

# Buidheann Thar-phàrtaidh air Gàidhlig

09 Gearran 2022 18.30

Geàrr-chunntas

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Gillian Rothach, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

Jim Whannel, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Orla MacDonald, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Ross Christie, MG ALBA

## **Leisgeulan**

Cha robh gin ann.

## **Fàilte**

Chur Alasdair Allan, Cathraiche na Coinneimh, fàilte air a h-uile duine dhan choinneimh.

## **Geàrr-chunntas na Coinneamh mu dheireadh : 06**

### **Dùbhlachd 2021**

Dh'aontaich Buill na buidhne ris a' gheàrr-chunntas.

## **Lèirsinn : Mapa Slighe airson nam Meadhanan Gàidhlig 2022-2027**

Thug Ross Christie bho MG ALBA fios seachad air an Lèirsinn ùir aig MG ALBA agus mhìnich e an aithris rùin, a tha a' mìneachadh nam prìomhachasan a bhios a' stiùireadh na Lèirsinn. Tha seo ioma-àrd-ùrlar agus cuiridh i ris a' ghnìomhachas a th' ann mar-thà.

Thug e fa-near cho cudromach 's a tha e feum a dhèanamh air comas na Gàidhlig san t-saoghal dhidseatach aig an ìre seo. Tha eag-eòlas susbaint agus choimhearsnachdan ùr air a thaisbeanadh taobh a-staigh na Lèirsinn seo, a' toirt a-steach Luchd-cruthachaidh, Luchd-cleachdaidh agus Com-pàirtichean. Tha feum air in-ionmhas gus an Lèirsinn a thoirt gu buil.

An toiseach, bu toil le MG Alba Susbaint airson Luchd-amais Didseatach is Òga a leasachadh, an uair sin Ùr-ghnàthachadh is Fàs nam Meadhanan agus mu dheireadh Togail Sgèile. Bidh in-ionmhas a' ceangal builean luchd-èisteachd ri builean cànan, eaconamach is cultair. Leigidh seo le coimhearsnachdan Gàidhlig a bhith aig cridhe obair MG Alba. Cuiridh MG Alba an cuid spionnaidh agus àrd-amasachd ri bhith a' sireadh nam builean as fheàrr airson nam meadhanan Gàidhlig, gus dèanamh cinnteach gun seas e agus gum bi e soirbheachail ann an saoghal meadhanan didseatach a tha gu math farpaiseach.

Chaidh faighneachd ciamar a bhios clann a' faighinn grèim air na meadhanan san àm ri teachd agus ciamar a tha MG Alba a' dèiligeadh ri seo. Fhreagair Ross Christie gu bheil a' gluasad gu susbaint air-loidhne. A' coimhead air adhart bidh iad air na h-ùrlaran air am bi a' chlann gus an t-susbaint a thoirt dhaibh. Cuideachd tha iad a' cumail conaltradh le daoine òga airson faighinn a-mach na tha iad ag iarraidh.

Chaidh ceist a thogail mu mar a tha MG Alba a' planadh Cìs Cead a' BhBC a-steach don Lèirsinn aca. Fhreagair Ealasaid Dhòmhnallach, MG ALBA, gur e com-pàirtichean dhaibh a th' anns a' BhBC agus gu bheil iad moiteil a bhith ag obair còmhla riutha.

Fhreagair i gu bheil iad ag obair gu cruaidh gus co-ionannachd reachdail fhaighinn ann am bile meadhanan sam bith a thèid a thoirt air adhart agus a bhiodh a rèir suidheachadh nam meadhanan sa Chuimris.

Chaidh iarraidh air MG Alba bruidhinn mun dàimh a th' aca ri riochdairean neo-eisimeileach. Thuirt Ealasaid Dhòmhnallach nach b' urrainn dhaibh an obair a tha iad a' dèanamh a thoirt seachad gun chuideachadh bho riochdairean neo-eisimeileach. Tha iad air leasachadh thar nam bliadhnaichean gus cothrom a thoirt dhaibh susbaint a sholarachadh do BBC ALBA. Feumar tasgadh iomchaidh a chur a-steach gus seo a libhrigeadh. Mhìnich Ealasaid Dhòmhnallach cho cudromach 's a tha na meadhanan Gàidhlig do dh'obraichean Gàidhlig, le gach £1 air a chosg a' ciallachadh gu bheil £1.34 ann airson nan coimhearsnachdan. Tha 340 dreuchdan an eiseimeil nam meadhanan Gàidhlig, le 160 cosnaidhean sna h-Eileanan an Iar is san Eilean Sgiathanach.

## An t-Slighe air Adhart

Thug Gillian Rothach, Prionnsapal Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, geàrr-chunntas dhan bhuidhinn air cò i agus dè a bhios i a' dèanamh. Chaidh an seiminear 'An t-Slighe air Adhart' a chur air dòigh le Sabhal Mòr Ostaig còmhla ris na co-obraichean aca anns na h-oilthighean eile gus coimhead air ciamar a bhios iad a' dol air adhart. Leis mar a tha an t-saoghal an-dràsta air sgàth COVID-19, bha iad a' faireachdainn gur e deagh àm a bh' ann gus an cuspair seo a thogail.

Bha Michelle NicLeòid an sàs san t-seiminear cuideachd agus thug i fios mu dheidhinn adhbhar an t-seimineir – a bhith a' misneachadh dhaoine; agus a' cuimhneachadh air an obair a chaidh a dhèanamh gu ruige seo. Chlàraich timcheall

air 200 neach airson an t-seimineir, bha 7 luchd-labhairt ann a bhruidhinn mu dheidhinn obair a tha iad air dèanamh sa choimhearsnachd.

Bha iad airson 's gun cuireadh an seiminear seo an cuideam air daoine a tha a bhith an sàs san iomairt airson na Gàidhlig thar na bliadhnaichean agus a' cur ri còmhraidhean a tha air a bhith a' dol timcheall air leasachadh Gàidhlig. 'S ann mu dheidhinn iomairtean Gàidhlig gu pragtigeach a bha e, chan ann mu dheidhinn bheachdan agadaimeagach.

Chaidh òraidean misneachail a thoirt seachadh is bha dà phannal ann cuideachd, aonan airson cnuasachadh air iomairtean a tha air tachairt agus air dè cho èifeachdach 's a bha iad; an dàrna pannal gus coimhead air co-obrachadh eadar coimhearsnachdan agus taobh a-staigh coimhearsnachdan. Bha cothrom aig daoine beachdan no ceistean a chur seachad.

Am measg nam puingean, chaidh a thogail cho cudromach 's a tha planaichean Gàidhlig, gu bheil neartachadh a dhìth agus gu bheil barrachd planaichean ionadail a dhìth. Cuideachd chaidh a ràdh gu bheil feum air buidseat nas motha airson leasachadh na Gàidhlig san fharsaingeachd; gu bheil leudachadh a dhìth ann an cùram-chloinne agus foghlam san àrd-sgoil gus am bi a' chlann a tha a' tighinn a-mach à FtG comasach a bhith a' cleachdadh na Gàidhlig.

Bha an seiminear a' togail misneachd ann an a bhith a' cuimheachadh air deagh obair. Cuideachd bha iomradh ann air iomadachd seòrsa coimhearsnachd ann an saoghal na Gàidhlig – tradiseanta, lìonradh, ùr – agus bha an seiminear a' sealltainn gu bheil measachadh de choimhearsnachdan taobh a-staigh gach coimhearsnachd.

Chaidh a thogail gur e saoghal beag a th' ann an saoghal na Gàidhlig agus gum feum daoine a bhith ag obair còmhla; is bha e soilleir gun robh tòrr gus togail air seach a bhith a' tòiseachadh as ùire.

Thathar an dùil seiminear eile a chur air dòigh san àm ri teachd leis an ath fhear gu bhith ann air an ath mhìos. Bha iad toilichte misneachd a thogail air obair mhath a tha air a bhith a' dol air adhart agus a bhith a' cluinntinn diofar guthan air na cuspairean.

Thugadh taing don a h-uile duine an làthair.

Chaidh faighneachd dè seòrsa rudan a bu chòir a bhith ann an lagh ùr is bha iomradh air còraichean do luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig agus Coimisioner dhan chànain.

## **GISBE**

Thog Marcas Mac an Tuairneir puing mu laigsean ann an reachdas mion-chànain aig ìre Westminster agus chur e a' cheist am bi ministearan ag obair le ministearan sa Chuimrigh agus sa Chùirn airson inbhe oifigeil a thoirt do na cànanan Ceilteach.

Fhreagair Alasdair Allan nach urrainn dha bruidhinn airson an Riaghaltas ach thog e a' cheist a bheil buidheann iomchaidh bho na dùthchannan eile agus mhol e gun tig iad dhan ath choinneimh airson bruidhinn. Chaidh iomradh a thoirt air Comhairle Bhreatainn is na h-Èireann.

Thuir Shona NicIllinnein gum bi an cunntas-sluaigh a' dol air adhart sa Mhàrt agus gu bheil cothrom ann seo a lionadh tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig air-loidhne agus bhrosnaich i daoine comharrachadh gu bheil Gàidhlig aca.

Bidh Seachdain na Gàidhlig ann air an 21mh Màrt agus bidh iomadh rud a' dol gus an t-seachdain seo a' chomharrachadh.

Thèid coimhead air an dreachd Plana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig ùr aig an ath choinneimh.

## Ceann-là na h-Ath Choinneimh

Chan eil ceann-là aontaichte ann ach thathar an dùil gum bi i sa Ghiblean/Chèitean.

# Cross-Party Group on Gaelic

09 February 2022 18.30

Minute

## Present

### *MSPs*

Alasdair Allan, MSP (Cathraiche)

Ariane Burgess, MSP

Donald Cameron, MSP

Rhoda Grant, MSP

Jenni Minto, MSP

### *Invited guests*

Beathag Mhoireasdan (Translator)

Calum McConnell

Caoimhin Ó Donnaile

Claire Cullen, Scottish Government

Conor Beaton

Darren Laing

Douglas Ansdell, Scottish Government

Dovydas Kuliesas

Iain Craig, Historic Environment Scotland

Innes MacQueen, Comann nam Pàrant

Jane NicLeòid

Jennifer McHarrie, SQA

Joan Esson, Education Scotland

Magaidh Smith

Magaidh Wentworth, Comann nam Pàrant

Michelle Macleod, University of Aberdeen

Morag Campbell, Scottish Funding Council

Niall Bartlett, Scottish Government

Rob Dunbar, University of Edinburgh

Ruth Watson

Stuart MacLean

Wilson MacLeod, University of Edinburgh

### *Non-MSP Group Members*

Arthur Cormack, Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Calum Ailig Mac a' Mhaoilinn, Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Dòmhnall MacLeòid, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Ealasaid MacDonald, MG ALBA

Gillian Rothach, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

Jim Whannel, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Orla MacDonald, Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Ross Christie, MG ALBA

## Apologies

There were none.

## Welcome

Alasdair Allan, Chair of the Meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting: 06 December 2021

Members of the group approved the minutes.

## Lèirsinn: A Route Map for Gaelic Media 2022-2027

Ross Christie introduced the Lèirsinn and explained the statement of intent, which sets out the priorities which will drive the Lèirsinn. This is multi-platform and will contribute to the existing in industry.

He noted the importance of capitalising on the potential of Gaelic in the digital world at this stage. A new content and communities ecology is presented within this Lèirsinn, incorporating Creators, Consumers and Participants.

Investment is necessary for the Lèirsinn to be realised. Initially, MG Alba would like to develop Content for Digital and Young Audiences, then Media Innovation and Growth and finally Building Scale. Investment will join up audience outcomes with language, economic and cultural outcomes. This will allow Gaelic communities to be at the heart of MG Alba's work.

MG Alba will invest their energy and ambition in seeking to ensure the best outcomes for Gaelic media, to ensure it will survive and thrive in an intensely competitive digital media world.

It was asked how children will access the media in the future and how MG Alba is dealing with this. Ross Christie responded that they are dealing with this by moving to online content. Looking ahead, they will be on the platforms on which the children are going to be to deliver the content. They also keep in touch with young people to find out what they want.

A question was raised about how MG Alba are planning the BBC License Fee into their Lèirsinn. Ealasaid MacDonald answered that the BBC are their partners and they are proud to work with them. She answered that they are working hard to look for parity of statute in any media bill which is brought forward and in alignment with media in Welsh.

MG Alba were asked to talk about their relationship with independent producers. Ealasaid MacDonald said that they could not provide the work they do without help from independent producers. They have developed over the years to allow them to provide content for BBC Alba. This can only be provided with the appropriate investment. Ealasaid MacDonald explained the importance of Gaelic media for Gaelic jobs with each £1 spent resulting in £1.34 for communities. 340 jobs are dependent on the Gaelic media with 160 of these in the Western Isles and Skye.

## The Route Ahead

Gillian Munro, Principal of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, introduced herself to the group and told them a bit about what she does. The 'The Route Ahead' seminar was organised by Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in conjunction with their colleagues at the other universities to look at how they are progressing. Given the current state of affairs, they felt it was a good time to take up this topic. Michelle MacLeod was also involved and explained the purpose of the seminar. Around 200 people registered for the seminar, there were 7 speakers who spoke about the work they have done in the community. They wanted this seminar to focus on those who have been involved in the campaign for Gaelic over the years and to build on discussions that have been ongoing around Gaelic development. Encouraging speeches were made as well as panels to reflect on initiatives that have taken place and how effective they have been. The importance of co-operation between communities was discussed. The importance of Gaelic language plans was emphasised and that a larger budget was needed for Gaelic development in general. Further seminars are planned soon. They were delighted to raise morale around good work that has been going on and to hear a variety of voices on the subjects. Thanks were extended to all present.

## AOCB

Marcas Mac an Tuairnear raised a point about weaknesses in minority language legislation at Westminster level and questioned whether ministers will work with ministers in Wales and Cornwall to give the Celtic languages official status. Alasdair Allan replied that he could not speak for the Government but raised the question of



whether there was an appropriate body from the other countries and suggested that they come to the next meeting to speak. The British Irish Council was suggested. Shona MacLennan stated that the census would take place in March and that there was a selection here filling in the medium of Gaelic online and she encouraged people to indicate that they can speak Gaelic if this is the case. Seachdain na Gàidhlig will take place on March 21st and there will be plenty going on to mark this week. The new draft National Language Plan will be considered at the next meeting.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

A date has not been agreed but it is expected to be in April/May.