fèisean nan Gàidheal, which will be adopted by members of the organisation	Gaelic Officer	Develop and increase access to the Gaelic language and culture through the implementation of a Gaelic Language Policy and the development of Gaelic drama activities including a Gaelic Drama Summer School (SAC Target)	Policy issued formally to Fèisean with letters of offer, along with guidance. Gaelic plans and annual updates submitted to Fèisean nan Gàidheal. Close monitoring and maximum support given to implement effectively.	G

2.2	Develop a Gaelic Language Development Team	Gaelic Officer	Gaelic-speaking teams to be available to local Fèisean	Sgioba-G visit Fèisean regularly to assist Fèisean with Gaelic Policy implementation, with a programme of work tailored to their needs.	G
2.3	Develop mechanisms for the delivery of our Gaelic Language Policy within Fèisean nan Gàidheal	Gaelic Officer	Database of phrases and vocabulary for Fèisean to be on website by end of 2007 (BnG Target)	Ongoing work on this with a view to publishing by year-end.	G
		Gaelic Officer	Gaelic to be visible on all local Fèis information leaflets with 30% to be fully bilingual (BnG Target)	Gradually trying to make all Fèisean use fully bilingual materials, and this is an ongoing task with hope of meeting target.	A
2.4	Develop wholly Gaelic-medium Fèisean and Gaelic-medium tuition at existing and new Fèisean	Director	An increasing number of GM Fèisean	6 Fèisean now GM, up from 2 in 1996 and GM tuition being developed within Fèisean that are not wholly GM.	G
		Development Manager	Ensure commitment to Gaelic among new Fèisean	No new Fèisean admitted for membership without demonstration of Gaelic commitment.	G
2.5	Development of Gaelic Drama	Drama Officer	Develop 2 Gaelic drama Fèisean (SAC Target)	Drama Fèisean in Argyll and Lewis in 2006-07. Plans for 5 in 2007-08	A
		Drama Officer	Deliver a minimum of 2 Gaelic drama summer schools (HIE Target)	Development work to take place in 2007. Drama summer school to be in place for 2008.	A
		Drama Officer	Deliver 4 Gaelic drama projects in 2007-08 (BnG Target)		A
		Director	Retain Gaelic drama officer (BnG Target)	Dougie Beck's post mainstreamed although reliant on BnG funds	G
		Drama Officer	Hold 5 Gaelic drama festivals across Scotland with at least 30 schools involved (BnG Target)	See SAC target above.	A
3	Develop the work of the Fèisean within the formal education sector				
3.1	Youth Music Initiative contract in Highland	Director/Coordinator	Continue to develop the work of the Fèisean within the formal education sector, in partnership with YMI in Highland and East Lothian (SAC Target)	Ongoing, and running successfully in its 4 th year. Tuition resources have been issued to all schools and tutors. Lesson plans now in place and system working. Part-time Co-ordinator now looks after day-to-day organisational issues.	G
3.2	Potential for Youth Music Initiative contract work in other areas	Director	Expand the delivery of traditional music classes beyond the Highland Council area, in partnership with YMI, wherever appropriate (SAC Target)	Work ongoing with East Lothian Council, with Fèis Dhùn Eideann.	G
3.3	Gaelic Language work in schools	Drama Officer	Meanbh-Chuileag to visit 5 LEC areas per year (HIE Target)	Meanbh-Chuileag to tour is new school session, starting August 2007.	A
3.4	Other formal educational work	Director		Possible involvement in resource development through the Traditional Music Forum. Fèis an Earraich to be working with Portree High School on a YMI-funded after school club project. A number of other Fèisean have been successful with informal YMI applications to the SAC.	A
4	Strategic projects and contract work, with partners, carried out by Fèisean nan Gàidheal and individual Fèisean				
4.2	Development of Blas – Celebrating Highland Music	Director	Develop and expand the Blas festival as part of Highland 2007. (SAC Target)	Blas 2007 on sale now.	G

	Development Manager	50 events across the Highlands (BnG Target)	53 planned.	G
	Development Manager	Gaelic-speaking Fear/Bean an taighe at each event (BnG Target)	Will be in place as per previous years.	A
	Development Manager	Gaelic signage at each Blas venue (BnG Target)	Will be implemented	A
	Development Manager	Blas promotional materials to be bilingual (BnG Target)	Will be in place as per previous years.	G
	Marketing & Communications Officer	Blas website to be bilingual (BnG Target)	Now live at www.blas-festival.com	G
	Development Manager	Gaelic phrase cards to be issued to all audience members (BnG Target)	Will be in place as per previous years.	A
	Development Manager	Increase audience from 4,600 to 5,000 (BnG Target)	With extra events this should be achievable.	A
	Director	To deliver a programme that is aligned to the core aims of Blas (HC Target)	This is the case with a programme that involves young people, Gaelic language, international artistes and innovation.	G
	Director	If additional funding allows, to continue the support of five Cèilidh Trails and an annual Gaelic Music in Schools week (HC Target)	Cèilidh Trails will be supported, and if YMI providers can get the schools sufficiently interested, a Gaelic Music in Schools Week will be in place also, using existing YMI funds.	A
	Director	To deliver a festival that is inclusive and will appeal to a wide cross-section of age groups and cultural backgrounds (HC Target)	Previous festivals have drawn people aged 5 to 89, with or without Gaelic, so we would hope to build on that for this year.	A
	Director	To maintain excellent artistic standards and high standards of customer and stakeholder care (HC Target)	Very good programme already in place. Reliant on local promoters for customer care although there will be a Blas representative at every event. New company should ensure good stakeholder care and we will ensure that funders, in particular, are looked after with complimentary tickets and invitations to launches, receptions etc.	A
	Director	Confirmation that Blas 2006 has achieved the output targets outlined in the business plan. (H2007 Target)	Already reported on to Highland 2007, and targets exceeded.	G
	Director	Confirmation that Blas 2006 achieved the target ticket sales projected within the business plan. (H2007 Target)	Box Office targets for Blas 2006 were exceeded.	G
	Director	Provision of the detailed programme for Blas 2007, highlighting the international focus of the events programme. (H2007 Target)	To be formally submitted to Highland 2007 but officers have been party to the process.	A
	Director	Confirmation that Blas 2007 has achieved the output targets outlined in the business plan. (H2007 Target)	To be reported on post Blas 2007.	A
	Director	Confirmation that Blas 2007 achieved the target tickets sales projected within the business plan. (H2007 Target)	To be reported on post Blas 2007.	A

		Director	Submission of the Highland 2007 post event evaluation questionnaire. (H2007 Target)	To be completed post Blas 2007.	A
		Director	Evidence of positive funding support to host Blas 2008. (H2007 Target)	To be reported on post Blas 2007 but we are actively seeking support from agencies and sponsors, with SAC and HIE already having contributed through Cèilidh Trail funds.	A
4.3	Continuing support for Fèis Cèilidh Trails	Director	In partnership with Fèisean, further develop a network of Cèilidh trails (SAC Target)	Funding available within Blas budget, with additional HIE and SAC funds secured for 2007.	G
		Development Manager	Create a minimum of 5 Fèis Cèilidh Trails across HIE area by 2009 (HIE Target)	Fèis an Earraich, Fèis Chataibh, Fèis Lochabair, Fèis Rois and Fèis Spè running Cèilidh Trails in 2007.	G
		Development Manager		Looking at feasibility of a Western Isles CT also.	A
4.4	Encourage local Fèisean to archive material which could be utilised in teaching situations in their area	Development Manager	Archiving project to be established.	Heritage Lottery Fund has approved £50k and we have match funding in place.	A
4.5	Gaelic Arts Strategic Development – GASD	Director	Maintain and implement the GASD programme as a senior partner (SAC Target)	Ongoing work and FnG involved as a partner and as a deliverer of certain elements. Gaelic Arts Conference held in Stornoway on 8 and 9 May. Future of GASD to be discussed with stakeholders soon.	G
4.6	Inter-Fèis activities	Development Manager		Funding integrated within our Development Fund from 2007 onwards. Fèis Rois and Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich involved in a joint project with concert planned for Hebcelt Festival 2007.	G
4.7	Traditional Music Tutor Training Network – TMTTN	Training Officer	Develop training provision and professional development, open to everyone involved in promoting, organising and participating in Fèisean, and to other involved in traditional music development and delivery (SAC Target)	Training Development Officer to call a meeting of TMTTN before end of June to re-start progress.	R
5	Develop training to enhance the skills of those involved in Fèisean and promote excellence within the Fèis movement				
5.1	Retain a Training Development Officer	Director		Post mainstreamed but reliant on SAC managed funds.	G
5.2	Annual Training Programme	Training Officer	Deliver training to 20 Fèisean per year (HIE Target)	It is expected that this target will be met with the Fèis Thrànaidh to be held in February 2008. Ongoing training being offered, with 4 Fèisean at recent event in Uist.	A
		Training Officer	Deliver training to 50 tutors and organisers per year (HIE Target)	Fèis Thrànaidh to be held in February 2008 will fulfil the target regarding organisers. 30 tutors expected on Level I and II courses at SMO also in February 2008. Level I and II courses also to be offered in Inverness in August 2007.	A

		Training Officer	Continue in-house Training Programme (HIE Target)	Staff training is ongoing. Anne Willoughby – progressing with MBA Iona MacDonald – progressing with Masters (Culture) Chris DePlano – 1 week Marketing course – 6/07	G
		Training Officer	4 Gaelic grammar sessions for FnG staff (BnG Target)	Two organised already with more to come: Gaelic Grammar – Fort William – 12/6/07 Gaelic Grammar – Portree – 28/8/07	G
		Training Officer	4 Gaelic language workshops for Fèis committees at different levels by March 2008 (BnG Target)	To be arranged.	A
		Training Officer	Support for 20 people to undertake a Gaelic course suitable to their needs in 2007-08 (BnG Target)	Offered on an ongoing basis, with 13 currently undertaking Gaelic language training of different kinds.	A
		Drama Officer	4 one-day workshops for drama tutors across Scotland (BnG Target)	To be arranged but plans already discussed.	A
5.3	Teenage provision within the Fèis movement	Director/ Development Manager		Will continue to support Fèis Rois nan Deugairean. Fèis Lochabair looking at making similar provision for teenagers. Archiving project will involve teenagers. Cèilidh Trails involve teenagers.	A
6	Continue to foster closer links between Fèisean, other organisations and other countries, and raise the profile of the Fèis movement through enhanced PR and showcase opportunities				
6.1	Networking	Director	Expand, wherever possible, partnership opportunities with other organisations both within and outwith the Gaelic community, and continue to work with existing forums, among them, the Scottish Traditional Music Forum. (SAC Target)	Continue to attend meetings, and contribute to the development, of the Traditional Music Forum. Working with a number of key partners who fund our work. VisitScotland have invited us to work with them on Traditional Music awareness-raising training workshops for their TIC staff. Working with RSAMD and Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music at Plockton High School. Discussions with RSAMD and UHI about a 'Fèis College'.	G
		Director/ Development Manager	Maximise Fèis contribution to success of the Highland 2007 (HIE Target)	Blas Festival is a major project for H2007. Fèisean taking part in Highland Promise activities where invited. Fèisean and Cèilidh Trails all listed as events under the H2007 banner. Fulfilling the remit of the 'Year that Scotland celebrates Highland Culture' with Ceòl nam Fèis concerts. Fèisean taking part in H2007 PR events at the Scottish Parliament in June, and in London in July. H2007 have asked us to provide some Fèis input to the Arts & Business Awards dinner in Edinburgh in September.	G

6.2	Advocacy	All staff led by Director	In partnership with the Scottish Arts Council and as members of the Traditional Music Forum, FnG will play a key role in the promotion and continuing development of traditional music in Scotland. (SAC Target)	Our work is geared towards this and demonstrated through the large number of bodies on which Fèisean nan Gàidheal has a presence, and the central place the Fèis movement has in the development of traditional music in Scotland.	G
6.3	International Links	Director		Cape Breton, English and Irish musicians will take part in Blas this year. Fèis Lochabair Cèilidh Trailers hosted a cèilidh for visiting Cape Bretoners in May.	G
6.4	Promotion and Marketing	Marketing & Communications Officer	Increase and raise profile of Fèis movement and its success with 10 pieces of local/regional coverage and 3 instances of national coverage per year. (HIE Target)	4 x YMI press releases issued. Regular news items circulated. Coverage needs to be worked on, however, but confident that this target will be met by March 2008. Faileas being created regularly.	A
		Director	Investigate greater partnerships with the commercial sector. (SAC Target)	Clydesdale Bank on board as a Blas sponsor. Further work needed in this area.	A
6.5	Information	All staff with support of Gaelic Officer where necessary	All information to be produced bilingually, or in Gaelic only, where appropriate (BnG Target)	Majority of external FnG information is produced bilingually. Staff communications are in Gaelic only. Most Fèisean are being assisted to allow them to produce information bilingually. Gaelic content of <i>Faileas</i> has increased greatly.	A
		Director	Work with HIE in commissioning research quantifying wider economic impacts of Fèis movement on cultural and creative industries in the Highlands & Islands to be published by 2008 (HIE Target)	To be arranged with HIE at a time appropriate to them, but we will cooperate fully.	A
6.6	Website and ICT	Marketing & Communications Officer	Redevelop Fèisean nan Gàidheal's web presence so that it is on a content management system (SAC Target)	New site being designed by Pelican Design using Sitekit. Part of the website (Blas) is live now.	A
		Marketing & Communications Officer	Bilingual website to be up and running by end of 2007 (BnG Target)	FnG website will be live by end of May 2007.	G
6.7	Showcasing opportunities	Development Manager	Stage 4 high-profile showcase concerts as part of Highland 2007 (HIE Target)	4 Ceòl nam Fèis showcase concerts to be mounted this year in Banchory, Perth, Glasgow and Edinburgh.	G
		Director/ Development Manager	Raise the profile of the Fèis movement through dedicated showcase concerts as part of Highland 2007, and other workshop/training activities (SAC Target)	Harvest will be part of Blas In talks with NessFest about a Fèis showcase event as part of that festival. Fèis youngsters will be showcased as part of the Runrig event at Drumnadrochit.	G

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Àireamh air a' Chlàr Ghnothaich: 2.2007.03(a)

Anns an aithisg seo tha:

- 1 Teachd a-steach agus teachd a-mach bho 1 – 30 Giblean 2007
- 2 Liosta de na tabhartasan a tha air gealltainn dha na Fèisean airson 2007-08

Àireamh air a' Chlàr Ghnothaich: 2.2007.03 (b)

- 1 Bidh na suimean a th' againn anns a' bhanca air an dearbhadh aig a' choinneimh

Àireamh air a' Chlàr Ghnothaich: 2.2007.03 (c)

- 1 Thèid cunntasan gu 31 Màrt 2007 air an sgrùdadh le MacNeacail agus Co an cuairteachadh aig a' choinneimh, neo na bu tràithe ma gheibh sinn iad ann an àm.

Anne Willoughby
Oifigear Ionmhais agus Rianachd
Cèitean 2007

Teachd a-steach agus a-mach gu 31 Màrt 2008 leis mar a thachair gu 30 Giblean 2007

Àireamh air a' Chlàr-Ghnothaich: 2.2007.03(a)1

Fèisean nan Gàidheal Budget 2007-08

INCOME	Budget	Period	Actual
Core Grants	£ 344,575.00	£ 28,714.58	£ 78,193.00
Grants Scheme	£ 191,500.00	£ 15,958.33	£ 0.00
Fèis Development Fund	£ 60,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 0.00
Annualised Hours	£ 25,000.00	£ 2,083.33	£ 0.00
Training	£ 81,250.00	£ 6,770.83	£ 0.00
Gaelic Development	£ 51,562.00	£ 4,296.83	£ 41,200.87
Youth Music Initiative	£ 244,511.00	£ 20,375.92	£ 0.00
Blas Festival	£ 269,500.00	£ 22,458.33	£ 0.00
Earned Income	£ 16,300.00	£ 1,358.33	£ 1,249.79
Meanbh Chuileag TIE Service	£ 80,000.00	£ 6,666.67	£ 0.00
City Fèisean Development Officer	£ 30,000.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 0.00
Support Cèilidh Trails	£ 89,000.00	£ 7,416.67	£ 0.00
Gaelic Drama Summer School	£ 65,000.00	£ 5,416.67	£ 0.00
Archiving Project	£ 20,000.00	£ 1,666.67	£ 0.00
Press/PR/Website Updates/Newsletter	£ 10,000.00	£ 833.33	£ 0.00
Fèis Showcase Concerts	£ 52,400.00	£ 4,366.67	£ 0.00
General Funds still to be raised	£ 46,952.00	£ 3,912.67	£ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£ 1,677,550.00	£ 139,795.83	£ 120,643.66

EXPENDITURE

RUNNING COSTS

Staff Salaries	£ 271,278.00	£ 22,606.50	£ 18,730.58
NIC Contributions	£ 29,841.00	£ 2,486.75	£ 1,355.63
Pension Contributions	£ 7,000.00	£ 583.33	£ 220.83
Staff Travel	£ 27,000.00	£ 2,250.00	£ 1,324.73
Office Rent & Rates	£ 20,000.00	£ 1,666.67	£ 1,382.85
Stationery, Printing & Postage	£ 11,000.00	£ 916.67	£ 2,898.06
Telephone, Fax, E-mail, Heat & Light	£ 8,000.00	£ 666.67	£ 1,140.78
Board Expenses	£ 4,500.00	£ 375.00	£ 0.00
Implementation of Child Protection policy	£ 10,000.00	£ 833.33	£ 860.00
Insurance	£ 9,000.00	£ 750.00	£ 6,428.39
Sundry Expenses	£ 2,500.00	£ 208.33	£ 421.86
Accountancy & Bank Charges	£ 3,000.00	£ 250.00	£ 0.00
Professional Fees	£ 2,000.00	£ 166.67	£ 195.00
Instrument Bank Maintenance	£ 3,000.00	£ 250.00	£ 193.89
Additional Support Needs	£ 2,000.00	£ 166.67	£ 361.50
Capital Expenses	£ 7,000.00	£ 583.33	£ 606.98

PROGRAMME COSTS

Grants Paid Out	£ 225,000.00	£ 18,750.00	£ 23,248.00
Annualised Hours	£ 35,000.00	£ 2,916.67	£ 0.00
Fèis Development Fund	£ 60,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 0.00
Training Programme	£ 54,000.00	£ 4,500.00	£ 1,041.75
<i>Training Programme Management Fee</i>	-£ 17,900.00	-£ 1,491.67	£ 0.00
Gaelic Language Development	£ 56,000.00	£ 4,666.67	£ 9,310.37
<i>Gaelic Language Development Management Fee</i>	-£ 12,500.00	-£ 1,041.67	£ 0.00

Youth Music Initiative	£ 244,511.00	£ 20,375.92	£ 9,936.12
<i>Youth Music Initiative Management Fee</i>	-£ 18,500.00	-£ 1,541.67	£ 0.00
Fèis Bharraigh Development	£ 15,000.00	£ 1,250.00	£ 0.00
Annual Conference	£ 15,000.00	£ 1,250.00	£ 691.00
Blas Festival	£ 271,020.00	£ 22,585.00	£ 8,464.22
<i>Blas Festival Management Fee</i>	-£ 15,000.00	-£ 1,250.00	£ 0.00
NEW PROJECTS			
Support for Meanbh Chuileag	£ 80,000.00	£ 6,666.67	£ 0.00
City Fèisean Development Officer	£ 35,000.00	£ 2,916.67	£ 0.00
Support Cèilidh Trails	£ 89,000.00	£ 7,416.67	£ 0.00
Gaelic Drama Summer School	£ 65,000.00	£ 5,416.67	£ 0.00
Archiving Project	£ 20,000.00	£ 1,666.67	£ 0.00
Press/PR/Website Updates/Newsletter	£ 10,000.00	£ 833.33	£ 1,446.00
Fèis Showcase Concerts	£ 52,400.00	£ 4,366.67	£ 502.00
<i>Fèis Showcase Concerts Management Fee</i>	-£ 7,600.00	-£ 633.33	£ 0.00
Contingency	£ 5,000.00	£ 416.67	£ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 1,677,550.00	£ 139,795.83	£ 90,760.54
Management Fees	-£ 71,500.00	-£ 5,958.33	£ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 1,606,050.00	£ 133,837.50	£ 90,760.54
Transfer to Reserves	-£ 12,512.50	-£ 1,042.71	£ 0.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 29,883.12

Tabhartasan airson nam Fèisean 2007-08

Àireamh air a' Chlàr-ghnothaich: 2.2007.03(a)2

GRANTS TO FEISEAN 2007-08 Name	Main Fèis Grant	Local Authority	Follow-on Grants	Annualised Hours	Ann Hours Grant	Dev. Fund	Total Grant Offered	Balance Paid	Outstanding Balance
The Highland Council									
Fèis an Earraich	£ 8,109.00	£ 3,994.00	£ 3,658.00	350	£ 2,625.00	£ 0.00	£ 18,386.00	£ 9,077.00	£ 9,309.00
Fèis Lochabair	£ 2,387.00	£ 1,175.00	£ 4,416.00	260	£ 1,950.00	£ 0.00	£ 9,928.00	£ 2,672.00	£ 7,256.00
Fèis Innis an Uillt	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 732.00	40	£ 300.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,032.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,032.00
Fèis nan Garbh Chrìochan	£ 4,362.00	£ 2,149.00	£ 4,500.00	200	£ 1,500.00	£ 0.00	£ 12,511.00	£ 0.00	£ 12,511.00
Fèis Chataibh	£ 2,774.00	£ 1,366.00	£ 1,800.00	200	£ 1,500.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,440.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,440.00
Fèis a' Bhealaich	£ 285.00	£ 141.00	£ 50.00	40	£ 300.00	£ 0.00	£ 776.00	£ 0.00	£ 776.00
Fèis Thròdairnis	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Fèis Rois nan Deugairean	£ 9,681.00	£ 4,768.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 14,449.00	£ 0.00	£ 14,449.00
Fèis Chille Mhòraig	£ 590.00	£ 291.00	£ 50.00	50	£ 375.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,306.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,306.00
Fèis Eige	£ 598.00	£ 295.00	£ 480.00	20	£ 150.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,523.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,523.00
Fèis Rois Òigridh	£ 7,638.00	£ 3,762.00	£ 5,468.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 16,868.00	£ 8,550.00	£ 8,318.00
Fèis Srath Fharragaig	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 728.00	30	£ 225.00	£ 0.00	£ 953.00	£ 0.00	£ 953.00
Fèis na h-Òige	£ 2,186.00	£ 1,076.00	£ 2,744.00	180	£ 1,350.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,356.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,356.00
Fèis Air an Oir	£ 614.00	£ 302.00	£ 4,568.00	100	£ 750.00	£ 0.00	£ 6,234.00	£ 0.00	£ 6,234.00
Feis Ghlinn Albainn	£ 1,327.00	£ 653.00	£ 3,351.00	20	£ 150.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,481.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,481.00
Fèis Ratharsaidh	£ 969.00	£ 478.00	£ 0.00	40	£ 300.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,747.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,747.00
Fèis a' Bhaile	£ 2,155.00	£ 1,061.00	£ 486.00	200	£ 1,500.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,202.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,202.00
Fèis Òigridh na Mara	£ 1,122.00	£ 553.00	£ 6,336.00	160	£ 1,200.00	£ 0.00	£ 9,211.00	£ 0.00	£ 9,211.00
Fèis Inbhir Narann	£ 766.00	£ 378.00	£ 3,900.00	100	£ 750.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,794.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,794.00
Fèis Spè	£ 3,266.00	£ 1,609.00	£ 3,540.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 8,415.00	£ 0.00	£ 8,415.00
Other Area/City Councils									
Fèis Dhùn Èideann	£ 2,880.00	£ 0.00	£ 3,714.00	600	£ 4,500.00	£ 0.00	£ 11,094.00	£ 0.00	£ 11,094.00
Fèis Chille Conbhal	£ 979.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,396.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,375.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,375.00
Fèis Arainn	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Fèis Obair Dheathain	£ 1,960.00	£ 0.00	£ 288.00	100	£ 750.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,998.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,998.00
Feis Dhùn Breatainn	£ 1,459.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,176.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 3,635.00	£ 0.00	£ 3,635.00

Fèis Òigridh Ghlaschu	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Fèis Lannraig a Tuath	£ 835.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 835.00	£ 0.00	£ 835.00
Fèis 'sa Mheadhan	£ 2,750.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	50	£ 375.00	£ 0.00	£ 3,125.00	£ 0.00	£ 3,125.00
Western Isles Council									
Fèis Tìr a' Mhurain	£ 3,338.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,792.00	150	£ 1,125.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,755.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,755.00
Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich	£ 2,350.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 3,406.00	80	£ 600.00	£ 0.00	£ 8,356.00	£ 0.00	£ 8,356.00
Fèis Tìr an Eòrna	£ 2,391.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,012.00	100	£ 750.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,653.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,653.00
Fèis Bharraigh	£ 3,493.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,089.00	200	£ 1,500.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,582.00	£ 0.00	£ 7,582.00
Fèis Eilean na Hearadh	£ 995.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,495.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,495.00
Fèis an Rubha	£ 1,033.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,033.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,033.00
Fèis Taigh Dhonnchaidh	£ 475.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,447.00	80	£ 600.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,522.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,522.00
Argyll & Bute Council									
Fèis Latharna	£ 1,932.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,060.00	150	£ 1,125.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,617.00	£ 2,949.00	£ 2,668.00
Fèis Mhuile	£ 968.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,840.00	80	£ 600.00	£ 0.00	£ 4,908.00	£ 0.00	£ 4,908.00
Fèis Thiriodh	£ 2,590.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 676.00	80	£ 600.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,366.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,366.00
Fèis Ìle	£ 886.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,386.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,386.00
Feis Ghlaschu	£ 2,325.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,325.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,325.00
Fèis Ceann Loch Goibhle	£ 425.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 916.00	20	£ 150.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,991.00	£ 0.00	£ 2,991.00
	Total Main Fèis	Total LA Grants	Total Follow-on	Total Ann. Hours	Total Other Grants	Total Dev.	Total pledged.	Total paid out	Total still to pay out
Totals	£ 82,893.00	£ 39,551.00	£ 67,619.00	3680	£ 27,600.00	£ 0.00	£ 217,663.00	£ 23,248.00	£ 194,415.00

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Blas Festival Ltd

Àireamh air a' Chlàr-Ghnothaich: 2.2007.04(a)

Cul-fiosrachadh

Mar a chaidh a dheasbad aig a' choinneimh mu dheireadh, chaidh companaidh ùr, Blas Festival Ltd, a stèidheachadh agus tha i clàraichte aig Taigh nan Companaidhean le àireamh SC 308889. 'S i companaidh àbhaisteach coimeirsealta a th' innte, 's ann le Fèisean nan Gàidheal a tha i, agus bidh i clàraichte airson VAT. Tha Aonghas MacNeacail, ar fear-cunntais ga clàradh an-dràsta airson VAT ach gabhadh sin suas ri dusan seachdain aig an àm seo.

Tha sinn ag amas air gach cosgais co-cheangailte ri Blas a chur tron chompanaidh ùr bho 1 Giblean, agus ma tha càil air a dhol tro na leabhraichean aig Fèisean nan Gàidheal mu thràth, bidh sinn a' faighinn sin air ais bho Blas Festival Ltd cho luath 'sa tha i ga clàradh airson VAT agus stiùirichean againn air a' bhòrd.

Puingean deasbaid airson a' Bhùird

Chaidh aontachadh aig a' choinneimh mu dheireadh gun tèid a' cur às den bhuidhinn-stiùiridh a tha ann an-dràsta, agus na h-àite bidh bòrd-stiùiridh a' chompanaidh. Dh' aontaich buill a' Bhùird gum bu chòir na leanas a bhith ann:

- Cathraiche air a chur air adhart le Fèisean nan Gàidheal.
- Dithis eile air an cur air adhart le Fèisean nan Gàidheal (cha leigeadh iad a leas a bhith nam buill den Bhòrd-stiùiridh, ach daoine a thèid a chur air adhart leis a' Bhòrd, m.e. luchd-obrach neo daoine a bha air a' Bhòrd roimhe aig a bheil ùidh anns an fhèis.
- Dithis chomhairliche a' riochdachadh Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd an dèidh an taghaidh anns a' Chèitean.
- Riochdaire air a chur air adhart le PAN.

Ainmean aig an ìre seo

An dèidh na coinneimh mu dheireadh, chuir mi post-d timcheall buill a' Bhùird, agus thàinig na h-ainmean a leanas air adhart:

- Chuir Katie Adam air adhart John MacDonald
- Chuir Peggy Nicolson air adhart Catriona Macintyre agus Kirsteen Graham
- Thuirt Elizabeth Bain nach robh ise eòlach gu leòr air daoine airson ainm sam bith a chur air adhart
- Chuir Jane MacNeil air adhart Arthur Cormack, David Boag agus Ingrid Henderson

Co-dhùnadh air a bheil feum

Tha feum air buill a' Bhùird co-dhùnadh a ruighinn cho luath 'sa ghabhas.

Bu chòir dhuibh cuimhneachadh gur e gnothach rianachd a tha a' fàgail feum air companaidh ùr, agus 's i a' bhuidheann-ghnìomh a bhios a' dèiligeadh ris a' mhòr-chuid de na gnothaichean làitheil mar phrògram agus foillseachadh a chur ri chèile. Tha sinn a' gabhail ris gum biodh stiùirichean a' chompanaidh ùr airson gun lean an t-suidheachadh seo.

Ann an aon seadh 's dòcha gum bi oifigearan freagarrach o chionn 's gur iad a tha a' gabhail gnothaich ri Blas bho latha gu latha, agus leis gum biodh iad-san a' frithealadh choinneamhan co-dhiù agus gu bheil iad cunntachail uile gu lèir ri Bòrd-stiùiridh Fhèisean nan Gàidheal mu thràth, bhiodh seo a' lùghdachadh obair rianachd a' bhùird ùr.

Air a' làimh eile, dh'fhaodadh daoine bhon taobh a-muigh beachdan ùr a thoirt a-steach air an fhèis, ach leis gu bheil buidheann-ghnìomh ann airson seo a dhèanamh, 's dòcha nach biodh sin ro chuideachail. Tha John MacDonald, Catriona MacIntyre agus Kirsteen Graham uile ag obair do Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd, agus 's dòcha gum biodh sin na dhuilgheadas nam biodh aca ri dèiligeadh ri airgead agus buill a' Chomhairle.

Art MacCarraig

Stiuriche
Cèitean 2007

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Planaichean airson structar luchd-obrach atharrachadh

Àireamh air a' Chlàr-Ghnothaich: 2.2007.05(a)

Background

Since we had the staff wages review with Anne Barke last year, I have been looking at ways in which the staff structure could be changed slightly, to enable us to have people managed better on a day-to-day basis, and to make best use of the skills we have within the staff.

A diagram of a proposed structure is given on the following pages – “putting the Fèisean at the heart of what we do” - which shows how the Fèisean should be able to interact with our staff, what services can be offered to them, and also how staff link internally, and could be managed better.

Main Changes proposed

- Establishment of an Executive Manager to split off finance, administration and HR from day-to-day development work. Anne Willoughby is working towards an MBA and has built up the skills to take on more of a management role. Given that I am out of the office quite frequently, I believe giving her the responsibility to manage the Portree office, and its staff, would increase efficiency.
- The upgrading of Fèis Support Workers post to those of full-time Development Officers. This would give us 4 full-time Development Officers (maybe 5 if we succeed in getting a 'city' officer) each one of whom could have a 'specialism'. For instance, one could be an expert in raising funds, and assist the Fèisean in raising funds externally, as well as having an overview of their grants from Fèisean nan Gàidheal and identifying leverage opportunities. Another might be a Cèilidh Trail expert and work with those Fèisean who run, or who would like to run, a Cèilidh Trail. Another would be a Gaelic expert, and so on.
- People paid on Annualised Hours would fulfill the role of support worker more and more, and would be in receipt of training, as appropriate, to enable them to fulfill this role.
- Staff would take on the role as 'Lead Officer' for a number of Fèisean, to be allocated on a fair basis, after having been assessed and scored. This might apply to all staff, not just Development staff, and would mean taking on responsibilities, in liaison with the 'specialists' for their Fèisean including:
 - Being the first and regular point of contact for Fèisean, answering queries locally
 - Assisting with grants to Fèisean including FnG grants
 - Regular liaison with Fèisean
 - Communication with administrative workers
 - Delivery of main FnG services at local level
 - Organisation locally of FnG service delivery, e.g. Training, Gaelic Development in close collaboration with other staff

Questions

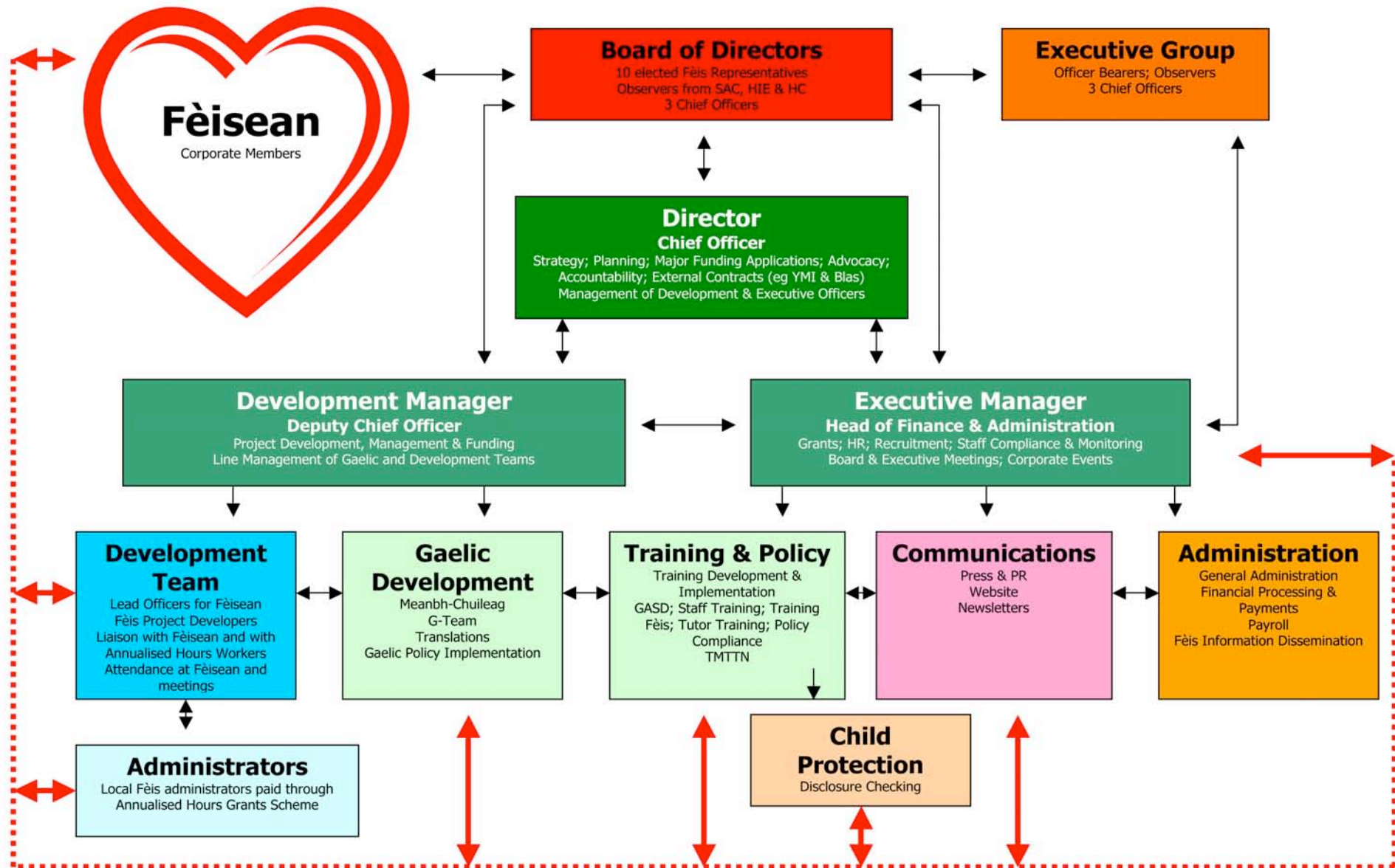
There are also some key questions that need to be addressed, such as:

- Is this 'tweaked' structure workable?
- What would the training needs be to achieve it?
- What are the information gaps to be filled?
- What are the opportunities for closer collaboration?
- Can we get rid of geographical boundaries?
- Can we loosen up the job description boundaries?
- Do we need support staff or development staff?
- Should we develop the annualised hours workers?
- Does the scheme work?
- Any other questions/concerns to be raised?

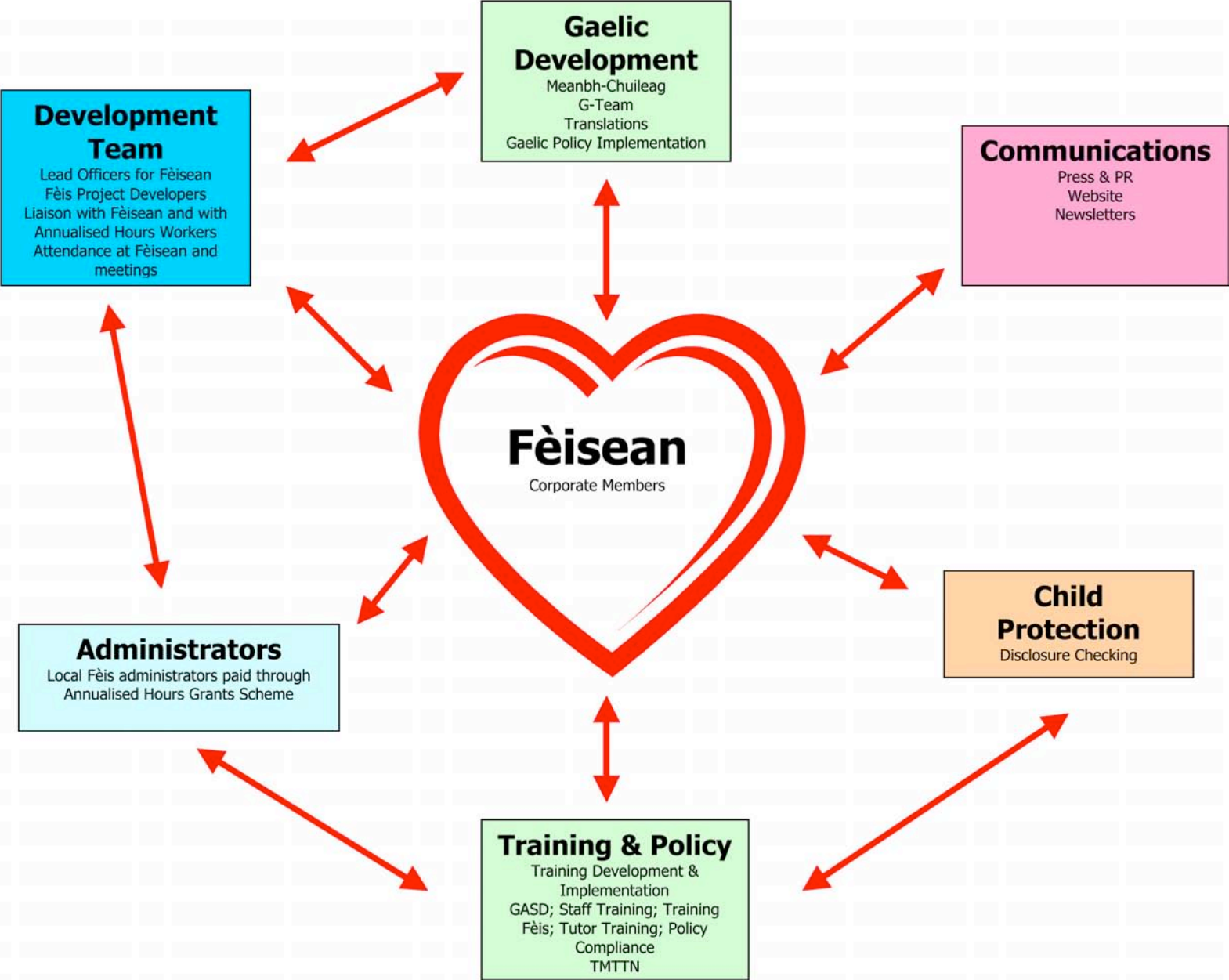
The purpose of this paper is just to get the ball rolling and I will make a longer presentation at the Board meeting, to lead discussion. Staff were talked through the ideas at a recent meeting, and have not come back with any feedback as yet, but should be involved in discussions before a final decision is made.

Arthur Cormack
Director
May 2007

Fèisean nan Gàidheal – Proposed Staff Structure: Fèisean “at the heart’ of everything we do ...



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Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Aithisgean Luchd-Obrach

Àireamh air a' Chlàr-Ghnothaich: 2.2007.06(a)

Art MacCarraig, Stiùiriche

Ro-ràdh

Eadar an Gearran agus an Cèitean tha cùisean air a bhith glè thrang, agus tha adhartas air tighinn air mòran de na prìomh phròiseactan a th' againn airson 2007-08. Anns na duilleagan a leanas, gheibhear geàrr iomradh air na tha mi fhìn, agus an còrr den sgioba, air a bhith ris, agus bu choir dhuibh seo a leughadh ann an co-bhonn ris an aithisg air a' phlana leasachaidh fo 2.2007.02(a).

Ionmhas

Thàinig sinn gu deireadh bliadhna an ionmhais le cha mhòr a h-uile sgillinn ris a bha sinn an dùil air pàigheadh dhuinn, agus tha sinn an-dràsta a' feitheamh air Aonghas MacNeacail sgrùdadh a dhèanamh air na cunntasan.

Tha aonta againn air na prìomh shuimean airgid airson 2007-08 leis gu bheil sinn air aontachadh ri cùmhnant ùr le Comhairle Ealain an h-Alba, agus tha leth-bhreac an cois nam pàipearan airson coinneimh a' bhuidhinn-ghnìomh.

Tha ionmhas air a bhith a' tighinn a-steach mar a bha sinn an dùil anns a' chiad mhìos den bhliadhna ionmhais ùr, agus tha ar sruth-airgid air a bhith glè mhath le sin.

Luchd-obrach

- Dh'fhàg Ingrid NicEanraig air fòrladh-màthaireil bho 2 Màrt, agus thòisich Fiona Ironside na h-àite air 19mh.
- Bidh Fiona NicAonghais gar fàgail anns an Iuchar agus ise gu bhith na neach-teagasig.
- Bidh Elaine NicFhearghais gar fàgail aig deireadh na h-Ògmhios agus ise cuideachd gu bhith na neach-teagasig.
- Bha cruinneachadh luchd-obrach anns a' Phloc air 23 Giblean.
- Chaidh dà latha eile trèanadh a thaobh gràmair airson luchd-obrach a chur air dòigh.

Youth Music Initiative

Bidh an cùmhnant seo le Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd thairis air a' bhuidseat a tha againn, suas ri £16k. Choinnich mi ri Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd bho chionn greis agus tha iad a' dol a chur thugainn cùmhnant ann an sgrìobhadh, agus bidh seo gar fàgail nas tèarainte, agus comasach an t-airgead a tha gann am bliadhna fhaighinn air ais bhon stòras a bhios againn airson na seisean ùr a' tòiseachadh anns an Lùnastal.

A bharrachd air sin, tha cùisean air a bhith dol glè mhath anns na sgoiltean. Chaidh litir-naidheachd shònraichte a chur ri chèile an cois am iris *Failleas* mu dheireadh agus chaidh an co-pàrteachas a tha eadar sinn fhìn agus Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd a mholadh ann am Pàrlamaid na h-Alba le Patricia NicFhearghais BPA, a bha na ministear airson turasachd, cultar agus spòrs, a thuirt: "I was particularly pleased to read today a special newsletter that has been produced by Fèisean nan Gàidheal with the youth music initiative at Highland Council. The newsletter says that not only has the youth music initiative reached every primary school in the Highland Council area but also it has led to the creation of employment for many talented professional traditional musicians. That is to be applauded."

Blas

Tha Blas 2007 a' ruith mar bu chòir aig an ìre seo, agus tha an làrach-lìn gu tur dà-chànanach a-nise. Tha tiogaidean air a bhith a' reic air a' Bhooth, agus bidh a' mhòr-chuid de sanasachd a' tòiseachadh bhon Ògmhios air adhart.

GASD (Gaelic Arts Strategic Development)

Chaidh Co-labhairt a chumail le GASD ann an Steòrnabhagh air 8 agus 9 Cèitean, agus thug mi seachad taisbeanadh agus òraid air iomairt nam Fèisean agus na leasachaidhean anns a bheil sinn an-sàs an-dràsta. Tha an t-airgead a bha aig GASD airson a' chiad trì bliadhna uile air a thoirt seachad agus chaidh mòran phròiseactan glè mhath a mhaoineachadh anns an àm sin. Chaidh iarraidh le Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba air Phillis Steel aithisg mheasaidh ullachadh, agus tha sin an lùib nam pàipearan airson coinneimh a' bhuidhinn-ghnìomh.

'Colaiste Fhèise'

Tha beachd a' dol gum bu chòir 'Colaiste Fhèise' a bhith air stèidheachadh airson daoine a tha air tighinn tro na fèisean, agus chaidh seo a dheasbad le Dougie Pincock (Sgoil Chiùil na Gàidhealtachd), Brian MacNèill (RSAMD), John Wallace (Ceannard an RSAMD) agus mi fhìn aig coinneamh anns a' Phloc beagan mhìosan air ais. Chaidh a' choinneamh a ghairm le Bryan Beattie a tha air a bhith ga obair mar eòlaiche dhan RSAMD.

Tha coinneamh eile gu bhith ann air 6mh Ògmhios, ged nach eil e comasach dhomh-sa a bhith an làthair, a' tarraing dhaoine còmhla aig a bheil ùidh anns a' chùis – nam measg UHI, HIE, Riaghaltas na h-Alba, SMO, Eden Court agus Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd – airson planaichean a thoirt air adhart.

Tha Bryan a' dol a dheasachadh phàipear le trì roghainnean airson a' phròiseict a thoirt air adhart agus cumaidh mi fios ri buill a' Bhùird ma bhios dad air aontachadh.

Fòram Ciùil Traidiseanta

Chaidh coinneamh den bhuidheann seo a chumail ann an Dùn Èideann air 5 Màrt, agus bha mi an làthair. Bha DVD air ullachadh leis a' bhuidhinn agus tha seo gu bhith air a gearradh a-rithist airson Alba air fad a riochadachd, agus Gàidhlig a chur ris na totalan.

Conaltradh le na Fèisean

- Tha mi air a bhith a' sgoileadh fiosrachaidh agus a' sgrìobhadh dha na Fèisean air fad.
- Bha mi a' conaltradh ri na Fèisean air fad a thaobh taghadh a' Bhùird-stiùiridh
- Tha co-fhreagartas air a bhith a' dol air adhart le Fèis Dhùn Breatainn, agus chaidh seo fhàgail aig a' chathraiche rèiteach a dhèanamh.
- Chuir mi a-steach iarrtas shoirbheachail gu Comhairle Ealain an h-Alba às leth Fèis an Earraich airson leigeil leotha clasaichean a ruith an dèidh na sgoile ann an Àrd Sgoil Phort-Rìgh ann an co-bhonn le Fuaran nan Ealan.
- Thadhail mi air Fèis an Earraich, Fèis Lochabair agus Fèis Rois aig àm na Càisge.
- Bha mi an-sàs ann an còmhraidhean le Fèis Cheann Loch Goibhle a thaobh airgead leantainneach, gu h-àraid co-cheangailte ri pròiseact calpa a th' aca. Bidh mi a' coinneachadh riutha agus ri Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba anns an Iuchar.
- Tha dùil agam a bhith aig coinneimh a' bhuidhinn-stiùiridh aig Fèisean Loch Abar ann an Ath Tharacaill air 24 Cèitean.

Coinneamhan agus tachartasan eile

- 5 Màrt: Coinneamh Fòram Ciùil Traidiseanta ann an Dùn Èideann.
- 20 Màrt: Coinneamh Bhlàs ann an Inbhir Nis.
- 27 Màrt: Fèis Dhràma an Òbain.
- 29 Màrt: Coinneamh le Mac TV a thaobh phrògraman telebhisean aig Blas 2007.
- 31 Màrt: Taisbeanadh do cho-labhairt an TMSA aig Pàrlamaid na h-Alba.
- 3 Giblean: Tadhal air Fèis an Earraich ann am Port-Rìgh.
- 4 Giblean: Tadhal air Fèis Lochabair anns a' Ghearasdan agus Fèis Rois ann an Ulapul.
- 6 Giblean: Tadhal air consairt Fèis an Earraich ann am Port-Rìgh.
- 23 Giblean: Coinneamh luchd-obrach anns a' Phloc
- 24 Giblean: Coinneamh Bhlàs ann an Inbhir Nis agus coinneamh Bòrd na Gàidhlig a thaobh ionmhais bhon Bhòrd.
- 3 Cèitean: Coinneamh le Rae MacEachern air ICO.
- 8/9 Cèitean: A' fithealadh agus a' toirt seachad òraid aig Co-labhairt GASD ann an Steòrnabhagh.
- 14 Cèitean: Coinneamh le Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd ann an Inbhir Nis agus coinneamh den bhuidhinn-ghnìomh ann an Cluanaidh
- 24 Cèitean: Coinneamh ICO ann an Inbhir Nis agus den bhuidhinn-stiùiridh aig Fèisean Loch Abar ann an Ath Tharacaill.

Daibhidh Boag, Manaidsear Leasachaidh

Ro-ràdh

Mar is àbhaist aig deireadh na bliadhna-ionmhais, tha mi air a bhith gu math trang a' cur crìoch air pròiseactan agus a' cur cunntasan agus aithisgean ri chèile. A bharrachd air sin, tha sinn a' lorg oifisean ùra. Ged a tha sinn gu math toilichte aig oifisean CnaG, tha an ceathrar againn gu math teann far a bheil sinn, agus chan eil cothrom ann dhuinn a fàs.

Bha mi an làthair aig tiodhlacadh Tormod MacGillIòsa ann an Ulapul aig tòiseach a' Mhairt. Rinn e an t-uamhas dha pìobairean òga ann an Siorrachd Rois agus nas fhaide air falbh na sin agus 's e fìor deagh charaid dha na Fèisean a bh' ann an Tormod.

Stiùireadh dha luchd-obrach eile

Tha mi air a bhith conaltradh leis an sgioba taic gu math tric, gu h-àraid leis na co-obrach agam anns an oifis Inbhir Nis. Bha mi aig coinneamh na luchd-obrach air a' Phloc 23 An Giblean. Tha Fèis Bharraigh air a bhith gu math trang air na dìofar phròiseactan aca, agus thug mi beagan taic gu Gillian Hammill le tagraidhean gu Lloyds TSB, Iomairt Ciùil Òigrìdh agus Clann ann an Èis. Cuideachd, thug mi beagan taic dhaibh le Barra Fest a bhios a' gabhail pàirt aig deireadh an Iuchar.

Leasachaidhean Gàidhlig

Tha leasachaidhean Gàidhlig a' dol air adhart glè mhath an dràsta, agus tha sinn a' choimhead air adhart gu bliadhna eile. Chuir Dougie Beck crìoch air cuairt air leth soirbheachail de Mheanbh-Chuileag aig deireadh a' Mhàirt. As dèidh sin, b' urrainn dhomh crìoch a chuir air na tagraidhean airson a chuir a steach gu Bòrd na Gàidhlig agus Comhairle Ealan na h-Alba airson na h-obrach seo. Fhuair sinn tòrr bheachdan math air ais bho na sgoiltean air an dealbh-chluiche seo.

Bha mi gu math fortanach a bhith an làthair aig oidhche shònraichte aig an Lanntair, Steòrnabhagh, 13 Am Mart, far an do chur Fèisean nan Gàidheal oidhche air dòigh mar phàirt den fhèis "Mach ann an Deich." 'S e oidhche mu dheireadh den phròiseact drama Leòdhais 's na Hearadh a bh' ann an seo agus bu mhath leam taing a thoirt gu Fiona NicAonghais agus Dougie Beck gu sònraichte airson an obair a rinn iad. A bharrachd air na piosan drama, bha comhlan bho Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich "Oidhche Chiadain" an làthair, a' cluich eadar gach dealbh-chluich, agus bha iad fìor mhath! Bha oidhche drama eile anns an Òban mar phàirt den phròiseact Drama Earra Ghàidheal, 27 Am Mart. Gu mì-fhortanach bha mi ro thrang aig an àm sin a bhith an làthair, ach a-rèir coltais 's e oidhche fìor mhath eile a bh' ann. Bu mhath leam taing a thoirt gu Christine Nic an t-Saoir airson an obair a rinn i a cur oidhche soirbheachail eile air dòigh.

Fhuair sinn cumhnant ùr bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig, luach £65,000 airson pròiseactan 2007-8. Tha seo a' gabhail a-steach £13,355 a cur taic ri pròiseactan aig Calum Alex, £10,000 airson iomairtean trèanaidh na Gàidhlig a measg na buidhne air fad, £15,000 airson oifigear drama fhadastadh, £10,500 airson Fèisean drama a cur air bhonn, £5,000 airson prògram trèanaidh airson luchd-teagaisg na drama agus £11,500 airson Fèis Blas.

Fèis Bhas

Tha mi air a bhith trang a-rithist le coinneamhan Blas, ann am Port Rìgh, 15 An Gearran, anns a' Ghearasdan, 22 An Gearran, coinneamh fòn 2 Am Màrt, 20 Am Mart agus 24 An Giblean ann an Inbhir Nis. A bharrachd air sin, chur mi tagradh air dòigh dhan PRS Foundation, a' sireadh taic airgid airson a' chiad choimisean againn "Kin."

Sgeama Leasachaidh nam Fèisean

Tha an sgeama 2006-7 a-nis dùinte, agus tha mi toilichte a ràdh gun do chur sinn taic ri 22 phròiseactan, luach faisg air £60,000 airson na £15,000 a bha san sporan. Tha an sgeama 2007-9 a-nise fosgailte, agus chur mi bileagan fiosrachaidh air dòigh aig tòiseach An Giblean agus tha iad a-nis aig na Fèisean. Tha mi den bheachd gur e cothrom fìor mhath dha na Fèisean, phròiseactan ùr a chuir air dòigh, agus le £60,000 a-nis sa sporan gach bliadhna, 's e cothrom luachmhor a th' ann cuideachd!

Pròiseact Thasglann

Fhuair mi fios aig deireadh An Giblean gun robh sinn soirbheachail leis an tagradh a chur mi a-steach dhan Stòras Chrannchur Dualchais (Heritage Lottery Fund) aig tòiseach na bliadhna. Tha mi cinnteach gum faigh sinn cead oifigeil a dh' aithghearr airson am pròiseact seo a chuir air dòigh gu foirmeil, agus an uair sin, cuiridh mi barrachd fios dha na Fèisean agus dha na meadhanan.

Consairtean Ceòl nam Fèis

Aig a' choinneimh mu dheireadh den Bhòrd aig Fèisean nan Gàidheal (FnG), dh' aontaich na buill ceithir cuirmean-chiùil Ceòl nam Fèis a chuir air dòigh air feadh Alba eadar 27 agus 30 Ogmhios 2007. Seo liosta de na cuirmean-chiùil a tha sinn am beachd a chuir air dòigh:-

Diciadain 27 - Taigh-cluiche Peairt

Diardaoin 28 - Sabhal Woodend, Beannchar

Dihaoine 29 - Strathclyde Suite, Glaschu

Disathairne 30 - Ionad Naomh Brìde, Dùn Èideann

Tha Nuala Kennedy a-nis air fhastadh mar an stiùiriche-ciùil againn airson a' phròiseact seo agus bidh ise a' taghadh na pìosan-chiùil airson an cuairt as leth FnG. Tha seo a ciallachadh gur ann aicese a bhios an uallach cuirmean a chur ri chèile a tha a' sealltainn na rudan eadar-dhealaichte a bhios a' tachairt aig Fèisean.

Tha mi toilichte a ràdh gu bheil mu 30 com-pàirtichean againn bho na Cèilidh Trails aig Fèis an Earraich, Feis Rois, Fèis Lochabair agus Fèis Chataibh againn mu thràth. Tha dùil againn gum bi rium ann airson 45 chom-pàirtichean eadar 16 – 25 air fad agus sgaoil mi an fhiosrachadh dha na Fèisean air fad mu cola-deug air ais a' sireadh beachdan bhuapa air com-pàirtichean eile a bhiodh freagarrach.

A bharrachd air sin, tha sinn a' sireadh molaidhean bho Fèisean aig a bheil uidh pàirt a' ghabhail ann an aon de na cuirmean-ciùil seo. Faodaidh na com-pàirtichean a bhith aig aois sam bith.

Coinneamhan agus co-obrach le buidhnean eile

- Co-chomhairliche a chur Comhairle an Gàidhealtachd air dòigh mu a' Bhile Chultarach, Inbhir Nis, 14 An Gearran
- Co-labhairt Dealbh Ealain, Steòrnabhagh 9 agus 10 An Cèitean

Cuairt dha na Fèisean

- Buidheann gnìomh FnG ann an Taigh Òsta Chluanaidh, 12 An Gearran & 15 An Cèitean.
- Coinneamh a' Bhùird ann an Glaschu, 26 An Gearran.
- Fèis Bharraigh, 27 & 28 An Gearran
- Coinneamh le muinntir Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich ann an Steòrnabhagh, 13 An Màrt.

Iona Nic Dhòmhnail, Oifigear Trèanaidh

Fiosrachadh air cùrsaichean

- Thachair an cùrsa-trèanadh do luchd-teagaisg nam fèisean (Ire 1 agus 2) aig Sabhal Mòr Ostaig air 17/18 An Gearran 2007. Bha an cùrsa làn, le 30 duine clàraichte agus ruith e gu soirbheachail.
- Leasachadh Luchd-obrach:
- Gràmar Gàidhlig – An Gearasdan-12/6/07
- Gràmar Gàidhlig – Port Rìgh – 28/8/07
- Anne Willoughby – leantainn air adhart le MBA
- Iona NicDhòmhnail – leantainn air adhart le Master's (Cultair)
- Chris Deplano – Cùrsa Mhargaideachd – 6/07
- Sgoil Eòlais na h-Alba – ceann latha ri chur air dòigh.
- Anns an eadar-ama, tha na cùrsaichean maireannach fhathast a' tachairt, leithid An Cùrsa Inntigidh, trèanadh luchd-obrach agus leasachaidhean airson na h-ath-bhliadhna.

Obair Eile

- TMTTN – a' chiad oileanach gu bhith deiseil dhen chùrsa "Certificate in Music Tuition" san Ògmhios 07
- GASD – a' toirt taic do PnE leis a bhith ruith chò-labhairt nan Ealan air 8/9 An Cèitean.

Nicola Marshall, Oifigear Leasachaidh

Tha mi glè thrang as dèidh seachdain dheth. Bidh na Fèisean anns na sgìre agam gu math trang anns na mìosan a tha tighinn. An-dràsta tha mi ag obair air Ceilidh Trails, Fèis Alba agus deasachadh airson na Fèisean samhraidh. Cuideachd, thoisich mi ag obair air àrd-ùrlar fosgailte airson Blas agus bidh mi a' cuideachadh le cuairt 'Ceòl nam Fèis' anns an Ògmhios.

Fèisean

Fèis a' Bhaile

Bha coinneamh-bhliadhnail agus cèilidh aig Fèis a' Bhaile aig deireadh an Giblean agus chòrd an oidhche ris a h-uile duine. Tha iad a ruith bùthan-obrach ann an seinn agus dannsa-ceum an-dràsta le taic-airgid bho InvernessFest Fringe agus tha Maree ag obair air na planaichean airson am prìomh fhèis.

Fèis a' Bhealaich

Cha do bhruidhinn mi ri Fèis a' Bhealaich o chionn ghoirid.

Fèis Chataibh

Tha Fèis Chataibh faisg air a bhith deiseal airson am prìomh fhèis aca anns a' chiad seachdain den Iuchar. Bidh beagan atharrachadh air an comataidh anns na mìosan a tha tighinn ach bidh a' chòmhlán a' gabhail pàirt ann an cùirt Ceòl nam Fèis, bidh an Ceilidh Trail a tachairt a-rithist agus tha pròiseact ur aca a' cur leabhar ur de cheòl air dòigh. Bidh am pròiseact seo a' tachairt le taic-airgead bhon sgeama leasachaidh againn.

Fèis Chille Mhoraig

Tha Fèis Chille Mhoraig a' faighinn beagan fois aig an am seo ach, fhuair iad taic-airgead airson pròiseact-ealain agus bidh sin a' tachairt anns am foghar. Bha plana aca airson bùth-obrach a dhèanamh anns an Àrd-sgoil Gleann Urchadainn an seachdain seo ach chuir an sgoil seo dheth, tha mi an dòchas gum bi e comasach seo gun tachair seo uaireigin.

Fèis an Earraich

Bha am prìomh fhèis aca anns an Giblean, ann an bun-sgoil Port-Rìgh agus bha e gu math mòr le faisg air 200 chom-pàirtichean. Tha mi a' smaoinichadh gu robh seachdain glè mhath aig na luchd-teagaisg agus na daoine òg. Rinn Deirdre Graham agus mi fhèin na h-agallamhan airson an Ceilidh Trail aig an fhèis agus bidh còmhlan air chùirt as dèidh Fèis Alba.

Fèis Gleann Albainn

Tha Fèis Gleann Albainn tighinn air adhart leis a h-uile pròiseact aca. Bha Fèis nan Inbhich aca uabhasach math agus bidh am prìomh fheis aca a' tachairt aig deireadh an Iuchar. An-dràsta tha an comataidh trang a reic tiocaidean airson NessFest, tha làrach-linn ur airson an fhèis agus NessFest – www.feisgleannalbainn.co.uk.

Fèis Inbhir Narann

Bhruidhinn Daibhidh agus mi fhìn ri Shona Arthur seachdain no dha air ais mu dheidhinn plana a tha aca airson pròiseact mòr a ruith còmhla ri na bun-sgoiltean ionadail. Bidh iad a' lorg taic airgead bhon sgeama leasachaidh againn agus bho buidhnean eile. Bidh iad a' cuir na planaichean air dòigh air an seachdain a tha tighinn.

Fèis na h-Òige

Tha Fèis na h-Òige a' coimhead air adhart gu am prìomh fhèis aca as dèidh sreath soirbheachail de bhùthan-obrach. Bha fèis bheag a' ruith aig an aon am agus bha mòran ùidh ann an sin cuideachd. Tha mi an dòchas gum bi mi a' choinneachadh leis an comataidh ro dheireadh a' mhìos.

Fèis Spè

Tha Fèis Spè an còmhnaidh trang. Bidh consart mòr aca air 8 Ògmhios airson Gaidhealtachd 2007 agus tha mi ag obair còmhla riutha air Ceilidh Trail ur airson Pàirc Nàiseanta a' Mhonaidh Ruaidh. Rinn mi na h-agallamhan airson an co-òrdanaiche agus tha mi toilichte ag ràdh gun do thoisich Caroline Reagh an seachdain seo chaidh. Bha mi aig an agallamh airson na luchd-ciùil cuideachd agus tha an còmhlan aca a-nis.

Fèis Farr

Chaidh mi gu na bùthan-obrach aig Fèis Farr aig deireadh an Gearran, bha mòran dhaoine ann bho aois 8 gu 80 agus bha e math a' faicinn a h-uile duine a' gabhail pàirt le chèile. Tha an sreath seo de bhùthan-obrach deiseil a-nis ach bidh Fèis Farr a' gabhail pàirt ann am Blas.

Fèis Ratharsaidh

Chan eil mòran conaltradh eadar mi fhèin agus Fèis Ratharsaidh ach bha am prìomh fhèis aca anns a' Gherran agus fhuair iad aithisg math bho SAC as dèidh Jim Gaitens a bhith tadhal oirre. Rinn mi tairgse dhaibh airson taic-airgead a dh'fhaighinn airson ionnstramaidean agus bùthan-obrach ach tha an comataidh ro thrang le pròiseactan eile an-dràsta.

Fèis Rois

Tha Fèis Rois gu math trang mar as àbhaist. Bha Fèis Rois Òigridh ann an Ulapul anns an Giblean agus bha Fèis nan Inbhich anns a' Chèitean, ann an Ulapul cuideachd. Bidh agallamhan airson an Ceilidh Trail aca a' tachairt anns na mìosan a tha tighinn.

Fèis Air an Oir

Tha Fèis Air an Oir fhathast a' ruith na clasaichean aca. Cha do bhruidhinn mi riutha o chionn ghoirid ach sgrìobh mi litir a' ràdh gu bheil mi deònach cuideachadh le dad sam bith ma tha iad ag iarraidh.

Fèis Alba

Tha mi faisg air a bhith deiseal airson Fèis Alba. Bidh faisg air 30 luchd-ciùil òga a' gabhail pàirt ann am Fèis Alba am bliadhna agus tha mi toilichte gum bi ochdnar a mach as an còmhlan bho an Cèilidh Trail ùr againn. 'S e na prìomh luchd-teagaisg Gordon Gunn agus Mhàiri Hall.

Choinneamhan aig an robh mi a bharrachd air coinneamhan àbhaisteach.

An Gearran

- 16 Tadhail air Fèis Farr
- 19 Coinneamh le Judith Bullivant
- 22 Coinneamh Blas, An Gearastan
- 27 Coinneamh Com-pàirteachas TMC

Am Màirt

- 20 Coinneamh Blas
- 30 Agallamhan airson CCT

An Giblean

- 5 Agallamhan airson 'Ceilear' (Fèis an Earraich CT)
- 17 Coinneamh le Elspeth Buxton, Fèis Spè
- 18 Coinneamh le Rae MacEachern
- 23 Coinneamh luchd-obrach
- 25 Coinneamh Blas
- 27 Coinneamh le Suzanne Irvine agus coinneamh le Bill & Christine – Fèis Gleann Albainn
- 28 Coinneamh Bliadhnail Fèis a' Bhaile
- 29 Agallamhan airson CCT

An Cèitean

- 2 Coinneamh le luchd-obrach leasachaidh, An Gearastan

Fiona Ironside, Oifigear Leasachaidh Fèisean Lochabair (Fòrladh màthaireil)

I am delighted to be standing in for Ingrid while she is off on Maternity Leave and I am thoroughly enjoying the challenges of a new job! Having just taken up post on 19th March 2007 a large part of my time has been spent familiarising myself with the work of the Fèisean, "learning the ropes" and meeting the Lochaber Fèisean and various people associated with my role.

Lochaber Fèisean Activity

General Fèis work is ticking over in the area; Fèis Lochabair had a very successful Fèis week in April with over 130 children participating, the efficiency with which it is run is a credit to the hard work of the committee. Feedback forms from the Fèis have seen several newcomers to their on-going classes.

Garbh Chrìochan and Eige are very busy organising their main events in July.

Òigrìdh na Mara are currently investigating ways of raising the profile of their weekend long Fèis in November as disappointing numbers last year led to it being cancelled. The possibility of a schools performance and profile raising event to promote the weekend Fèis and their on-going classes is being looked into.

Cèilidh Trail Project

Sileas Sinclair has been appointed as this years Cèilidh Trail Co-ordinator.

Catriona MacIntyre, Sileas and I held auditions on 21st March and the 8 youngsters who applied were all successful. It's an all girl group this year and the participants are: Sarah Jane Shankland, Claire Delaney, Fiona MacIntyre, Kathryn Nairn, Alexandra Davies, Erin McHale, Carolyn MacKee and Sally Vanden.

Sileas and I have been working closely to a timeline which Ingrid and I drew up before she went off on Maternity Leave. Plans are progressing well, with the tour dates and venues now finalised.

Two training days in June with Ian MacFarlane and Megan Henderson will be followed by a weeks training at Fèis Alba and they will then go straight into their 3 week tour which runs from 6th – 29th July. They will also be performing as part of Blas, 31st August – 8th September.

I am also liaising with James Graham about the possibility of the Cèilidh Trailers performing at the opening of the Mountain Bike World Championships which is being held in Fort William in September.

Youth Music Initiative

As part of their Highland Promise Activities, children from the Small Isles and Knoydart Primaries were staying in Mallaig this week and I used this opportunity to give them the last of their YMI tuition for 2006/07.

This completes all of the YMI tuition for Session 06/07 and following a YMI Providers Meeting in Inverness on 24th May, programming will commence for next year. Once again, very favourable feedback has been received from the Lochaber schools and the use of lesson planning sheets seems to be working well.

Highland Promise 2007

As part of the Highland 2007 celebrations schools have been asked to run extra cultural activities. Following rough costings and proposals drawn up by Ingrid for all 4 schools clusters, the Kinlochleven cluster have confirmed that they wish me to programme events for them. The Mallaig Schools Clusters events are being run in partnership with the Mallaig Community Centre.

Mallaig Schools Cluster:

Fèis Òigridh na Mara are working in partnership with Mallaig Community Centre who are running a Gaelic Song Writing Project with Niki Robertson project managing it.

I took part in initial discussions and the programming of workshops for the Island Schools. These workshops have now taken place. Workshops will be ongoing leading to a performance later in the year.

Kinlochleven Cluster:

Kinlochleven High School have asked me to organise a "Mini Fèis" week in May. This is proving challenging as the budget is fairly small and very much determines how much I can offer. At the moment we propose to offer Step Dance, Tin Whistle and Gaelic Song with our tutors visiting the school from 9 – 11, Mon – Fri. Tuition will take place from Mon – Thurs with a performance on Friday by both pupil and tutors. I am currently waiting to hear back from the school.

The Kinlochleven Cluster Primaries have approached me separately from the High School and I am in the process of programming Gaelic Song Tuition along the same lines as their YMI tuition. They have requested the same tutor that I use for their YMI tuition (Rachel Walker) and are hoping to have a school performance later in the year.

High School Performance

A performance and profile-raising event was organised in Lochaber High School for Fèis Lochabair with funding from the Fèisean nan Gàidheal Development Fund. This event took place on Mon 26th and Tues 27th March as part of an extended assembly for the S1 and S2 pupils and our 2 local musicians, Gary Innes and Andrew Stevenson, performed to around 300 pupils. As well as a brief performance the pair spoke to the pupils about their own experience as Fèis participants and tutors, the week long Fèis, ongoing classes, Blas and the Cèilidh Trail. A Lochabair Fèisean leaflet, Blas Leaflet and Teenage Fèis Feedback Form (see below for more details) were handed out to the pupils.

Teenage Fèis

To enable research into the demand for a Teenage Fèis in Lochaber, I prepared a Teenage Fèis Feedback Form. As part of the Lochaber High School Performance, our musicians handed out the form to the pupils and encouraged them to let us hear their views. Unfortunately very few forms have been returned and Jim Sutherland (Head), has since, kindly agreed to let me put posters around the school encouraging the kids to fill the forms in, and return them to the school office. It was also drawn to their attention in the daily school bulletin.

With full cooperation from the Head at Mallaig High School, myself and Niki Robertson (Fèis Òigridh na Mara)

visited the school during a lunch hour in early April. Around 35 pupils completed the form and the response was extremely positive. All pupils we spoke to were very enthusiastic and united in the view that it should be a residential Fèis!

I contacted both Ardnamurchan and Kinlochleven High Schools about the possibility of a similar visit but am at present still awaiting a response from the Head Teachers. A database of the interested teenagers' details is in progress.

Project Applications (update)

Fèis	Funding Body	Detail	Amount	Stage
Garbh Chrìochan	Awards for All	Shinty Equipment	£2000	Unsuccessful
Fèisean Lochabar	FnG Development Fund	High School promotional concert	£300	Successful & event taken place
Òigridh na Mara	FnG Development Fund	Laptop and printer	£850	Successful and purchased

Other

I am now sitting on the Mod Fringe committee who are busy planning fringe events for Mod 2007 which is taking place in Fort William this year.

I have been asked to organise an open stage event for Mod participants and Fèis children. It is proposed that this would take place on the Monday – Friday of Mod week, twice daily and at the same time each day. The location would be at a suitable central gathering point in Fort William town centre, two options are currently being explored.

A visit from Beth MacNeil and 11 other members of Fèis an Eilean in Cape Breton prompted Catriona MacIntyre, with a little help from myself, to hastily organise an informal Cèilidh on Wednesday 16th May in the West End Hotel in Fort William. Entertainment was certainly not in short supply with 6 out of our 8 talented new Cèilidh Trailers performing for most of the evening. They were joined by 3 of last years Cèilidh Trailers and other local singers. Our guests treated us to some traditional Cape Breton Gaelic Songs and it was very interesting talking to them about their annual Fèis. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Attended meetings/events:

February	22	Steering Group Meeting, Camaghael
March	20	Meeting with Arthur and David, Inverness
	21	Cèilidh Trail Auditions, Camaghael
	26	Meeting with Niki, Fèis Òigridh na Mara, Mallaig
	27	Working with Sileas on Cèilidh Trail, Camaghael
	27	Attended Fèis Lochabair Meeting, Camaghael
April	2-6	Attended/helped at Fèis Lochabair
	16	Attended Lochaber Gaelic Development Group Meeting
	17	Working with Niki (Highland Promise 07) Mallaig
	18	Working with Sileas on Cèilidh Trail, Camaghael
	19	Attended Fèis nan Garbh Chrìochan Meeting, Acharacle
May	1	Attended Mod Fringe Meeting, Camaghael
	2	Working with Niki, Fèis Òigridh na Mara, Mallaig
	8	Attended Fèis Lochabair Meeting, Camaghael
	9	Attended Fèis Òigridh na Mara Meeting, Mallaig
	10	Working with Sileas on Cèilidh Trail, Camaghael
	15	Attended Lochaber Gaelic Development EGM, Fort William
	16	Met with people visiting from Fèis an Eilean, Cape Breton in Fort William
	22	Working with Sileas on Cèilidh Trail, Camaghael

Fiona MacInnes, Oifigear Taice

Chaidh deagh chuid den ùine agam, bho thoiseach an Fhaoilleach, air a thoirt suas leis am Pròiseact Dràma Leòdhais agus na Hearadh (PDLH). Ghabh sia sgoiltean ann an Leòdhas pàirt anns a’ phròiseict seo ach mi fhòrtanach cha robh gin ann bho na Hearadh. Chaidh mi a-mach chun na sgoiltean airson taic, cuideachdadh agus stiùireadh a thoirt dhaibh far an robh iad feumach, anns an Fhaoilleach agus toiseach a’ Mhàirt . Sgrìobh deagh chuid de na sgoilearan na deilbh chluich aca fhèin agus tha a h-uile sgoilear agus na tidsearan aca ri moladh airson na rinn iad do dh’ obair agus cho math ’s a bha iad uile air an àrd-urlar aig a’ chuirm-ciùil anns an Lanntair an Steòrnabhagh air Dimàirt 13 Màrt. Bha oidhche air leth ann agus chòrd e ris a h-uile duine. A’ bharrachd air an tàlant a measg na cloinne, fhuair an luchd-èisteachd deagh oidhche de chiùil agus seinn bhon an còmhlan dheugairean, Oidhche Chiadain, a tha a’ cosnadh deagh ainm agus cliù dhaibh fhèin ann an Leòdhas.

Bha mi a’ teagasg ann an Beinn na Faoghla anns a’ Chèitean agus fhads a bha mi a sin chuir mi air adhart coinneamh roinneil airson Fèisean nan Eilean Siar. Ged a chaidh seo iarraidh, agus gun robh e feumail don fheadhainn a ghabh pàirt, cha robh ann ach muinntir Fèis Tìr an Eòrna agus Fèis Tìr a’ Mhurain. Bha seo tàmailteach oir tha e math do na Fèisean air fad tighinn cruinn còmhla airson trèanadh shònraichte fhaighinn agus coinneachadh ri chèile uair sa bhliadhna.

Anns an dà mhìos a tha agam air fhàgail aig Fèisean nan Gàidheal, tha mi gu bhith a’ toirt seachad taic agus cuideachadh do na comataidhean airson Fèisean an t-Samhraidh aca. Bidh mi uabhasach duilich an obair fhàgail as dèidh còrr is coig bliadhna, agus bidh mi ag ionndrainn gu mòr. Tha min dòchas gu faigh mi a’ bhith an luib obair nam Fèisean ann an dòigh a choreign, air a tha mi a’ teagasg. Tha mi airson taing a’ thoirt don h-uile duine co-cheangailte leis na h-obrach, agus gu h-àraid do luchd-obrach FNG agus muinntir Fhèisean nan Eilean Siar airson an cuid taic, cuideachadh agus iomadach gair!. Taing mhòr dhuibh uile.

Fèis Bharraigh

- Tha mi air a bhith a’ bruidhinn ris an neach-obrach rianachd .
- Tha an Fhèis a’ gabhail àite bho 15 – 21 Iuchar

Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich

- Tha mi air a bhith a’ bruidhinn ris an tè-cathrach gu math tric
- Tha deugairean FEAR agus Fèis Rois gu bhith ag cluich còmhla anns an Iuchar aig Fèis Cheilteach Innse Gall
- Bidh an Fhèis aca bho 23-27 Iuchar

Fèis Eilean na Hearadh

- Tha mi air a bhith a’ bruidhinn ris an neach-obrach rianachd
- Bha mi aig coinneamhan air 12 agus 22 Màrt
- Tha an Fhèis a’ gabhail àite bho 9 – 13 Iuchar

Fèis Taigh Dhonnchaidh

- Tha mi air a bhith a’ bruidhinn ris an neach-obrach rianachd
- Tha Ceòl Nis gu bhith ann eadar 31 Iuchair agus 4 Lùnastal

Fèis Tìr a’ Mhurain

- Tha mi air a bhith a’ bruidhinn ris an neach-obrach rianachd agus an cathraiche
- Tha mi air a bhith gan cuideachadh taic-airgid fhaighinn airson an Fhèis aca
- Bha mi aig coinneamh air 29 Giblean
- Tha an Fhèis aca gu bhith a’ gabhail àite bho 9–13 Iuchair ann an Sgoil an Iochdair

Fèis Tìr an Eòrna

- Bha mi aig coinneamhan air 15 Màrt agus 1 Cèitean ann an Càirinis.
- Tha an Fhèis gu bhith air a’ chiad seachdainn den Iuchair (2–6 Iuchair).

Fèis an Rùbha

- Bha mi aig a’ choinneamh bhliadhnail air 20 Màrt

- Tha an fhèis gu bhith a' gabhail àite bho 6–10 Lùnastal

Eile

- Choinnich mi ri Artair Dhòmhnall agus luchd-obrach na Lanntair re PDLH air 23 Faoilleach
- Bha mi aig coinneamh luchd-obrach anns a' Phloc air 23 Giblean
- Bha mi aig co-labhairt na h-Ealain ann an Steòrnabhagh air 8 Cèitean
- Coinneamh roinneal nan Eilean Siar ann an Cairinis, Uibhist a tuath, air 11 agus 12 Cèitean

Cairistiona Nic an t-Saoir, Oifigear Taice

Tachartasan

Màrt

- Chuir sinn air dòigh Fèis Dhràma Earra-Ghàidheal anns an Òban anns a Mhàrt. Bha seachd sgoiltean ann agus cor agus 104 de chlann agus chord a huile mionaid ruithe! Bha sgioba bho *Dè a Nis* ann cuideachd a dèanamh "vox pop" agus chord sinn gu mòr ris a chloinn.

Giblean

- Bha mi aig Fèis Latharna a cuideachadh agus nam neach-teagaisg bhideo.
- Chaidh mi sìos gu Fèis Ghlaschu
- Choinnich mi ri luchd obrach bho Chomhairle Earra-Ghàidheil agus feadhainn ceangailte ri NYCOS
- Bha mi aig coinneamhean luchd obrach FnG anns a' Phloc agus anns a' Ghearasdan.

Cèitean

- Chaidh mi gu bùth obrach airson NYCOS an Apian agus chòinneach mi ri feadhainn an a Dun Omhain mu dheidhinn fèis ur a dhèanamh shìos a sin.

Fèis Àrainn

Cha bhi fèis an seo idir a bliadhna airson gu bheil a sgoil a gluasad gu àite ùr

Fèis Dhùn Breatainn an Iar

Tha iad a' gluasad air thoiseach beag air bheag.

Fèis Innis an Uillt

Bidh fèis aon latha aca anns an Ògmhios agus tha iadsan a tighinn air aghaidh glè mhath.

Fèis Latharna

Tha iad seo air iarrtas a chur a steach gu New Community Investment Programme. Bha fèis mhath aca anns a' Ghiblean agus tha aon den na deugairean aca air obair fhaighinn an samhradh seo tighinn còmhla ri Fèis Lochabàir.

Fèis Lannraig a Tuath

Tha iad seo a dèanamh math agus a' faighinn deiseil airson an fhèis aca anns a Lùnastal. Tha iad cuideachd a' coimhead airson airgead airson bùithean-obrach a dhèanamh ann a ceòl Gàidhlig "pop".

Fèis Mhuile

Tha an fhèis seo an-dràsta a' bruidhinn ri pàrantan mu dheidhinn dè na cuspairean a nì iad.

Fèis Òigridh Ile agus Diùra

Bha fìor dheagh fhèis aca am bliadhna le Eilean Dhiùra na phàirt dhi airson a' chiad turas agus bha e fìor mhath cuideachd.

Fèis Ghlaschu

Bha còrr agus 86 clann an seo, ach tha iad fhathast ro òg! Cha robh a "venue" - CCA air Sràid Sauchiehall - math idir oir bha e ro fhaisg air an rathad mhòr agus ro fhosgailte! Ach chòrd e math ris a' chloinn.

Fèis Thiriodh

Bi an fhèis seo a' tachairt as t-samhradh.

Fèis Chile Chonbhail

Tha an fhèis seo a' tachairt aig an aon am ri Fèis Lannraig a Tuath! Tha an fhèis seo ceangailte ri trì bailtean agus a-rèir de nì na pàrantan.

Fèis Cheann Loch Goill

Bha fèis dà latha aca agus a bharrachd air ceòl agus seinn, bha spòrs agus streap cuideachd ann.

Fhathast ri tachairt

- Fèis Innis a Uilt, Fèis Thiriodh, Lannraig a Tuath agus Cille Chonbhail.
- Tha mi ag obair còmhla re Fèis Cholm Cille ann am Muile air an ath mhios.
- Bith agam ri dhol gu bùth-obrach gràmar Gàidhlig anns a' Ghearasdan.
- Tha mi a nis ag obair còmhla ris a' Cho-òrdanaiche Culturail ùr aig Earra Ghàidheil agus tha sinn a coimhead air dòigh airgead fhaighinn airson Ile, Diùra agus Colbhasa.

Dougie Beck, Oifigear Gàidhlig (Dràma)

Meanbh-chuileag

Thàinig a' chuairt gu crìch anns an Sgoil Ghàidhlig ann an Glaschu air 22 Màrt às dèidh cha mhòr ceithir mìosan air an rathad leis an dealbh-chluich *Le Meas*.

Gheibhear shìos geàrr-iomradh air na rinn sinn:

Seachdain a' tòiseachadh	Àite
4 Dùbhlachd 2006	Uibhist
22 Faoilleach 2006	Ìle, Tiriodh agus Muile
29 Faoilleach 2007	Loch Abar, Inbhir Nis agus Bàideanach
5 Gearran 2007	Siorrachd Rois, Obar Dheathain agus Comar nan Allt
12 Gearran 2007	An t-Eilean Sgitheanach
19 Gearran 2007	Taobh Siar na h-Alba agus Dùn Èideann
5 Màrt 2007	Dùn Bheagain, Barraigh agus Leòdhas
12 Màrt 2007	Leòdhas
19 Màrt 2007	Glaschu

Eadar Dùbhlachd 06 agus deireadh Màrt 07 thadhail sinn air 35 sgoiltean, a' dèanamh 38 taisbeanaidhean den dealbh-chluich air beulaibh 911 duine-chloinne.

Rinn sinn an gnothach air a h-uile sgoil Ghàidhlig anns an Eilean Sgitheanach agus Loch Aillse a ruighinn. Ged a bha muinntir Sgoil Chille Mhoire a' smaoinichadh gun robh na h-àireamh aca ro ìseal airson ar toirt chun na sgoile, thàinig iad chun an taisbeanaidh a rinn sinn ann an Sgoil Stafain.

Bha seachdain gu math soirbheachail againn ann an Taobh Siar na h-Alba. Fhuair sinn cuideachadh bho Alasdair Law ann a bhith a' faighinn a-steach do Bhun-sgoil Highlanders' Academy ann an Grianraig. Bha e air a bhith doirbh dhuinn greim fhaighinn air ceannard na sgoile, ach chuir Alasdair gnothaichean air dòigh dhuinn.

Stad sinn ann an Dùn Bheagain air ar slighe chun nan Eileanan, oir cha d' fhuair sinn cothrom tadhal air an sgoil an sin fhad 's a bha sinn anns an Eilean Sgitheanach sa Ghearran. Chaidh sinn an uair sin gu Barraigh, oir cha deach againn air a dhol ann san Dùbhlachd air sgàth na side.

Chaidh sinn an uair sin gu Leòdhas, ach fhuair Dougie amhaich ghoirt agus b' fheudar dà sgoil a chur dheth air sgàth sin. Chleachd sinn an ùine seo a' deisleachadh airson Pròiseact Dràma Leòdhais (faic shìos).

Chaidh Angela Cheannadach fhadadh airson pasgan-taice do thidsearan agus clann-sgoile a dheasachadh. Stèidhichte air an dealbh-chluich, tha am pasgan seo uabhasach math agus bidh e na bhuannachd do gach sgoil.

Bha a' chuairt air leth soirbheachail, ged a bha duilgheadasan againn a thaobh a bhith a' fastadh chleasaichean aig an toiseach. Fhuair deagh aithrisean bho thidsearan agus clann-sgoile, nam measg:

From: Catriona Smith [catsmithalba@yahoo.com]
Sent: 22 February 2007 12:18 am
To: meanbh-chuileag@feisean.org
Subject: Performance at Onthank Primary School, Kilmarnock

Dear Company,

I would like to pass on my thanks to the two actors who came to our school and performed the play about Maram. It was a treat for all of us and was very moving (I was crying at one point!!) Of all the productions I've seen as a Gaelic Medium teacher, this was the most relevant. The actors had beautiful, clear Gaelic, which the children easily understood. The production was pitched at just the right level and our children with learning difficulties also gained much. As the P5-7 teacher, I didn't know you were coming.... so what a fantastic surprise that it turned out so good. The workshop was extremely useful too....after we went back to class, we looked at the atlas and found out lots of other things about Afghanistan. Many , many thanks to the Company and please pass on my thanks to the fine actors.

I hope you'll come again! We're a small Department and the children don't get many opportunities like this.

Le deagh dhurachdan,
Catriona Smith

agus an airtigeal seo a nochd anns a' Phàipear Bheag:

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Sleat pupils raise funds for Afghan Aid

Pupils at Sleat Primary School in Skye have been putting their break time to great use over the past three weeks.

The school's P5-7 children have been holding a sale each day at 11am, offering bric-a-brac, videos, toys, books and baking in order to raise funds for Afghan Aid.

Acting head teacher Suzanne MacDonald said that the impetus for the fundraising came

after the pupils saw a play brought to the school by Meanbh-Chuileag — the Gaelic theatre education group — about the relationship between a Scottish boy and an Afghan girl.

The two communicate over the internet and the boy talks about how he hates school because it is boring. The girl in Afghanistan is horrified by his feelings and tells him how he is very lucky, and that in her country women are not allowed to go to school.

At the end of the play, the girl invited the Sleat children to ask her questions about life in Afghanistan.

"The children were very moved by the play when they realised what life is like for children there and decided they wanted to raise some money so they set up the stall. They did very well," said Ms MacDonald.

So far the children have raised over £275 for the charity.

Pròiseactan Dràma

Pròiseact Dràma Leòdhais

Thàinig Pròiseact Dràma Leòdhais gu crìch air 13 Màrt anns an Lanntair ann an Steòrnabhagh, leis na sgoiltean a leanas a' gabhail pàirt ann:

Sgoil Lacasdail	"Strì an Fhearainn"
Sgoil Bharabhais	"An Crais"
Sgoil Bhrèascleit	"Tac Chalanais"
Sgoil a' Bhac	"An rud a thig leis a' ghaoith"

Sgoil Shiaboist "A' Ceannachd Ad"
Sgoil na h-Àirde "Blàthachadh na Cruinne"

Uile gu lèir bha mu 50 duine-chloinne a' gabhail pàirt anns an oidhche.

Bha duilgheadasan againn ann a bhith a' fastadh luchd-teagaisg airson a' Phròiseict, agus bidh sinn a' coimhead air seo nuair a ruitheas sinn am pròiseact a-rithist nas fhaide air a' bhliadhna. Chaidh Fiona, Cairistiona NicDhòmhnaill (an Rubha) agus Artair Donald timcheall nan sgoiltean airson stiùireadh a thoirt dhaibh anns na seachdainean ron oidhche san Lanntair. Rinn Artair rainachd-stèidse air an latha agus cuideachd bha e na fhear an taighe air an oidhche.

Pròiseact Dràma Earra Ghàidheal

Thàinig Pròiseact Dràma Earra Ghàidheal gu crìch air 27 Màrt ann an Àrd-sgoil an Òbain. 'S e Christine, mi fhìn, Màiri Mhoireasdan agus Artair Donald a rinn stiùireadh sna sgoiltean airson a' Phròiseict, agus air an oidhche bha Artair a-rithist na fhear an taighe.

Bha na sgoiltean a leanas an sàs ann:

Bun-sgoil an t-Sàlein	"Am Biorsdaidh Pàrtaidh"
Bun-sgoil Shrath na h-Apann	"A' chaora 's fheàrr ann an Earra Ghàidheal"
Bun-sgoil Naomh Moire	"An Cafaidh"
Bun-sgoil Chaluim Chille	"Avrill Àlainn"
Bun-sgoil Bhogha Mòr	"Dubh-Sìth"
Bun-sgoil Thaigh a' Chladaich	"Avrill Àlainn"
Bun-sgoil Mhalaig	"Air a' Bhàta Cal-Mac"

Bha am pròiseact air leth soirbheachail agus rinn Christine saothair mhòr ma choinneamh. B' e seo an dàrna bliadhna den phròiseact, agus bidh e air a ruith a-rithist an-ath-bhliadhna.

Bùth-obrach air a' Chomraich: 30 Màrt

Chuir mi seachad latha air a' Chomraich aig deireadh a' Mhàirt a' dèanamh bhùthan-obrach Gàidhlig agus dràma còmhla ri clann na bun-sgoile. Bha seo mar phàirt de phròiseact air a chur air bhonn le Fèis a' Bhealaich gus DVD a dhèanamh stèidhichte air Gàidhlig san sgìre. Bidh mi a' dol air ais a-rithist ann an ùine gun a bhith fada airson bùth-obrach eile a dhèanamh mar phàirt den dearbh phròiseact.

Seachdain Dhùn Èideann: 23 gu 27 Giblean

Bha mi stèidhichte ann an Caisteal Dhùn Èideann airson seachdain a' toirt clann timcheall ann an èideadh Dhonnchaidh Bhàn Mhic an t-Saoir. Chaidh an t-seachdain a chur air dòigh le Comunn na Gàidhlig. Thàinig 249 duine-chloinne chun a' Chaisteil, bho 12 sgoiltean Gàidhlig. Bha gach buidheann còmhla rium airson dà uair a thìde, agus chunnaic a' chlann a' mhòr-chuid de na prìomh rudan a bha rim faicinn. Bha mi cuideachd os cionn cèilidh a chaidh a chur air dòigh dhaibh letheach slighe tron t-seachdain.

Latha Gàidhlig Dhùn Omhainn: 28 Giblean

Chaidh mi fhìn agus Rona Wilkie a Dhùn Omhainn airson latha de bhùthan-obrach Gàidhlig a dhèanamh do chloinn bho Bhun-sgoil Thaigh a' Chladaich. Seo an treas turas a rinn sinn an latha sin, a tha air a chur air dòigh le Co-roinn Ghàidhlig Chomhghaill, agus bhruidhinn mi riutha mu bhith a' cur air dòigh Fèis ann an Dhùn Omhainn fhèin. Mar as trice bidh muinntir Highlanders' Academy ann an Grianaig a' tighinn ann cuideachd ach cha robh iad an làthair am-bliadhna.

Dealbh Ealain: 8 Cèitean

Chaidh mi gu Steòrnabhagh airson rianachd-stèidse a dhèanamh airson a' chonsart a chaidh a chumail mar phàirt den cho-labhairt "Dealbh Ealain" a chaidh a chur air dòigh le Pròiseact nan Ealain.

Urras Nàiseanta na h-Alba

Bha mi gu bhith an sàs ann am pròiseact còmhla ri Urras Nàiseanta na h-Alba - *An Fhìdeag Airgid* - ach gu mì-shealbhach cha tàinig seo gu buill air sgàth cho beag de sgoiltean a nochd ùidh ann. A dh'aindeoin seo tha mi an dòchas gum faigh sinn cothrom obair a dhèanamh còmhla riutha uaireigin eile.

Na mìosan a tha romhainn

Tha mi an sàs an-dràsta a' cur air dòigh phlanaichean airson nam mìosan a tha romhainn. Tha mi ag obair air na pròiseactan a leanas:

Deireadh-seachdain trànaidh do luchd-teagaisg dràma nam Fèisean, a thèid a chumail ann am Peairt san t-Sultain. Bidh seo freagarrach do dhuine sam bith aig a bheil comas ann an dràma a tha ag iarraidh trànaidh fhaighinn a thaobh a bhith ga teagasg aig Fèisean. Bidh seo mar phàirt de phrògram trànaidh a bhios ag obair a dh'ionnsaigh **sgoil shamhraidh dràma** a thèid a cumail samhraidh 2008. Tha sinn cuideachd a' beachdachadh air pròiseact dràma a ruith ag amas air daoine òga sna h-oilthighean. Bhiodh am pròiseact seo coltach ris na pròiseactan dràma a tha gan cumail sna sgoiltean. Tha na h-iomairtean seo ag amas air ùidh a bhrosnachadh am measg dhaoine òga ann an dràma. Tha sinn air mothachadh o chionn ghoirid gu bheil cleasaichean òga aig a bheil Gàidhlig, agus daoine a tha comasach air dràma a theagasg, air fàs gann.

Pròiseactan dràma. Tha sinn an dòchas pròiseactan dràma a ruith anns na sgìrean a leanas am-bliadhna – An t-Eilean Sgitheanach agus Loch Aillse, Leòdhas agus na Hearadh, Earra Ghàidheal agus Uibhist agus Barraigh. A bharrachd air seo tha sinn an dùil pròiseact a ruith ann an Ceann a Tuath na Gàidhealtachd, le taic bho À Eden. Bidh mi cuideachd ag obair gu dlùth le Eden Court anns na mìosan a tha romhainn air pròiseact a tha iad fhèin a' ruith – *Ceann Mòr*. Bidh seo a' gabhail àite ann am bun-sgoiltean Gàidhlig air feadh cheann a tuath sgìre Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd.

Bidh FnG a' cur a-mach sanas-obrach a dh'aithghearr airson **neach-obrach dràma** a bhios ag obair còmhla rium air na pròiseactan shuas. Bidh an neach seo gu mòr an sàs ann a bhith a' teagasg air na pròiseactan dràma, agus thathar a' sùileachdainn gun cuir ise/esan ùine seachad còmhla ri Eden Court gus eòlas fhaighinn air dòighean cleasachd agus teagasg.

Calum Ailig MacMhaoilein, Oifigear Gàidhlig

Sgioba-G

Ged nach eil an Sgioba-G air a bhith aig fèis thairis air na trì mìosan a chaidh seachad, tha mi air a bhith trang le coinneamhan le cuid den fèisean agus le bhith ag ullachadh stuthan airson an Sgioba-G agus na fèisean a tha air iarraidh air an Sgioba.

Fèis Chataibh

Aig toiseach na bliadhna seo, chaidh mi fhìn is Nicola gu coinneamh còmhla ri comataidh Fèis Chataibh. Bha iadsan airson barrachd fiosrachaidh fhaighinn mun an Sgioba-G agus mar a dh'obraich e aig an fhèis aca. Tha iad a-nis ag iarraidh air Sgioba-G a thighinn chun an fhèis anns an t-Iuchar son cuideachadh le Gàidhlig.

Fèis Obar Dheathan

Chaidh Daibhidh 's mi fhìn gu Obar Dheathain airson coinneamh leis an fhèis an sin. Tha iadsan a' deisealachadh airson an Fhèis aca a bhios air na làithean 17-19 Gearran. Tha an Sgioba-G gu bhith an làthair an sin le mi fhìn is Anna Wombwell aig an stiùir. Tha mi air a bhith 'g ullachadh planaichean airson gach leasan a bhios an Sgioba-G a ruith aig an fhèis agus tha mi air bhith 'g obair gus stuthan-teagaisg ùr a chleachdadh airson na cur-seachadan a bhios sinn a' ruith.

Fèis Dhùn Èideann

Tha mi fhìn is Rona Wilkie gu bhith ruith an Sgioba-G aig Fèis Dhuneidean air 12-15 Gearran. Tha mi air a bhith gu math trang a' deisealachadh airson seo, le beachdan ùr airson na clasaichean Gàidhlig agus an uairsin cruinneachadh stuthan ùr agus a' sgrìobhadh planaichean teagaisg.

Fèis an Earraich

Aig an Fhèis trànaidh aig toiseach an Giblean, fhuair mi cothrom bruidhinn ri Kirsteen Greumach bho Fèis an Earraich. Bha comataidh an fhèis ag iarraidh cuideachadh leis a' phrògram Ghàidhlig a tha iad a' ruith airson na cloinne. Tha an Fhèis aca air an seachdain 2-6 Giblean agus tha mi dol a thoirt cuideachadh dhaibh le stuthan-teagaisg agus planaichean a bhios feumail airson na cur-seachadan a bhios aca aig an Fhèis.

Coinneamh le Tamara Hedderwick

Choinnich Daibhidh is mi fhìn le Tamara Hedderwick à Eilean Chola. Tha ise airson Fèis a thòiseachadh thall air an eilean agus bha i airson fiosrachadh fhaighinn air mar a dhèanadh i sin. Bha mise a' bruidhinn rithe mu Ghàidhlig aig Fèisean agus na seòrsa rudan a dh'fhaodadh Sgioba-G a dhèanamh. Tha iad an dòchas a chumail

Fèis anns a Chèitean 's tha Daibhidh 's mi fhìn an dòchas faighinn a-nall a' Chola a dh'aithghearr airson coinneamh a chumail leis a' chomataidh a bhios a' ruith an fhèis.

An àm ri teachd

Anns an àm ri teachd tha mi gu bhith ag obair aig Fèisean leis an Sgioba-G agus tha mi cuideachd an dòchas cothrom fhaighinn air coinneachadh le Fèisean eile agus ag obair còmhla riutha air planaichean Gàidhlig sa cuir an Sgioba-G air dòigh dhaibh. Bidh mi ag obair air cur-seachadan ùr airson an Sgioba-G agus tha mi gu math taingeil gu Bòrd na Gàidhlig a thug taic-airgid dhuinn airson sia computairean a cheannachd airson na cur-seachadan seo.

Eadar-Theangachaidhean

Bha mi an làthair aig a' choinneamh mu dheireadh aig a' Bhòrd 's bha mi a' dèanamh an eadar-theangachadh, ged nach robh mi ga fhaighinn furasta aig an toiseach, dh'fhàs mi cleachdte ris agus chòrd e rium a bhith ga dhèanamh!

Tha mi cuideachd air a bhith a' dèanamh eadar-theangachaidhean airson na Fèisean. Mar as trice 's e brathan-naidheachd a bhios iad a ag iarraidh orm a dhèanamh, ach a bharrachd air seo tha mi air pìosan a dhèanamh air foirmean-iarrtas, postairean agus pìosan airson an leughadh aig cuirmean.

An leabhar

Bha mi an làthair aig an iomairt-fhoillseachaidh anns a' Ghearasdain airson an leabhar ùr aig Fèisean nan Gàidheal. Chòrd an fheasgair rium agus bha mi an uairsin aig a' chuir airson Duaisean Chiùil Thraidiseanta agus bha sin uabhasach math cuideachd.

Meanbh Chuileag

Tha mi air a bhith cuideachadh Dougie le bhith cur na sgoiltean air dòigh airson an turas aig Meanbh Chuileag leis an dealbh-cluiche ùr aca, 'Le Meas'. Bha mi cuideachadh leis an clàr-ama, a fònadh na sgoiltean agus a sgrìobhadh an àrd planaichean airson a' chiad phàirt den an turas.

Làithean Gràmar

Bha mi aig an dà latha gràmar a bha Gilleasbuig Feargasdan a' ruith. A' chiad latha anns an Eilean Sgiathanach agus darna latha ann an Inbhir Nis. Chòrd iad rium gu mòr agus bha iad gu math feumail.

Fèis-Trèanaidh

Bha mi an làthair aig na làithean trèanaidh a bha aig Fèisean nan Gàidheal air an 3 agus 4 Gearran ann an Inbhir Nis. Bha e math coinneachadh le na daoine a bha air tighinn bho na comataidhean. Bha Dougie 's mi fhìn a' ruith bùth-obrach de chur-seachadan Gàidhlig air madainn na Sabaid. Bha 20 againn an làthair agus chaidh sinn thairis air na diofar rudan a bhios sinn a' dèanamh leis an Sgioba-G agus thug sinn air na daoine a bha an làthair feuchainn air na cur-seachadan. Bha e uabhasach spòrsail agus chord e rium.

Christopher DePlano, Oifigear Chonaltraidh is Margaideachd

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Aig deireadh a' Ghearran chaidh iarraidh orm plana a' chuir air bhonn airson brathan-naidheachd a sgrìobhadh gach seachdain air am prògram thraidiseanta den Iomairt Chiùil Òigridh, a' coimhead air gach sgìre ann an Comhairle na Gaidhealtachd far a bheil na fèisean a' toirt seachad an iomairt. Mar phàirt den phlana, chaidh mi fhèin agus am *photographer* Gordon Willoughby a-nall gu Inbhir Nis airson bruidhinn ris na sgoilearan, tidsearan agus luchd-oideachaidh a bha an sàs ann, agus cothrom a gabhail airson dealbhan a thogail den iomairt a' ruith. Chuir mi na brathan-naidheachd a-mach gach seachdain, a' feuchainn ri ùidh a thogail anns a sgeama, ro àm na thaghaidhean Albannach. 'S an t-seachdain mu dheireadh, sgrìobh mi brath-naidheachd airson na pàipearan nàiseanta, le faclan bho Patricia NicFheargais, Ministear na h-Alba airson Cultur, agus Dàibhidh Domhnallach aig Comhairle Ealain na h-Alba.

Làrach Lìn Bhlas

Ag obair còmhla ri Cailean MacIlleathain, chuir mi plana-leasachaidh air dòigh airson làrach-lìn Bhlas a' leasachadh, agus mearachdan a cheartachadh. Chuir mi seachad seachdain ag obair air an làrach agus tha mi an còmhnaidh a cumail sùil air.

Faileas

As dèidh trioblaidean aig na clo-bhuiladairean agus na dealbhadairean, chaidh an dàrna iris "Faileas" ùr fhoillseachadh. As dèidh trèanadh ann an Adobe InDesign, tha dùil agam an ath iris a chuir ri chèile mi fhèin, agus ga fhoillseachadh ro dheireadh na h-Òg Mhios, airson gan toirt a-mach aig consartan Ceòl nam Fèis.

Naidheachdan

Rinn sinn adhartas againn leis na naidheachdan, le pìosan air Rèidio nan Gàidheal agus anns na pàipearan naidheachd air an Iomairt Cùil Òigridh. Thairis air colla-deug, le bhi ag obair air na pàipearan-naidheachd ionadail, chaidh pìos a dhèanamh air Fèis an Earraich air duilleag aghaidh a' Phàipear Bheag, agus air Fèis Latharna anns an Oban Times. Seachdain as dèidh sinn dh'fhoillsich a phàipear pìos air Fèis Latharna agus Fèis Ghlaschu.

Làrach-lìn Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Tha sinn an dùil gun tèid an làrach lìn ùr aig Fèisean nan Gàidheal beò aig deireadh na mìos. Chuir mi seachad madainn còmhla ri Fèis Rois ga chuideachadh leis an làrach-lìn ùr, a bharrachd air feasgar aig coinneamh soirbheachail le Calum Ailig, a bruidhinn mu dheidhinn duilleagan Sgioba – G na làraich, a bharrachd air iomairtean is urrainn dhuinn a cho-obrachadh air, airson Sgioba-g a shanasachadh.

Cheannaich sinn inneal-chlàraidh Zoom H4, agus tha dùil againn ga chleachdadh airson fuaim a chuir air an làrach lìn ùr. Chleachd mi cothrom an inneal a chleachdadh aig a' chonsart dheireannach aig Fèis an Earraich, agus tha dùil a cuir an àirde air an làrach-lìn againn.

Trèanadh

A thaobh trèanadh, tha mi air foirm-iarratas a chuir a-steach airson seachdain trèanaidh aig Newbattle Abbey, a th'air a ruith leis an TMA. Bidh a chùrsa a' coimhead air margaideachd airson buidhnean ealain.



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