



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

held on 29th September 2016 at 4.30pm in the Café at Ionad Naomh Moluag.

Present: Directors – Davy Garrett (DG), Clare Haworth (CH), Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF), Lesley Hamilton (LH) and Mike Robertson (Chair, MR).

Committee members – Bob Hay (BH), Anne Livingstone (AL) Duncan Fergusson (DF) and Noelle Odling (Treasurer, NO).

Robin Patel (RP) also attended.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Directors Douglas Breingan (DB), Helen Crossan (HC), Jennifer Baker (JB) and Memory MacDonald (MemMD) and from Committee members Maureen Mitchell (MM) and Peggy Nicholson [Taic Director] (PN).
- 2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 25th August 2016 were read and approved as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed – LH; Seconded – BH.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The matters arising from the above meeting were:
 - a. OSCR** – MR reported that OSCR had asked for further information, which had been provided. They are satisfied with this and will forward a report in due course.
 - b. Evening Events** – BH mentioned a suggestion by CH for an event, on which CH then spoke. American folk musicians will perform in the café on 7th October 2016. There will be food available. Thanks were expressed for the proposed event and it was agreed that this will go ahead.
 - c. IT/ Website** – BH proposed that these items be postponed till the next meeting, when they will be top of the agenda. This was agreed.
 - d. Achinduin** – BH reported that the Achinduin assemblage has arrived.
 - e. Extension** – BH reported that Shauna Cameron had visited the building and he read out a report she had provided, detailing various potential options for obtaining more space. A wish list should be compiled by the Curators, detailing Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr's needs. There was discussion on this. RP gave advice on issues to be considered with regard to any extension/ new building. It was agreed that there is a need for expansion. Internal consultation would be followed by contact with HLF. A Project Officer will be considered, subject to funding. DG expressed his wish to avoid another grass roof. He also emphasised the importance of Lismore's archaeology.

Action: The curatorial team will draw up a wish list for Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr in consultation with RP.

- f. **Oban Times Reporting** – AMF reported that the job of supplying community information articles to the Oban Times was a paid one, so out with the Community Trust's remit. AL suggested that the job should be advertised within the island.
- g. **Gaelic** – AMF reported that the discussion on Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr's Gaelic plan would take place following the Royal National Mòd in October.

4. **Taic Report:** This was given by AL. The compressor has been causing problems. AL reported that MemMD had spoken to Steven Forteith and been told that the compressor would be returned to the suppliers, with Taic Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr being reimbursed for its cost. The heating system still has to be looked at. LH has contacted the MacDougall Foundation in America requesting assistance with the heating issues. They would like more information on the actual costs involved. RP suggested looking at the issue of the heating in conjunction with the extension. LH felt that the heating issue needed to be dealt with more urgently than this. BH noted that humidity is not a problem in the main building, though it has been problematic in the cottage. There was discussion on sourcing opinion from other companies on the heating system. CH will look into this. BH emphasised the importance of having people working on the system who fully understand it.

With regard to future events, as well as CH's proposal, LH and others have proposed a curry night and MemMD and family have offered to organise a Burns' Night (this had been proposed in advance, as MemMD was not present at the meeting). While these suggestions were all well received, it was agreed that still more suggestions will be needed.

Action: **Everyone to think of events ideas.**

5. **Treasurer's Report & draft budget for CELM:** NO presented a report. The Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr bank balance as of 27.9.16 was £ 21, 091.50. The Taic Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr bank balance as of 27.9.16 was £ 7, 103.62. Book week figures will be available at the next meeting. Figures for the café were also presented, as was a budget for Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr for 2017. Thanks were expressed to NO and Hugh MacPherson for this. NO reported that Hugh MacPherson and Sarah Robin had made a donation of £5, 000, which he would like to go to Taic Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr. Thanks were expressed for this generous donation.
6. **Website:** This item was carried forward to the next meeting.
7. **Support of IT services:** This item was carried forward to the next meeting.
8. **Glensanda:** This item was also carried forward, in the absence of DB.
9. **Allocation of jobs/ workload:** AL said that Taic will compile a list of practical winter jobs and will present this at a subsequent meeting. Suggestions are welcome on jobs which should be added to this list. Sourcing a new volunteer organiser will be a priority. The need for a manager was discussed, with lack of continuity without one being a key issue. RP said that it may be easier to source funding for a maintenance officer rather than an operations director. CH mentioned the Trust's offer to compile a supply volunteer list. She also spoke of the possibility of developing communal office space that could be opened up to other island organisations for hire. RP is willing to help where he can. BH said that it is necessary to

have a Director who takes responsibility for fundraising. It was agreed that this was crucial. AMF will clarify if assistance can be sought from Gill Law of the L.I.P.

10. Events: NO spoke about next year's exhibition. This has a budget of £1, 200, which will cover such items as set up and opening events. DG suggested an exhibition on Archibald Knox for 2018. AL noted that next year will be the 10th anniversary of the building.

11. AOCB: Achinduin – the Coillengallanach land has now been fully registered with the department, with ownership/ occupancy being confirmed since 24/8/2010. It has been properly registered with the Government as an agricultural holding. BH suggested asking MR to speak to David Keyes, the agricultural officer, with regard to the next step. CH asked if Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr has public liability insurance in place for the land – this was confirmed.

NO asked if there should be two separate Treasurers for Taic Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr and Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr. MR felt that it would be better to separate the jobs. CH volunteered to take this on and DG said that Rose may also be willing to help. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.

DG mentioned that there is a Gaelic project being planned which will bring income for Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr.

12. Date and time of next meeting: This was set for 27th October 2016 at 4.30pm.