



Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr
and
Taic Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr
Lismore Historical Society

A Company limited by guarantee No. SC234832
Aireamh Carthannais/Charity No. SC023503

Minute of the Meeting Held in the Library
Thursday 6th August 2015 at 6pm

Present:

- Directors: Iain MacNichol (IM) in the Chair, Freda Drysdale (FD), Bob Hay (BH), Memory McDonald (MMD), Archie MacGillivray (AG) from 7.44pm.
- Committee Members: Duncan Drysdale (DD) Secretary /Company Secretary, Noelle Odling (NO) Treasurer, Cathy Carmichael (CC), Margaret MacDonald (MD), Maureen Mitchell (MM), Duncan Livingstone (DL).
- Minutes: Ian MacKinnon (IK).

Apologies Received:

Helen Crossan, Douglas Breingan, Lesley Hamilton, Lorraine King, Ann MacLean.

Office Bearers: Following brief discussion the following were accepted as Office Bearers for the year 2015-16:

- Chair: Ian MacNichol, for one more year.
- Secretary /Company Secretary: Duncan Drysdale.
- Treasurer: Noelle Odling.
- In addition, Ian MacKinnon will attend meetings solely to take the Minute.

Minute of the meeting held 28th May 2015:

- The amended Minute was adopted on a motion proposed by FD, seconded by BH.

Matters Arising from the Minute:

- There was a discussion on the date for the forthcoming Argyllshire Gathering and volunteers to attend on behalf of CELM. DL undertook to coordinate this and it was agreed to request passes for 4 people and 2 vehicles.

Finance:

- NO presented finance printouts for both CELM and TAIC, supported by trend graphs depicting balances, donations and till receipts over a period.
- BH queried the outlook for CELM finances and NO clarified the difference between restricted and unrestricted funds. BH commended NO on the clarity of her presentation.
- The Committee commented favourably on the encouraging trends displayed in the above presentation.
- The Committee approved the addition of NO and MMD as signatories.
- In response to a query NO reported that electricity bills are now being presented to the Café monthly and that the situation is now satisfactory.

Medieval Weekend:

- BH outlined the programme of events, the contributors who will be attending and arrangements for the events.
- He also circulated laminated proofs of the forthcoming interpretation boards for the Grave Slabs Display, to much acclaim from the Committee members.
- In addition, BH expressed his thanks to all those who have contributed towards getting the events organised.

Business Plan:

- BH reported that Iris Piers is working with James Hilder towards writing and presenting the draft Business Plan.
- IM indicated that he had become aware of further possible sources of funds to support projects.
- A provisional date for a meeting with the Directors, Iris Piers and James Hilder was set for Wednesday 26th August at 2pm.

Coillengallanach:

- BH reported that the situation regarding Coillengallanach is currently in the hands of the AFRC.

Centre Opening Hours:

- MM suggested that, partly due to difficulties in covering all days, the opening hours for October be set at 12 noon to 3pm. This was agreed.

Timing of Meetings:

- MMD reported that LH requested that meetings be held towards the end of the month. It was agreed that meeting would, henceforth, be held on the last Thursday of the month.
- FD suggested that meetings be held every second month, rather than monthly as at present. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to bring this proposal back to a future meeting.

Place Names Project:

- FD read out a letter from Helen Crossan about a national project on collecting and preserving place names.

Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr Ceilidh 2015:

- DL reported on the progress of arrangements for the forthcoming Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr Ceilidh, to be held on 22nd August 2015.

AOCB:

- MD suggested that CELM take a table at the forthcoming National Mod as before. There followed a brief discussion and it was agreed that this should be booked as soon as possible. Ann MacLean will be asked to organise this.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday 24th September at 6pm in the Library.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.