



Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr
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Lismore Historical Society

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Minutes of Meeting held in the Museum Room
Thursday 13th November 2014
6pm

Present: Directors: Iain MacNichol (IM), (Chair), Jennifer Baker (JB), (Sec) (Taic&CELM), Anne MacLean (AL), (Treas), Bob Hay (BH) Archie MacGillivray (AG), Margaret MacColl, (KM), Lesley Hamilton (LH), Duncan Ferguson (DF) (Taic),
Committee Members: Duncan Livingstone (DL), Lorraine King (LK), Margaret MacDonald (MD), Maureen Mitchell (MM).

Apologies: Memory McDonald (MMD), Katie MacGregor (KMG), Freda Drysdale (FD), Duncan Drysdale (DD), Douglas Breingan (DB), Beathag Mh (BMH), Helen Crossan (HC)

Previous minutes

Correction: 'Stirling University' should read 'Glasgow Caledonian University'.
Proposed IM. Seconded LH.

Matters Arising

- The new draft constitution is to be sent to Companies House for an informal inspection before final completion.
- The Finance committee have been communicating via e-mail. Some good ideas are surfacing.
- The Book Week was a great success despite atrocious weather. The final financial tally is still to come but ticket sales were good and the total sum should be satisfactory. (Full report on the website).
- It is proposed to have some joint meetings with Appin Historical Society who

could not attend Book Week because of the weather. Luing would also like us to visit them.

Offers of Help

Mike and Elaine Robertson who, historically, have been great supporters of CELM have offered any support they can to help us sustain financial stability in the coming years. For this the Board offered their grateful thanks.

WE also thank Argyll and Bute for their kind offer of running late ferries during the Book Week at daytime rates.

Graveslabs

Full funding for this project, which is a joint venture with the Church, has now been secured. A total of £47000 from The Heritage lottery Fund and Historic Scotland. There will be a public meeting in the Wee Manse to explain the administration of this funding.

Thanks are due to the working party.

Curatorial Adviser

Our new Curatorial Adviser is Sarah Heaton.

IT

It was voted unanimously to replace the very old computers in the office the equipment.

BH will speak to Stephen Green as to what is needed. LH will source

Keys and Access

JB stressed that the archive room must not be opened without curator/s being there. This is required for Accreditation. Curators must be aware that anything which potentially carries an infestation or is excessively dirty must not go into the archive room until cleaned to museum standard.

Scottish Rural Parliament

This did not happen on Lismore due to bad weather. They will cover café costs (£7.50 per head)

CELM was very pleased to hear that INM was described by Mike Russell MSP as 'a centre of excellence'.

Treasure's Report

Pending.

Winter Chores

- KM requested that sinks should be removed from toilet cubicles (which also need painted) IM will make enquiries.
- KM said that one fridge does not work. It was decided to replace it.
- The shed and store cupboard need tidied.
- Shop needs painted.

- Guttering is needed for the shed to prevent damp.
- Door from café to terrace needs repair. DF will attend.
- Sill needs replaced on front window.
- Tables in café need surface renewal KM will attend.

AOCB

- CELM agreed to buy 100 copies of the reprint of 'How an Island Lost Its People'. Port Appin Store will buy 20. Catherine Gillies has secured 3 days of consultation from Just Enterprise to write a Business Plan. The Finance Committee will attend.
- Alistair Ross of Stirling University and the editor of 'History Scotland' (in which we already have one article and one pending) has assigned a post graduate student to write 6 biographies of Lismore soldiers and workers in WW1. Decisions have yet to be made as to whom. We will ask islanders,
- It was proposed that the sale of photographs could provide another source of income. Islanders will have to be consulted.
- It was agreed that this year's Friends' Day should be run jointly with the Graveslabs Day. Date to be decided.
- Maureen and Kiki will make decisions re Volunteers' Christmas Lunch.
- Concern was raised that CELM could do more re Gaelic language.
- Certain areas are good – Gaelic Café; lessons by Ann Maclean Fleming; Website; Gaelic Ceilidh. But - more could be done eg, Gaelic Day; student from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.
- It was decided to have a Whist drive with a meal in the spring.

Meeting closed at 7.50.

Next meeting: Thursday 15th January 6pm in the Museum Room.