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Cha rachadh aig A' Chomunn Ghaidhealach air obair na bliadhna a ghabhail os laimh, gun sgeul air a coimhionadh, as aonais deagh-ghean agus cul-taic bho dhaoine agus buidhnean air feadh na duthcha. Bu mhath leis A' Chomunn Ghaidhealach a bhuidheachas a chur an ceill do na h-uile a thug comhairle agus cuideachadh fialaidh dha re na bliadhna.

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Association of Gaelic Choirs
Ballachulish Gaelic Choir
Broadford Gaelic Choir
Camanachd Association
Campbeltown Gaelic Choir
Carradale Gaelic Choir
Celtic Union, Edinburgh
Clan Cameron Association
Clan Donnachaidh Society
Clan Maclean Association
Clan MacNab Society
Clydebank and District Highland
Association
Coisir Caol Muile
Comunn an Taobh-an-Iar
Comunn na Clarsaich
Comunn Tir nam Beann, Dun Eideann
Corpach Gaelic Choir
Crieff and District Highland Association
Cumbernauld Gaelic Choir
Darlington Gaelic Society
East Kilbride Gaelic Choir
East Kilbride and District Highland
Association
Edinburgh Argyll Association
Gaelic Society of Glasgow
Gaelic Society of Inverness
Glasgow Badenoch Association
Glasgow Gaelic Drama Association
Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association
Glasgow Hebridean Choir
Glasgow High School Gaelic Class Ceilidh
Glasgow Islay Association
Glasgow Islay Gaelic Choir
Glasgow Jura Association
Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association
Glasgow Mull and Iona Association
Glasgow Skye Association
Glasgow Wester Ross Benevolent Association
Gourock Highland Association
Greenock Gaelic Choir
Greenock Gaelic Choral Society
Hamilton and District Highland Association
Helensburgh and District Highland
Association
Highland Society of Dunfermline
Inverness Gaelic Choir
Kilmarnock Gaelic Choir
Knightswood and District Highland
Association
Laxdale Gaelic Choir
Lochalsh Gaelic Choir
Lochs Gaelic Choir
Lothian Celtic Choir
London Gaelic Society
Luss and District Highland Association
Manchester Gaelic Choir
Mid-Argyll Association
North Uist and Bernera Association
Oban and Lorn Association
Oban Gaelic Choir
Paisley Highlanders Association
Portree Gaelic Choir
Saltire Society
Skye Association, Inverness
Stirling Gaelic Choir
Stornoway Gaelic Choir
The Lewis Youth Clubs Association
Tiree Association

Facal Bho'n Cheann-Suidhe

Ged a bha a' bhliadhna a chaidh seachad caran doirbh an iomadh seadh gidheadh chaidh adhartas a dhèanamh a tha 'gar neartachadh is 'gar misneachadh anns an aobhar a tha an earbsa ruinn.

Tha an Roinn a chaidh a stéidheachadh anns na h-Eileanan Siar ag oibreachadh gu math agus tha sinn a' leagail ar taic air a' Chomhairle seo airson gu faigh sinn còmhnaidh is cuideachadh anns gach ni a bhuineas do thir na Gàidhlig. Tha sinn an dòchas cuideachd nach fhad an ùine gus am bi Roinn ùr againn ann an Earraghaidheal.

Am bliadhna a rithist bha Sgoil Shamhraidh air leth soirbheachail againn ann an Steòrnabhagh. Tha sinn fada an comain muinntir ceanna-bhaile nan Eileanan Siar airson mar a tha iad a' gabhail ri luchd-ionnsachaidh na Gàidhlig o bhliadhna gu bliadhna — luchd-ionnsachaidh a tha a' tighinn thugainn cha mhór as gach cearn de'n t-saoghal. Tha sinn mar an ceudna an comain muinntir Shléibhte airson mar a ghabh iad ris an sgoil ùr a chaidh a chumail 'nam measg as t-Foghar-sa chaidh. Air a' bhonn seo, agus air iomadh bonn eile, tha ar taing Mgr Iain Noble airson mar a tha e a' brosnachadh is a' misneachadh aobhar na Gàidhlig anns an Eilean Sgiathanach. Bha sgoil Shléibhte a cheart cho soirbheachail ri sgoil Steòrnabhaigh agus tha sinn an dòchas gun téid an dà sgoil air adhart am bliadhna a rithist.

Bha Mòd againn an Inbhir-àir cho taitneach 's cho soirbheachail 's a bh'aig a' Chomunn riamh. Bha am Mòd seo fo **stiuireadh** Comhairle Ionadail a bha anabarrach comasach, dicheallach agus chuir sin dreach is loinn an lorg an cuid obrach. Tha sinn fortanach gu bheil a leithid eile a chomhairle againn an Dun-dèagh agus tha sinn cinnteach nach bi Mòd Dhun-dèagh dad air dheireadh air Mòd Inbhir-àir.

Ré na bliadhna bha comhairle àraidh a' mèdachadh gu dicheallach air rùintean is bonn-stéidh a' Chomuinn. Rinn iad oidhirp chruaidh air ar rùintean 's ar riaghailtean a dhèanamh freagarrach airson feuman an latha 'n diugh. Tha sinn 'nan comain airson na h-obrach a rinn iad agus tha sinn an dòchas gun gabhar ris na tha iad a' moladh dhuinn.

Anns an obair a tha sinn a' feuchainn ri dhèanamh tha móran rudan ag oibreachadh 'nar n-aghaidh — gu h-àraidh nàimhdeas cuid a dhaoine agus, rud as miosa buileach, cion an airgid. Cuiridh sinn suas le nàimhdeas: tha a' Ghàidhlig eòlach gu leòr air. Ach feumaidh sinn oidhirpean sgoinneil a dhèanamh gus airgead a chruinneachadh a chum 's gum bi ar comas a réir ar feuma.

RUAIRIDH MacFHIONGHUIN.

There are two reasons for the shortness of this year's Annual Report. The first is the rising cost of printing and postage. In recent years this has led to the Report becoming a luxury item which the Association cannot afford. The second reason is that it was felt that the information contained in the Report was of great value, but that it was not reaching a wide enough audience. It is hoped that information about the work of the Association during the past year, together with details of the help received from Branches, Local Authorities and Individuals, will be published in the Mod Programme. However, the Executive Council wish to place on record in this present Report their appreciation of all the help afforded the Association by way of voluntary work and of monetary contributions. It would perhaps be appropriate to single out for thanks the Ayr Mod Committee for their magnificent achievement, and the teachers who in so many ways have helped to further the cause in which we all believe.

NORMAN BURNS,
Director



REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

of

An Comunn Gaidhealach

for the year ended 31st December 1973

AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH

Balance Sheet
as at 31st December

	1973		1972	
FIXED ASSETS				
<i>Heritable Properties</i>				
As per Appendix I		£6900		£6900
<i>Office Furniture and Fittings:</i>				
Inverness, Glasgow & Stornoway	£3175		£3175	
Depreciation to date	<u>1148</u>	2027	<u>925</u>	2250
<i>Motor Vehicles:</i>				
As per Appendix II		1715		1260
<i>Leasehold Properties:</i>				
At Cost	£3541		£3541	
Written Off	<u>1141</u>	2400	<u>966</u>	2575
		<u>£13042</u>		<u>£12985</u>
INVESTMENTS				
<i>Specific Trusts – As per Appendix III</i>		22332		24559
CURRENT ASSETS				
<i>Stocks as valued by Director:</i>				
Publications	£5119		£4983	
An Cruinne	<u>420</u>	£5539	<u>443</u>	£5426
<i>Sundry Debtors</i>		7437		6312
<i>Investments – General:</i>				
As per Appendix IV		6156		6156
<i>Cash and Bank Balances:</i>				
On Deposit Account – As per Appendix V	£15948		£12755	
On Current Account	1681		6527	
On Imprest Account	<u>335</u>	<u>17964</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>19544</u>
		<u>£72470</u>		<u>£74982</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
<i>Sundry Creditors</i>		£2196		£7447
<i>Trust Funds – As per Appendix VI</i>		33854		32015
<i>Suspense Accounts:</i>				
Glengarry Branch	£ 6			
Printing Fund	100			
Playgroup	157			
Correspondence Courses	1343			
Argyll Region	<u>17</u>	<u>1623</u>	<u>37673</u>	<u>39462</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		<u>£34797</u>		<u>£35520</u>
<i>Represented by:</i>				
<i>Reserve Account</i>				
As per Appendix VII		<u>£34797</u>		<u>£35520</u>

Inverness 18th March 1974

We have examined and audited the books and accounts of An Comunn Gaidhealach for 12 months ended 31st December, 1973, and have received all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1973, with relative Income and Expenditure Accounts for 12 months ended that date are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs.

SCOTT, PEDEN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH
Income and Expenditure Account
for year ended 31st December

	1973	1972
INCOME		
Members' Subscriptions:		
Annual	£541	£769
Life Membership	742	682
Branch	821	751
Junior	—	2
	<u>£2104</u>	<u>£2204</u>
Subscriptions — Affiliated Societies	405	318
Donations and Contributions	3430	3374
Accumulated Trusts — Revenue Balances	—	Dr. 435
Grants:		
Scottish Education Department	£12000	£12000
McCaig Fund	—	150
	<u>12000</u>	<u>12150</u>
Publications — Surplus	2323	1826
Copyright Fees	159	104
An Cruinne	28	51
Summer Schools	511	593
Let Property Revenue	140	40
Investment Income and Bank Interest	677	416
Feill Trust Revenue — Per Appendix VIII	743	622
Other Receipts	—	192
Lewis Council of Social Service	435	893
	<u>£22955</u>	<u>£22348</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Salaries, National Insurance and Superannuation	£19333	£15513
Rent, Rates and Insurance (including proportion of cost of lease)	1223	1276
Heat, Light and Cleaning	684	755
Repairs to Property	873	117
Replacement of Furnishings etc.	199	—
Printing, Stationery, Telephone, Postages, Bank Charges, etc.	4952	4877
Travelling and Entertainment Expenses:		
Staff and Officials	£2215	£1397
Committee Members	1339	1346
	<u>3554</u>	<u>2743</u>
Motor Vehicle Expenses	807	232
Audit and Accountancy Charges	550	853
Depreciation:		
Motor Vehicles	£570	£432
Furniture and Fittings	223	250
	<u>793</u>	<u>682</u>
Youth Activities, Singing Classes etc,	158	250
Promotion of Gaelic	355	—
Gaelic Drama	53	—
Sruth Contributions	1400	1100
Bad Debts	218	—
	<u>35152</u>	<u>28398</u>
Deficit for year transferred to Reserve Account	<u>£12197</u>	<u>£6050</u>

**AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH
NATIONAL MOD**

**Income and Expenditure Account
for year ended 31st December**

	Ayr 1973		Inverness 1972	
INCOME				
<i>Fund Raising Efforts:</i>				
Proceeds of Functions	£7587		£6381	
Donations	4577		4814	
Bank Interest	<u>270</u>	£12434	<u>128</u>	£11323
 <i>Mod:</i>				
Entry Fees, Admission Charges, etc.	£5531		£5946	
Fringe Activities	—		179	
Prize Funds	1087		1002	
Broadcast Fees	575		641	
Feisd	<u>342</u>	<u>7535</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>8155</u>
		£19969		£19478
 EXPENDITURE				
Hire of Halls, etc.	£ 55		£1976	
Adjudicators, Music Arrangements, etc.	748		1184	
Junior Choir Grants	955		1153	
Concert Artistes' Fees and Expenses	242		79	
Prizes, Medals, Engraving, etc.	1632		2203	
Hotel and Travelling Expenses of Officials, Office Bearers, Delegates, etc.	1245		1329	
Accounting Charges	50		100	
Printing, Postages, Stationery, Publicity, Telephone and Bank Charges	3099		3501	
Official Reception Party	50		272	
Feisd	419		—	
Art and Industry	<u>—</u>	<u>8495</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>11845</u>
Surplus for year transferred to Reserve Account		<u>£11474</u>		<u>£7633</u>

Appendix I
Heritable Properties

	1973	1972
65 West Regent Street, Glasgow — At Cost	£3699	
<i>Legal Expenses written off</i>	199	£3500
91 Cromwell Street, Stornoway	3400	3400
	£6900	£6900

Appendix II
Motor Vehicles

At cost at beginning of year	£1948	£1842
Added during year	1025	942
	£2973	£2784
Disposals at Book Value	—	200
	£2973	£2584
Depreciation at beginning of year	£688	£256
Adjustment re Disposals	—	636
Depreciation for year	570	432
	£1258	£1324
Written Down Value at close of year	£1715	£1260

Appendix III
Investments — Specific Trusts

Trust	Investment		
Mod Prizes—			
Jas. Grant	£100—3½% War Stock	£ 93	£ 93
Robert MacMillan	£120— „	103	103
Donald MacKay	£1000— „	995	995
Mrs Stewart of Simla	£400— „	408	408
Mrs M. Kennedy —			
Fraser Memorial	£103— „	102	102
Charles Campbell	£85.72— „	86	86
Miss Olive Campbell	£150— „	83	83
Dr. Roger McNeill	£450—8¼% Glasgow Corpn. Mortgage	450	450
Hugh MacCorquodale	£100—8½% Treasury Stock 1980/82	100	100
John MacNicol	£100—Oban Town Council Mortgage	100	100
Ceilidh nan Gaidheal	£100—6% Lanark County Council Stock 1978/80	101	101
James C. MacPhee	£137.67—5½% Treasury Stock 2008/12	125	125
Duncan Livingstone	£120—8% Glasgow Corpn. Mortgage	120	120
Mrs Milloy Miller	£400—Oban Town Council Mortgage	400	400
Col. Murdoch MacTaggart	£50—5½% Stock Commonwealth of Australia 1977/80	50	50
Mary Lamont Memorial	£500—Oban Town Council Mortgage	500	500
Aberfoyle & District			
Trophy Upkeep Fund	£100—3½% War Stock	37	37

Carried forward £3853

£3853

Appendix III
Investments – Specific Trusts (Contd.)

Trust	Investments	1973	1972
	Brought forward	£3853	£3853
Roderick MacLeod Memorial	£324.13–3½% War Stock	123	–
Donald MacLeod Trophy	£157.82 „	60	–
Dr. Quintin MacLennan	£1675– „ £1702		£1702
	£200–7¾% Glasgow Corpn. Mortgage	200	200
	£1300– „ 1300		1300
	£200–6% Red. Stock Lanark County Council 1978/80	202	202
	£1400–Oban Town Council Mortgage	1400	1400
	£350–5½% Red. Stock Lanark County Council 1977/79	344	344
		5148	5148
Strathmore Celtic Society	£250–8¾% Glasgow Corpn. Mortgage	250	250
War Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund	£2500–British Electricity 3% Guar. Stock 1968/73	–	£2410
	£2500–British Gas 3% Guar. Stock 1990/95	2243	2243
	£2500–3½% War Stock	2355	2355
		4598	7008
Badenoch, Strathspey Area Committee Trophy	£100–Oban Town Council Mortgage	100	100
Angus & Margaret McNeill	£1500–Oban Town Council Mortgage	£1500	£1500
	£3400–8¾% Inverness Town Council Mortgage	3400	3400
	£1400–6% Lanark County Council Stock 1978/80	1413	1413
	£1500–6% Red. Stock Birming- ham Corpn. 1974/76	1489	1489
	£100–5½% Stock Common- wealth of Australia 1977/80	100	100
	£100–5½% Trustee Security Stock Dumbarton County Council 1975	100	100
	£100–5½% Red. Stock Lanark County Council 1977/79	98	98
	£100–6½% Stock Corporation of London 1975/78	100	100
		8200	8200
		£22332	£24559
	Mean Market Value at 31st December, 1973	£16702	

Appendix IV
Investments – General

Investment	1973	1972
£4600–3½% War Stock	£4612	£4612
£1500–4% Consolidated Stock	1544	1544
	<u>£6156</u>	<u>£6156</u>
Mean Market Value at 31st December 1973	<u>£1811</u>	

Appendix V
Deposit Accounts

Industrial Bank of Scotland Ltd.	£11910	£4000
Clydesdale Bank Limited – Deposit Receipt	100	100
Inverness Trustee Savings Bank	2534	7423
Bannerman Memorial Fund	1404	1232
	<u>£15948</u>	<u>£12755</u>

Appendix VI
Trust Funds

Trust	Purpose		
Mod Prizes—			
Jas. Grant	Mod Prize	£ 93	£ 93
Robert MacMillan	Mod Prize-Literary Section	100	100
Donald Mackay	Mod Prize-Discretion of An Comunn	1001	1001
Mrs Stewart of Simla	Junior Competition-Scriptures in Gaelic	400	400
Mrs M. Kennedy-Fraser	Mod Prize	102	102
Charles Campbell	Mod Prize-Learners' Finals	86	86
Miss Olive Campbell	Mod Prize-Junior Choir Unison	84	84
Dr. Roger McNeill	Mod Prize-Discretion of An Comunn	453	453
Hugh MacCorquodale	Mod Prize-Short Story in Gaelic	100	100
John MacNicol	Mod Prize-Choir	100	100
Miss Miller Weir	Mod Prize-Literary Competition	84	84
Ceilidh nan Gaidheal	Mod Prize-Literary Section	100	100
James C. MacPhee	Mod Prize-Solos-Boy and Girl, Learner	125	125
Duncan Livingstone	Mull Local Mod/Tobermory Branch/ An Comunn	181	120
Mrs Milloy Miller	One-half Promotion of Argyllshire Music/One-half at discretion of An Comunn	402	402
Col. Murdoch MacTaggart	Prizes-Islay Local Mod	55	54
Mary Lamont Memorial	Mod Prize	500	500
Ballachulish Trophy			
Upkeep	Upkeep of Trophy	25	25
Aberfoyle Trophy Upkeep	Upkeep of Trophy	37	37
Dr. Quintin MacLennan	Mod Prizes-Singers and Violin Players, Gaelic and Highland Music Section for Residents Glenmoriston, Glen- urquhart and Stratherrick, on failing which from County of Inverness	5861	5176
	<i>Carried forward</i>	<u>£9889</u>	<u>£9142</u>

Appendix VI
Trust Funds (Contd.)

Trust	Purpose	1973	1972
	Brought forward	£9889	£9142
Strathmore Celtic Society	An Comunn discretion	254	254
Neil Munro	Prizes-Pupils of Invercarsay School	105	105
War Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund	An Comunn discretion/Gaelic Development	13066	12411
Translation Fund	Publication of Treasure Island in Gaelic etc.	238	238
Angus & Margaret McNeill	Mod Prizes	8243	8243
Lachlan Blair MacKay	Promotion of Gaelic in Schools	100	75
Bannerman Memorial	Children's Gaelic Publications	1426	1264
Badenoch Strathspey	Upkeep of Trophy	100	100
Roderick MacLeod Memorial	Mod Prize	123	123
Donald MacLeod Trophy	Upkeep of Trophy	60	60
MacLean Nicol Memorial	Mod Prize	250	—
		<u>£33854</u>	<u>£32015</u>

Appendix VII
Reserve

Balance at beginning of year	£35520	£33937
Deficit transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	12197	6050
	<u>£23323</u>	<u>£27887</u>
Surplus transferred from Mod Income and Expenditure Account	11474	7633
Balance at end of year	<u>£34797</u>	<u>£35520</u>

Appendix VIII
Feill Trust of An Comunn Gaidhealach
Abstract of Account of Charge and Discharge
for year ended 31st December

CHARGE

I. Estate at close of last Account	£12453	£12453
II. Revenue — Dividends and Interests received	563	434
III. Income Tax Repayment	277	272
	<u>Sum of Charge</u>	<u>£13159</u>
	<u>£13293</u>	<u>£13159</u>

DISCHARGE

I. Expenses of Administration	£ 97	£ 84
II. Payments made and due to An Comunn Gaidhealach	743	622
III. Estate at close of this Account	12453	12453
	<u>Sum of Discharge</u>	<u>£13159</u>
	<u>£13293</u>	<u>£13159</u>



Ceann Suidhe Ruairidh MacFhionghuin : *President* Roderick Mackinnon, MA
Fear-Stiùiridh Tormod Burns : *Director* G. N. Burns MA B COM

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April, 1974.

Dear Member,

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held in the Queen's Hotel, Nethergate, Dundee, on Saturday, 11th May, 1974, at 10 a.m.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM MACLEOD,
Depute Director.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Director's Report.
4. Annual Report and Accounts.
5. Alterations in the Constitution (herewith).
6. Intimation of Election of Office-bearers.
7. Place and date of 1976 National Mod.
8. Appointment of Auditors.
9. Any other competent business.

A full meeting of the Executive Council will follow.

The Annual Conference will be held in the Queen's Hotel on Friday, 10th May, 1974, from 10-15 a.m. to 5-30 p.m. Members are cordially invited to attend.

AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH

Instituted 1891

NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be An Comunn Gaidhealach.

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the Association shall be to encourage and promote
 - (a) the teaching, learning and use of the Gaelic language.
 - (b) the study and cultivation of Gaelic literature, history, music and art.
 - (c) the social and economic welfare of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.
 - (d) the wearing of the Highland dress.

The Association shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

An Comunn's primary duty is to ensure the continuance and growth of the Gaelic based communities and to get the principle of the Gaidhealtachd accepted by the authorities. It must also promote awareness nationally of the contribution of the language and culture of the Gaidhealtachd to the enrichment of Scottish life.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Association shall consist of Honorary, Life, Ordinary and Junior Members.
4. Persons who have rendered distinguished service to the Celtic cause shall be eligible as Honorary Members and shall be nominated by the *Management* Committee for the approval of the *General* Council.
5. Any person over sixteen years of age interested in the objects of the Association shall be eligible as a Life or Ordinary Member. Junior Membership shall be open to persons who are not older than sixteen years and are interested in the objects of the Association. A Junior Member shall not be eligible to vote at any meeting or to be elected to the Regional or *General* Council.

BRANCHES

6. Local Branches of the Association may be formed anywhere. Each Branch shall consist of not less than twelve members (excluding Junior Members).
7. Each Branch shall be entitled to appoint two delegates to the Annual General Meeting of its Region.
8. The financial year for each Branch shall be the same as the financial year of the Association (rule 28c). Within one month after the end of the financial year each Branch shall hold an annual business meeting at which reports on the Branch's work shall be submitted and Office-bearers and a committee appointed.
9. The Secretary of each Branch shall, every year, between the date of the Annual Meeting of the Branch and the end of February ensuing, forward to the Headquarters of the Association
 - (a) a list of its office-bearers elected at said annual meeting
and
 - (b) a report of its membership and work during the last financial year.
 - (c) a copy of its annual balance sheet.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

10. Any society or body with objects compatible with those of the Association may, with the approval of the *General* Council, become affiliated with An Comunn Gaidhealach on payment of such sums as may from time to time be determined by the *General* Council, and such a society or body (hereinafter referred to as "Affiliated Society") shall be entitled to appoint one delegate to the Annual General Meeting of its Region.

REGIONS

- 11.1. There shall be *four* Regions; Western Isles, North, South, and *Argyll*. The Western Isles Region shall comprise islands of Lewis, Harris, the Uists and Barra. The Northern Region shall comprise those parts of the Counties of Inverness and Ross and Cromarty not included in the Western Isles Region; the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, Moray, Nairn, Sutherland, Caithness, Orkney and Shetland and the Districts of Ardnamurchan and Morvern in the County of Argyll. *Argyll* Region shall comprise the County of Argyll excluding the districts of Ardnamurchan and Morvern. The Southern Region shall comprise the area *outwith* the Western Isles Region, *Argyll* Region, and the Northern Region. If the area served by a Branch is such that there is doubt *as to which Region it should belong*, the Branch concerned may, subject to the approval of the *General* Council, choose the Region to which it is to belong.

REGIONAL COUNCILS

- 11.2. Subject to the provisions of Rules 13 and 14, in each Region a Regional Council, consisting of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and not more than nineteen members shall have full authority to promote the objects of the Association. They shall also act in a consultative capacity for the *General* Council. They shall have power to co-opt *one representative of the Education Authority in their area plus up to five individual* members with specialist knowledge or ability who will retire at the date of the Regional Annual General Meeting. *Assessors from National and Regional organisations may be invited to attend meetings as required.*
- 11.3. Each Regional Council shall meet at least twice a year. They shall keep branches and affiliated societies informed of business transacted. One-third of the Council will retire annually at the date of the Regional Annual General Meeting in accordance with the provision to that effect contained in the bye-laws of the Regional Council, but they will be eligible for re-election.
- 11.4.
 - a) Not later than one month prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Association each Regional Council shall call a Regional Annual General Meeting to which they shall invite two delegates from each branch and one delegate from each affiliated society in the Region. *Ordinary and Life Members of the Association resident within the Region may attend the Regional A.G.M. if they so desire. Notice of the meeting shall be given in a newspaper circulating in the area, and a copy of the Agenda shall be sent to each Branch and Affiliated Society in the Region.*
 - b) At this meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year will be appointed and all vacancies on the Council will be filled. A Regional Council may also call a special meeting of branch and affiliated society delegates and other representatives at any time they consider necessary.
- 11.5. A Regional Council may appoint committees with specific remits and the Chairman of the Regional Council will ex-officio be a member of all such Committees. They will have power to co-opt additional members and they may be dissolved at any time by the Regional Council.



11. 6. Subject to the approval of the *General Council*, a Regional Council may make bye-laws for the conduct of their business and for the regulation of all matters within their jurisdiction not provided for in this Constitution.
11. 7. Seven members shall form a quorum of a Regional Council.

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12. *Each Regional Council will appoint a Regional Management Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Conveners of Committees and other members of the Council giving a total complement of seven.*

GENERAL COUNCIL

13. 1. Subject to the provisions of Rules 11 and 13, the affairs of the Association shall be managed by a *General Council* who shall have exclusive jurisdiction in matters of national policy (as determined, in cases of doubt, by the *General Council*). The *General Council* shall consist of the President of the Association, *four* Vice-Presidents, *four* members from each Region and co-opted members as after provided.
13. 2. At a meeting held not later than two months before the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the *General Council* shall elect the President. *It shall be open to the Management Committee to place a recommendation on that subject before the Council.*
13. 3. Immediately after their Regional Annual General Meeting each Regional Council shall elect a Vice-President and four members of Council.
13. 4. The President, Vice-President and members so elected and co-opted shall form the Council for the next ensuing year. (i.e. as from the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Association).
13. 5. All elections will take place in open session by a show of hands or by secret ballot on the requisition of *two-thirds* of members present.
13. 6. *The General Council shall co-opt one representative from each of the Education Authorities in Gaidealtachd areas. It shall have the power to co-opt up to 5 individuals with special knowledge or ability, and to invite assessors from National organisations as required.*
13. 7. The *General Council* shall have power to fill any vacancies on the Council which may occur between Annual Meetings of the Association and such appointments shall continue in force until the ensuing Annual Meeting.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

14. 1. *The General Council will work through a Management Committee to which will be delegated the day to day management of the Association's affairs. This Committee will refer back to the General Council any matter it considers appropriate for consideration by the Council.*
14. 2. *The Management Committee shall consist of 10 persons:*
- *the President*
 - *the Director*
 - *the Chairman of the 4 Regional Councils (with their Vice-Chairmen as deputies)*
 - *the Conveners of the Finance, Mod and Education Committees (with Vice-Conveners as deputies)*
 - *a representative of the Highland Education Authorities to be co-opted by the Committee.*
14. 3. *Five members shall form a quorum of the Management Committee.*
14. 4. *The Management Committee shall meet as often as required to maintain continuous control of the Association's affairs and a close relationship with staff.*

STANDING COMMITTEES

15. *There shall be three standing committees of the General Council — Finance, Education and Mod. The Council will annually elect a Convener and 4 members to each committee which will have limited powers of co-option according to its needs.*
- The President will ex-officio be a member of all such committees. They will have power to co-opt additional members and they may be dissolved at any time by the Council.

HONORARY OFFICE-BEARERS

16. The *General Council* may appoint an Honorary President of the Association and such Honorary Vice-President as they see fit for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Association.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

17. The *General Council* shall meet twice a year.
18. Special Meetings of the *General Council* shall be called by the *Director* upon a resolution of the *General Council* or of the *Management Committee*, or upon receipt of a requisition signed by seven members of the Council, stating the object for which the meeting is required. These Special Meetings shall be held at such times and places as shall be stated in the resolutions, or when called on requisition, fixed by the *Management Committee*.
19. Seven members shall form a quorum of the *General Council*.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

20. 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at a time and place decided by the *Management Committee*.
20. 2. At the Annual Meeting there shall be submitted a resume of the proceedings of the *General Council* and *Management Committee* during the preceding year; and a statement of the accounts of the Association. These reports and statements shall previously have been approved at a meeting of the *General Council*.
20. 3. Special Meetings of the Association shall be called by the *Director* on
- (a) a requisition signed by not less than twenty-five members of the Association, or
 - (b) a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members *present at a meeting of the General Council*.
 - (c) a resolution of the *Management Committee*.
20. 4. Twenty-four members shall form a quorum at meetings of the Association.
20. 5. All meetings of the Association will be called by circular sent by post ten days before the date of the Meeting.

USE OF GAELIC

21. At meetings of the Association and of the *General Council* and *Management Committee*, Gaelic shall be the ordinary medium of expression, but it shall be permissible for any member, who prefers to do so, to speak in English. *The Minutes of the General Council meetings and Management Committee meetings shall be in Gaelic with a translation in English.*

THE NATIONAL MOD

22. In pursuance and furtherance of its objects, the Association shall hold an annual Mod, at which competitions and exhibitions in conformity with those objects shall take place and prizes shall be awarded. The National Mod shall be held every year at such place as may be determined *two and a half* years in advance at each Annual Meeting. If for any reason the place is not determined at the Annual Meeting the question may be remitted to the *Management Committee* for early determination, the date to be fixed *two years* in advance.

PROVINCIAL MODS

23. The Regional Councils shall organise Provincial Mods, in conjunction with local Branches or Committees in the area served by each Mod, and shall control the Mods through the agency of a Provincial Mod Committee for each Mod, such Committee to include representatives of the Regional Council and of the Local Branches and affiliated societies concerned. Provincial Mods shall be carried through in accordance with the Rules and Regulations relating to the National Mod, as far as those are applicable.

PUBLICATIONS

24. The Association shall acting on its own or in association with other bodies or individuals further its objects by printing and/or publishing an official magazine, or newspaper, books, pamphlets, Mod prize papers, collection of music, songs, or such other material as it may be thought desirable to make generally available. At least half of these publications will be in Gaelic.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

25. Honorary Members shall not be obliged to pay any subscription.
26. 1. Membership subscriptions shall be paid as follows:
- Life Members shall pay one subscription of £15 to Headquarters.*
 - Ordinary Members shall pay an annual subscription of £1.50 to Headquarters.*
 - Junior Members shall pay an annual subscription of 25p. to Headquarters.*
 - In the annual membership there shall be a concession rate of £1.00 for old age pensioners who may wish to claim it.*
26. 2. Branches shall fix their own rate of subscriptions for Branch purposes.
26. 3. Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the 1st day of January. The name of any member who is 12 months in arrears with his subscription may be struck off the roll of members.
26. 4. *The General Council shall have power to vary the rates of membership subscriptions at any time as it sees fit.*

FUNDS

27. All Funds other than Funds retained by Regional Councils in their own hands shall be banked or invested in name of the Association as the *General Council* shall determine. The *General Council* shall determine what signatures shall be necessary for cheques or orders withdrawing sums from the bank or the endorsement of cheques or orders.
28. (a) any investments made by the Association shall be in the name of *Trustees on behalf of An Comunn*. The funds of the Feill Trust shall be disbursed by the Association in conformity with the provisions of the Feill Trust Deed. Any donations, legacies, or other sums which may be made or paid to the Association, subject to conditions or restrictions as to the use or application thereof, shall, if such conditions or restrictions are approved by the *General Council* be held and applied in conformity therewith. The Trustees acting for and on behalf of An Comunn shall be those who for the time being are in the offices of President of the Association, Convener of the Finance Committee, Director of the Association.
- each Regional Council shall contribute such percentage of their funds as may be agreed by the Council to the general funds of the Association.
 - The Association's financial year will end of 31st December.
 - the *Management Committee*, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, shall have power to arrange overdraft facilities with the Bank.

AUDITORS

29. An Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed by the Association at the Annual Meeting.

BYE-LAWS

30. The *General Council* may make Bye-laws for the conduct of the business of the Association, and for the regulation of all matters which are not specifically provided for in this Constitution.

ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

31. (1) This Constitution may be altered or amended only at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting of the Association by a resolution of a majority of the members present. The proposed alteration or amendment must be (a) intimated in writing to the *Director* prior to, or tabled at, a meeting of the *Management Committee* held not later than two months before the date of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

or

- intimated in writing to the *Director* not less than seven days prior to the issue of the notice calling the Special Meeting.
- (2) The proposed alteration or amendment shall be intimated and set forth in the notice calling the Annual or Special Meeting at which it is to be submitted.

STAFF

32. (a) The *Management Committee* shall appoint such staff as may be necessary for carrying out the aims and objects of the Association. Such members of staff as the *Management Committee* may determine must be able to speak, read and write Gaelic fluently.
- All shall hold office for such periods as the *Management Committee* may from time to time determine. The *Committee* shall have power to suspend or remove any official and to appoint another instead.
 - The duties of the staff shall be as determined by the *Management Committee*.