

Buidheann Thar-phàrtaidh na Gàidhlig

20 Sultain 18.30-19.30

Geàrr-chunntas

Fàilte agus Leisgeulan

Buill

Alasdair Allan, BPA

Ariane Burgess, BPA

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Beathag Mhoireasdan, Eadar-theangair

Cathie Johnston

Claire Cullen, Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Diane MacIntyre, Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Douglas Ansdell, Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Eilidh Munro, Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Jeff Justice

Jennifer McHarrie, Ùghdarras Teisteanas na h-Alba

Joan Esson, Foghlam Alba

Màiri Bhochanan, Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

Mata MacIomhair, Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

Morag Campbell, Comhairle Maoineachaidh na h-Alba

Sarah Buchanan, Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Stuart Pescodd, Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Wilson MacLeòid

Buill Buidhne nach eil nam Buill

Alison Bruce, MG ALBA

Artair Cormack, Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Caoimhín Ó Donnáile, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

Jim Whannel, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Marie Diuc, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Orla NicDhòmhnaill, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Shona NicIllinnein, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Leisgeulan

Donald Camshron, BPA

Ealasaid NicDhòmhnaill, MG ALBA

Katy Clark, BPA

Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneimh mu dheireadh : 21 Ògmhios 2022

Dh'aontaich Buill ri geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh mu dheireadh.

Taghadh Luchd-dreuchd na Buidhne Thar-phàrtaidh: Neach-gairm ; Iar Neach-gairm ; Rùnaire

Neach-gairm – Alasdair Allan, BPA

Iar Neach-gairm – Dòmhnall Camshron, BPA

Rùnaire – Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Gealltanasan Riaghaltas na h-Alba don Ghàidhlig is Albais agus Bile Chànanan na h-Alba

Chuir an Cathraiche fàilte air Sgioba Gàidhlig is Albais Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

Mhìnich Claire Cullen gur e amas an taisbeanaidh bruidhinn mu Ghealltanasan Manifesto Riaghaltas na h-Alba don Ghàidhlig, agus iomradh agus co-theacs a thoirt seachad air a' phròiseas ro thoiseach Bile Chànanan na h-Alba. Chur i cudrom air cho cudromach 's a tha e freagairt foirmeil a chur a-steach don cho-chomhairle a thig gu crìch air 17 Samhain 2022.

Tha còmhraidhean neo-fhoirmeil air a bhith ann mu na geallaidhean a thàinig bhon taghadh ann 2021. Tha an co-chomhairleachadh gu math sùbailte is fosgailte agus gun phlanaichean stèidhichte ann aig an ìre seo, agus chomharraich iad gun robh cothrom aig pàrtaidhean le ùidh buaidh a thoirt air planaichean san àm ri teachd tron cho-chomhairle.

B' iad na ceithir prìomh gheallaidhean air an deach beachdachadh: Stèidheachadh dòigh-obrach ro-innleachdail ùr a thaobh Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig (FtG); A' rannsachadh a bhith a' cruthachadh Gàidhealtachd oifigeil; Ag ath-sgrùdadh structar agus gnìomhan Bhòrd na Gàidhlig (BnG) agus gnìomhan a thaobh Albais.

Gus co-theacs a thoirt seachad, chaidh eisimpleirean de phrìomh reachdas a dh'fhaodadh atharrachadh ri linn a' Bhìle a thoirt seachad, a' gabhail a-steach Achdan an Fhoghlaim (Alba) 1980 agus 2016 agus Achd na Gàidhlig (Alba) 2005. Tha e coltach cuideachd gun tèid an Stiùireadh Reachdail ùrachadh gus dòigh ro-innleachdail ùr a sholarachadh a thaobh foghlam Gàidhlig, agus chaidh eisimpleirean de na dh'fhaodar atharrachadh a thoirt seachad.

Beachdaichidh a' cheist co-chomhairleachaidh mu bhith a' rannsachadh a bhith a' cruthachadh Gàidhealtachd oifigeil ma tha coimhearsnachdan den bheachd gum biodh seo

feumail, agus tha i a' togail cheistean air mar bu chòir sgìrean sa Ghàidhealtachd oifigeil a bhith air an comharrachadh, a' Ghàidhlig mar chànan nàiseanta agus Planaichean Gàidhlig.

Tha an t-ath-sgrùdadh air structar agus gnìomhan Bhòrd na Gàidhlig a' togail na ceist dè an structar as fheàrr a bheir taic don Ghàidhlig agus ciamar a bheir gealltanasan eile buaidh air gnìomhan Bhòrd na Gàidhlig san àm ri teachd.

Chan eil taic reachdail no aithne fhoirmeil ann airson Albais, agus mar sin tha am Bile seo na dhòigh air structairean agus dìon nas fheàrr a sholarachadh. Dh'fhaodadh seo a bhith tro barrachd taic do dh'fhoghlam, do ghoireasan agus barrachd foillseachaidh, a bharrachd air beachdachadh air buidheann fhoirmeil a stèidheachadh gus Albais adhartachadh.

Chaidh ceist a thogail am faodadh dòigh a bhith ann air lìbhrigeadh phlanaichean taobh a-staigh no taobh a-muigh Bhòrd na Gàidhlig a neartachadh, leis gu bheil tòrr phlanaichean cànan feumail ann, ach tha e fìor cuideachd gu bheil cuid de bhuidhnean nach eil cho èifeachdach ann a bhith gam buileachadh. Thug Claire Cullen fa-near gur e puing a chuala iad cheana a bha seo agus bha còmhradh ann mu mar a thathar a' dèanamh cinnteach gu bheil planaichean àrd-amasach gu leòr agus mar a thèid an cur an gnìomh. Thug Shona NicIllinnein, Ceannard Bhòrd na Gàidhlig seachad fiosrachadh air mar a tha seo air a riaghladh taobh a-staigh Bhòrd na Gàidhlig agus air na cothroman airson leasachadh.

Chaidh beachdachadh air dè na sgìrean a bu chòir a bhith air an gabhail a-steach sa Ghàidhealtachd, mar a bhiodh seo air a cho-dhùnadh agus ciamar a dh'fhaodadh poileasaidh Gàidhlig a bhith eadar-dhealaichte anns na raointean sin. Chaidh puing a thogail mu mar a dh'fhaodadh seo a bhith millteach do choimhearsnachdan agus gu bheil cothrom ann nach toireadh e aghaidh air cùisean a bha ann mar-thà.

Thug an Cathraiche taing dhan a h-uile duine airson am beachdan. Bhrosnaich Claire Cullen iad gus freagairtean sgrìobhte a chur a-steach dhan cho-chomhairle agus thug i fa-near gum biodh i fhèin agus an sgioba toilichte tuilleadh còmhraidhean a chumail le buidhnean sam bith le ùidh.

GISBE

Cha robh gin ann.

Ceann-là na h-Ath Choinneimh

Cha deach ceann-là aontachadh airson na h-ath choinneimh ach thèid seo a chuirteachadh an ceann ùine. Chaidh brosnachadh a thoirt do luchd-frithealaidh beachdan a chur a-steach airson cuspairean airson taisbeanaidhean don Bhuidhinn.

Cross-Party Group on Gaelic

20 September 2022 18.30-19.30

Minutes

Present

MSPs

Alasdair Allan, MSP

Ariane Burgess, MSP

Jenni Minto, MSP

Rhoda Grant, MSP

Invited Guests

Beathag Mhoireasdan, Translator

Cathie Johnston

Claire Cullen, Scottish Government

Diane MacIntyre, Scottish Parliament

Douglas Ansdell, Scottish Government

Eilidh Munro, Scottish Parliament

Jeff Justice

Jennifer MacHarrie, Scottish Qualifications Authority

Joan Esson, Education Scotland

Màiri Bhochanan, Highland and Islands Enterprise

Matthew MacIver, University of the Highlands and Islands

Morag Campbell, Scottish Funding Council

Sarah Buchanan, Scottish Government

Stuart Pescodd, Scottish Government

Wilson MacLeod

Non-MSP Group Members

Alison Bruce, MG ALBA

Arthur Cormack, Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Caoimhín Ó Donnaíle, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

Jim Whannel, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Marie Duke, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Orla MacDonald, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Shona MacLennan, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Apologies

Donald Cameron, MSP

Ealasaid NicDhòmhnaill, MG ALBA

Katy Clark, MSP

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 21 June 2022

Members approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Election of Cross Party Group Office Bearers: Convenor; Vice-convenor; Secretary

Convenor – Alasdair Allan MSP

Vice-Convenor – Donald Cameron MSP

Secretary – Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Scottish Government Commitments to Gaelic and Scots and a Scottish Languages Bill

The Chair welcomed the Gaelic and Scots Team from Scottish Government.

Claire Cullen explained that the aim of the presentation was to speak about the Scottish Government's Manifesto Commitments to Gaelic, and to give an overview and context on the process leading up to the introduction of the Scottish Languages Bill. She emphasised the importance of submitting a formal response to the consultation which closes on the 17th November 2022.

There have been ongoing informal discussions on these commitments since the 2021 election. The consultation was very open and flexible in its approach and, and they highlighted that interested parties had the opportunity to influence future plans through the consultation.

The four key commitments being discussed were: Establishing a new strategic approach to Gaelic Medium Education (GME); Exploring the creation of a Gàidhealtachd; Reviewing the functions and structures of Bòrd na Gàidhlig (BnG) and Taking action on the Scots Language.

To provide context, some examples of primary legislation which could be changed because of the Bill were provided, including Education (Scotland) Acts 1980 and 2016 and the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005. It is also likely that the Statutory Guidance will be updated to provide a new strategic approach to Gaelic education, and some examples of what could be changed were provided.

The consultation question relating to the exploration of the creation of a Gàidhealtachd will consider whether communities think this would be useful, and it raises questions on how areas in a Gàidhealtachd could be defined; Gaelic as a national language; and Gaelic Language Plans.

The review of the structure and functions of Bòrd na Gàidhlig raises the question of what structure will best support Gaelic and how could other commitments impact on the functions of Bòrd na Gàidhlig in the future.

There is no formal legislative support or recognition for Scots, so this Bill is a vehicle to provide better structures and protection in place. This could be in the form of more support for education, for resources and increased publishing, as well as the consideration of a formal body to promote Scots.

A question was raised if there could be a way to strengthen the delivery of plans within or outwith Bòrd na Gàidhlig, as there are many useful language plans, but it is also true that some organisations are less effective in implementing them. Claire Cullen noted that this is a point which they have heard raised and there was a conversation around how it is ensured that plans are ambitious enough and how are enforced. Shona MacLennan, Ceannard Bòrd na Gàidhlig provided information on how this is managed within Bòrd na Gàidhlig and the opportunities for development.

There was consideration of which areas should be included in a Gàidhealtachd, how this would be decided and how Gaelic policy could differ in these areas. A point was raised about how this could be damaging to communities and would not address issues that existed already.

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution. Claire Cullen urged them to submit written responses to the consultation and noted that she and her team would be happy to discuss this further with any organisations interested.

AOCB

There were none.

Date of Next Meeting

A date has not been set for the next meeting but this will be circulated in due course. Attendees were encouraged to submit ideas for topics to be presented to the Group.