



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann
Eachdraidh Lios Mòr
held in the café at Ionad Naomh Moluag, 27 January 2017

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB) Chair; Helen Crossan (HC); Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF); Davy Garrett (DG); Lesley Hamilton (LH); Clare Howarth (CH); Memory McDonald (MM); Mike Robertson (MR)

TAIC Directors and Committee Members: Duncan Fergusson (DF); Bob Hay (BH); Anne Livingstone (AL); Duncan Livingstone (DL); Peggy Nicholson (PN); Noelle Odling (NO, Treasurer)

Apologies:

Douglas Breingan; Arthur Cross; Freda Drysdale

At the start of the meeting, JB explained that, in recognition of the pressure of work and family on AMF, in addition to her extensive charity work, BH would now be taking over from AMF as secretary of the Board. AMF was warmly thanked for her service to the Board.

1. Minutes of the Meeting 24 November 2016

Approved in the slightly modified form tabled at the meeting. Poposed AL, seconded LH

It was agreed that, from this meeting, the minutes would not be read in full.

2. Matters Arising & not on the Agenda

a. OSCR

MR explained that, in response to complaints, OSCR had considered the concern over the relationship between CELM and TAIC. They had recommended, in order to support the charity going forward, firstly that a formal written agreement be put in place between the two bodies covering the repayment of a loan, and secondly that decisions by the charity should be conducted and minuted separately from those of the trading subsidiary. MR read out the proposed responses to these matters, which were unanimously approved.

MR then explained that the same complainer had subsequently raised a third issue, that of the ownership of land and buildings, if CELM ceased to operate. MR explained that both in terms of the deed gifting the land and the Articles of the

charity, the charity has the right, and the duty, to transfer assets on dissolution to another charity having like aims and objects, with that choice requiring the approval of the Scottish Ministers. That position is being reported back to OSCR.

b. Membership of the Board (carried forward from the 2016 AGM)

MR noted that there had been an oversight in recording CH as a Board member within 14 days of the AGM. This was rectified by the formal cooption of CH up to the next AGM, agreed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

NO presented a provisional summary of the 2016 accounts:

Expenditure £39,369.98; Income £37,185.17; Deficit for the year £2,184.81

Closing Balance on 31 December 2016 £24,949.22.

There was a brief discussion of the 2017 finances.

NO was thanked for her continuing work which is very valued by the Board.

4. IT

After full discussion of the issues (condition of office hardware, backing up, the use of "the Cloud", website development, publication of collections etc), all present were asked to report on what they needed in terms of IT services to Helen Crossan by the end of February, with the aim of formulating firm Principles and Policies to guide future investment. BH would consult with MGS and JB with Robin Patel about possible advice and assistance.

5. Events

JB outlined plans for a "Taproot Festival" of the Arts, in place of a Bookweek, to be held over the weekend 15-17 September. In collaboration with Mairi Campbell, she is working on the programme and funding, and will report to the next meeting.

10th Anniversary Meeting/Founders' Day 24 March

It was agreed that this would take the form of an informal lunch, details at the next meeting. Drafts of the 10th Anniversary Display Boards were available for scrutiny and comments. It was agreed that they should be framed.

St Moluag Day/Weekend 25 June

It was agreed that a public meeting on the Nave Project would be an appropriate part of the weekend proposed by Lismore Parish Church. BH would discuss with Rev. Barclay.

6. TAIC Report

Al reported that

- The closing date for the café staff applications was 27 January, and that interviews would take place soon.
- TAIC was drawing up a list of costs of hiring INM rooms for external customers.
- The reinstatement of the heating system was still held back by delays in supplying the necessary pump.
- There had been some progress on completing the tasks in the TAIC Winter Work List, but most of the jobs were still outstanding. Volunteers were sought.

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- Thanks were expressed to: Scott Barr for joinery work; LH and her team for an outstanding Currie Evening; and to the “Tuesday Team” who have kept the café alive over the winter.
- TAIC is considering a table licence for the cafe

7. Transport

During the 2017 season (dates to be finalized) *Explore Lismore* have agreed to meet a morning and an afternoon Point ferry (probably 11am and 3pm) and shuttle visitors to and from INM. This will be in addition to tours of the island. A relief driver will ensure full cover when the principal drivers are off the island.

8. 2106 Newsletter

Members were reminded that their entries were required by the end of January.

9. Nave Dig 2017

Subject to securing finance, a community archaeological dig, jointly organized by CELM and Lismore Parish Church, and following the pattern set in 2016, would be held on 15-22 July. Dr Clare Ellis will supervise and all volunteers will be welcome.

10. Volunteers

JB and Dr Iain McNicol were thanked for recruiting 3 new desk volunteers from Lismore and 4 from Appin (to be collected from Point and provided with lunch on one day per week over the season).

11. Bachuil Project

CELM had been invited to take part in a discussion of how the potential community-owned Bachuil House and the INM café might cooperate in terms of catering. The opinion of the Board was that such a discussion was premature. JB would liaise with the Trust.

12. AOCB

There will be a meeting of the Savory Institute of Holistic Management on Lismore during the week 13-20 May. Roger & Gilly Dixon-Spain have requested that the café produce meals during the week. Memory McDonald will liaise.

The Gaelic Ceilidh will take place on 26 August

Next Meeting

23 February at 4.30pm at INM