



Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr
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Lismore Historical Society

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Minutes of Meeting held in the Library
Thursday 26th February 2015
6pm

Present: **Directors:** Iain MacNichol (IM), (Chair), Jennifer Baker (JB), (Sec) (Taic&CELM), Bob Hay (BH), Archie MacGillivray (AG), Duncan Ferguson (DF) (Taic), Memory McDonald (MMD), Freda Drysdale (FD), Duncan Drysdale (DD),
Committee Members: Duncan Livingstone (DL), Margaret MacDonald (MD), Helen Crossan (HC).

Apologies: Katie MacGregor (KMG), Douglas Breingan (DB), Lesley Hamilton (LH), Maureen Mitchell (MM).

IM read a letter from Barbara MacDougall who is retiring as librarian for the Centre. Grateful thanks were offered and an appropriate gift was decided upon.

Previous minutes

Approved BH, seconded MD.

Matters Arising

- The new constitution is to be sent to OSCR after a final check.
- Despite shocking weather, Book Week raised £551.00. Many people were unable to come as ferries were off but the speakers managed to come over and there was a good audience for them all. Thanks to all the speakers – none of whom charged a fee. Thanks also to members of CELM for providing food and accommodation throughout the week.
- The Treasurer's report for the November meeting was not received but the

- latest one sent to this meeting is attached.
- For personal reasons our proposed new mentor, Sarah Heaton, has had to withdraw. As an accredited museum, we need a mentor. The curators will attend.
- Winter chores. Grateful thanks are due to the team of volunteers who have cleaned and painted the foyer and toilets and to DF for attending to the heating system.

Administration

There was much discussion re the financial administration of the centre and the problems encountered in the last year. Advice has been sought from Just Enterprise. Very grateful thanks were given to DD who had generously donated £4000.00 to fund a treasurer but the Board decided, by unanimous vote, to relieve the present treasurer of her duties with thanks for work already done. The accounts for 2014 will be completed by the present treasurer.

A new treasurer will have to work voluntarily for the present.

Directors

Margaret MacColl has resigned as director for personal reasons.

Helen Crossan was welcomed onto the Board as a new Director.

Companies House has been informed.

Volunteers

It was decided to combine the Training Day and the Volunteers lunch for which Kiki will provide a finger buffet. The day will start at 10.30am on Friday 27th March. MM will send out invitations.

LK has volunteered to work one day a week on general management. The Board offered very grateful thanks for this.

Approval of the Five Year Plan

BH went through the aims and objectives of the Five Year Plan for the Museum, Archive and Cottage of the Lismore Historical Society, Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr . 2014 – 2018 and proposed that it be accepted. FD seconded. Unanimous vote for.

Graveslabs Project

BH is writing a regular blog on the progress of the Graveslabs Project which is published on our website www.lismoregaelicheritagecentre.org.

Thanks are due to Colin Rowan for the skilful and very successful raising of the stones and to Maureen Crossan for the housing of them till such time as they are dry enough for conservation work to begin. We await tenders for the latter.

CELM will be holding a Mediaeval Conference on the weekend starting 7th August when there will be speakers, walks, exhibition of artefacts, drama etc. Details to follow.

IT

HC will talk to SG re backup.

HC will attend training in the new equipment for Curators.

The spare PC will be used for display in the museum room.

2015 Display

Women – Life and Work on Lismore.

This will be mainly a photographic display of the above from our very rich photo archive. There will be some artifacts displayed in the centre of the museum room. Valerie Riley from Paisley Museum will hold a workshop on textiles and, as part of our ongoing curating in the community, islanders will be asked to bring along their own textiles for assessment and/or conservation. Details to follow. Thanks to DD and FD for organising this event and providing accommodation for the speaker.

The cottage will also be set, as always, to complement the display.

Winter Chores

- The limewash in the cottage is being removed above the fireplace. Before new is applied the wall will be dried by lighting the fire as often as possible. Thanks to MMD for this.
- DF said that annual servicing of the heating will make the system more efficient. He will attend.

AOCB

- Gaelic Ceilidh will be on 22nd or 29th August. DL will arrange.
- The newsletter will be published in March. BH requested items.
- It was decided to organize a 100 Club. MMD and JB will attend.

Meeting closed at 7.50.

Next meeting: Thursday 26th March 6pm in the Museum Room.