



Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr

held on 25th August 2016 at 4.30pm in the Café at Ionad Naomh Mòluag.

Present: Directors – Jennifer Baker (JB), Arthur Cross (AC), Lesley Hamilton (LH), Memory MacDonald (MemMD) and Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF).

Committee members – Bob Hay (BH), Anne Livingstone (AL), Maureen Mitchell (MM) and Noelle Odling (Treasurer, NO).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Directors Douglas Breingan (DB), Helen Crossan (HC), Davy Garrett (DG), Clare Haworth (CH) and Mike Robertson (MR).

Item 3 on the agenda was dealt with first, to facilitate the running of the meeting. JB volunteered to put her name forward as Chair. This was formally proposed by LH, seconded by MemMD and agreed by all present.

- 1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 21st July 2016 were read and approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed – LH; Seconded – AC.

- 2. Matters Arising:** The matters arising from the above meeting were:
 - a. Donation** – DG has made a further donation of £130, which he raised at the Lismore show. This is also for use in the museum room. Thanks were expressed for this.
 - b. OSCR** – JB reported that MR has been advised that OSCR are still dealing with the complaints and will be in touch again in the future.
 - c. Volunteers** – JB said that she was considering sending out a fuller letter than previously mentioned, including information about Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr, as many of the newer people on the island may not know much about it. AL suggested inviting people along to an open night. This was agreed and will be held on 23rd November 2016 at 7.30pm.

- 3. Election of Chairman:** As above.

- 4. Taic Report:** This was given by AL, the new Chair of Taic. The heat pump system needs to be replaced, at a cost of £6, 500 plus VAT. As the immersion heater currently has to be used instead, electricity costs are increasing. MR will look into whether there is still a valid warranty in place for the heat pump. Quotes for the work will be obtained from various companies.

Hugh MacPherson and NO are to work on budgets for next year.

Thanks were expressed to Duncan Fergusson and Duncan Livingstone for their work on the road up to the centre and also for running the Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr stall at the Argyllshire Gathering.

It is hoped to hold more events, particularly over the winter months, outside café opening hours. Monthly events were discussed and also the possibility of skills workshops and cèilidhs in the café.

Action: MemMD to get quotes from Steven Forteith and others and a written report on the system.

MR to ascertain validity of warranty.

All Directors to bring ideas to the next meeting for evening events.

- 5. Treasurer's Report & Future Budgeting:** The Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr bank balance as of 19.8.16 was £ 25, 356.29. The Taic Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr bank balance as of 19.8.16 was £ 8, 725. There was discussion on future budgeting and financial planning. JB proposed an urgent rethink of the advertising strategy.

Action: AMF to ask the Community Trust if they would consider taking on contacting the Oban Times with regard to island events.

- 6. Book Week:** JB gave details of events for the week. Catriona Lexy Campbell will also be participating. Specific arrangements were discussed. BH volunteered to print tickets for the event. There will also be a second hand book sale.

Action: AMF to let the Community Trust know about Bookweek events.

BH to print tickets for Bookweek.

- 7. Cèilidh:** AL spoke on this, on behalf of Duncan Livingstone. The cèilidh starts at 7.30pm. Many visiting artistes are coming over. Arrangements were discussed.

- 8. Accreditation, including renewal of the Emergency Plan:** BH took the lead speaking on items 8 – 16 on the agenda. Taic will ensure that the Disaster and Emergency plan is reviewed and any necessary updates carried out. Documentary evidence of the Board's acceptance of the new Memorandum and Articles and of the Board's approval of the 5-year Plan for the Museum, Archive and Cottage will be forwarded to BH.

- 9. Replacement for Maureen as Volunteer Coordinator:** Thanks were expressed to MM for her work as Volunteer Coordinator. The need to find a replacement was discussed. This must be resolved with some urgency.

- 10. Recruitment of additional desk volunteers:** JB dealing with this, as above.

- 11. Requirement for a new curator:** Freda is giving up as the curator of the cottage. JB is giving up as the curator of objects. Thanks were expressed to Freda for her fantastic work over the years. AMF expressed interest in becoming involved with the curatorial team.

12. Support of IT services: This was postponed until the next meeting.

13. CELM website: BH feels the website should be updated at least as much as the Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr Facebook page. The practicalities of operating the website were discussed. Events are currently advertised, but articles are lacking.

Action: "Website" to be added to each monthly agenda.

14. Progress on the Museum & Archive 5-year Plan, approved by the Board: Progress has been made in many areas but more work is needed in others. Securing the copyright on archived images is an important area still to be addressed. It was agreed that AL will take this forward.

A commitment was made that more space was needed in the building. This would initially cost £1000 for an architectural survey. More space is needed urgently due to the Achinduin Assemblage and Nave dig finds. There was discussion on seeking quotes for the survey from various architects and on fundraising.

JB suggested contacting the Small Islands development officer and also working in conjunction with Lismore Community Trust.

IT skills training is still needed.

Fostering Gaelic – AMF, PN, DG and HC will work together to formulate a comprehensive strategic plan for Gaelic.

There was discussion on Pilgrimage Trails.

Action: AMF to contact PN, HC and DG about Gaelic plan.

15. The Nave Project: BH has written an article on this for the website. He discussed what had taken place and raised the question of what the future holds for archaeological projects. CH (via email) and the rest of the Board expressed thanks to BH and all involved in the Nave project for their hard work. Thanks were also due to the Church for the use of the Wee Manse.

16. The Achinduin Assemblage: to be collected next month.

17. AOCB: AL spoke of the need to get people to take on specific jobs so that the work load and responsibility is being shared out. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

18. Date and time of next meeting: This was set for 29th September 2016 at 4.30pm.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

