Ainm: Stiubhart MacGuaire

A bheil sibh ag aontachadh leis an lèirsinn a tha anns an dreachd Plana?:

The vision is certainly one with which I share. It covers the main development needs of the language and puts in place a structure for monitoring success and evaluating progress for the duration of the plan. It is ambitious in many ways and will lay a firm foundation for future plans. I would take the opportunity here though to offer a few general points.

The plan at present relates more to the needs of the Gaelic community rather than a broader perspective of the language within the every-day business of Scotland as a whole. Much of the Cultural, Communications and Status action areas are relevant to Gaelic development agencies/NGOs and I struggle to envisage how they are translateable into the sorts of activities undertaken in workplaces common across the public (and private) sector. That said, individual language plans, if properly administered and nurtured, should provide a platform for further advancement of the language

I note with a degree of surprise the omission of any reference to the natural heritage under the Culture action area. The natural heritage of Scotland is interpreted in a unique way through the medium of Gaelic and the language has within in it, many of the secrets of natural habitats and species (e.g. the Gaelic alphabet).

As a Gaelic learner with one child in Cròileagan, I support the provision within the plan for home and community use of the language. At present, opportunities to expand my own Gaelic and allow my children to experience the language as a daily means of communication are few and far between. A support mechanism for my situation within the community would be a welcomed investment.

Ri linn freagairt na ceiste mu dheireadh, a bheil na pròiseactan roinneil a thatar a' moladh riatanach do na h-amasan airson 2012? Mura h-eil, ciamar nach eil?:

As noted above, I support the structure proposed for Gaelic support in the home, the planned home visiting-scheme to engage with young couples (quickly please as this would be a fantastic resource at the moment!), greater learning resource for children (particularly aimed at expanding fluency and depth of Gaelic literature (i.e. not just translation of English literary classics but accessibility for indigenous Gaelic writing)). These would be early projects which would provide a helpful platform for establishing the Gaelic language plan across Scotland.

A bheil na builean airson an fichead raon agus na prìomhachasan airson dèiligeadh leotha air am mìneachadh gu ceart agus ann an òrdan freagarrach? Mura h-eil, ciamar nach eil?:

I endorse the priorities and themes imbedded in the plan. I have a general observation in relation to the measurability of some of the tasks identified. For example ‘To expand Gaelic medium immersion course’ (p49). The question begs, ‘by how much?’ The same question could be asked on the expansion of Gaelic learning courses (by 5% per annum, 10% or 25%?). The plan generally would benefit from having a quantifiable measurement against which to benchmark progress. The same point is worth stressing in relation to tasks such as ‘…promoting positive attitudes to GME…’ (p50). How are the Bòrd going to measure a ‘positive attitude’?

I would encourage SMARTER (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound) tasks which provided a platform for moving forward across all action

areas. This will provide key management information to which the Bòrd can allocate and deploy resources.

An alternative way of incorporating this would be to ensure that the actual language plans had measurable objectives incorporated.

Ri linn freagairt na ceiste mu dheireadh, dè na pròiseictan a tha, nur beachd-se, riatanach gus na prìomhachasan sin a choileanadh (tha eisimpleirean cheistean ann an Eàrr-sgrìobhadh I)?:

I see the home support structure for young couples as being essential. It brings the language back into the community and provides those with young family the breadth of communication required to make the language vibrant particularly outside of the Gaeltachd.

An iad na buidhnean freagarrach a tha air an comharrachadh mar phrìomh bhuidhnean ann an coileanadh nam prìomhachasan sin?:

The right mix of organisations look to be involved. A notable admission is Dualchas Nadair na h-Alba in relation to heritage but natural heritage has been omitted completely from this draft a noted above.

A bheil beachdan sam bith eile agad mun dreachd Phlana?:

I wholeheartedly support the plan and the above are hopefully a few suggestions that might help the Bord take the plan further forward.

Tha mi toilichte na beachdan agam fhoillseachadh gu poblach: Tha
Tha mi toilichte m' ainm agus mo sgìre fhoillseachadh gu poblach: Tha