



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held in the library at Ionad Naomh Moluag, 23 February 2017

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB) Chair; Douglas Breingan (DB); Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF); Davy Garrett (DG); Lesley Hamilton (LH); Memory McDonald (MM); Mike Robertson (MR)

Taic Directors and Committee Members: Duncan Ferguson (DF); Bob Hay (BH); Anne Livingstone (AL); Duncan Livingstone (DL); Noelle Odling (NO, Treasurer)

Apologies:

Arthur Cross; Helen Crossan (HC); Freda Drysdale; Clare Haworth (CH); Peggy Nicholson

1. Minutes of the Meeting 27 January 2017

Approved. Proposed MJR, seconded DG

2. Matters Arising and not on the Agenda

a. There had been full discussion between JB and Island Development Trust Directors over the issue of coordinating potential catering across the island.

b. **Taproot Festival.** JB would report to the next Board Meeting with a full programme

c. **10th Anniversary of CELM.** A sub-committee of JB, MM and AMF would organise the event (details to follow). The ten posters for the café were ready for mounting.

3. OSCR

Following the discussion at the January Board meeting MJR had reported back in detail to OSCR. They have noted and accepted the situation in relation to Conducting Meetings, and the title to land and property. With regard to the loan between the subsidiary and the charity, OSCR have recommended that CELM take formal advice on the exact terms of the draft loan agreement between CELM and Taic. MJR is pursuing this and will report back again to the next meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

NO reported that the restricted funds amounted to £1,172 and the unrestricted £20,074. In discussion, it was noted that Gift Aid arrangements were being revised; that there were still vacancies on the 100 Club list; and that there were plenty of CELM leaflets for wider distribution.

5. Taic Report

AL reported that

- The refurbished heating system would be commissioned and tested on 24 February and that the contractors would provide basic training on the new equipment during the day
- Dan Johnstone had been appointed as café manager for 2017 and Pia Dellemann as assistant. There would be employment for serving duties, including training.
- It was agreed to apply for a Premises Alcohol Licence. Proposed by JB, seconded by DG. MJR and LH to take forward.
- There had been good progress by volunteers on the "Jobs List". Particular thanks to Peggy & Donnie, and to DG for organising the decking and gate work.
- The Volunteer Day on 8 March, a "thank you" to volunteers, would involve training for 2017.

The meeting expressed its thanks to the Taic Board for their sterling efforts.

6. Bachuil Report.

JB reviewed the comments about CELM in the Feasibility Study drawn up by SKS Consultants.

- p7. "unreliable opening times" This was not correct The advertised café opening hours were observed throughout the season and, in fact, there were additional Tuesday openings in winter 2016/7.
- p16. Island Plan. This has not been accessible to Trust members. JB agreed to ask the Chairman whether Heritage will feature in the Plan.
- p17. Need for "collaboration across organisations on the island". The meeting agreed wholeheartedly with this sentiment and would support new initiatives involving the active island groups.
- p20. Reported comments on attitudes to INM: "not for us" "exclusive". The meeting confirmed that the mission of CELM is to be inclusive, open to anyone who wishes to take part in the organisation and benefit from its services. Comments on "poor slow service" at the café, although not generally supported, were being taken into account when planning for 2017, as are the suggestions for development: "year – round opening, evening meals, further community buildings on the site"
- p30. The following recommendations were also being taken into account in planning for 2017: "A concerted effort re business planning, recruiting and training staff, obtaining the licence, collaborative marketing, clearly advertising opening times which are adhered to and ensuring that all local people feel welcomed into the venue, will be required to make extended hours and evening meal provision successful."

7. Just Enterprise

Following the visit of HISEZ consultants to the Heritage Centre as part of the Bachuil Project, the company had offered free advice and assistance in sourcing Just Enterprise funding for a renewed Business Plan, improved Marketing, and sourcing funding for the Management of the Centre and its Volunteers. Action JB to accept this generous offer and liaise with HISEZ.

8. Report on Progress on IT.

The meeting was reminded that responses to HC should be submitted by the end of February.

9. IT Issues

- **Runaire email system.** HC would brief relevant members.
- **Dataloggers.** The two dataloggers, which have monitored conditions in the museum and archive rooms continuously since 2012 (a requirement for accreditation) were due for re-calibration. The meeting approved the cost of c£50. Action BH.

10. CELM Website

JB would bring proposals for the future development and management of the CELM website to the next meeting.

11. Odling Exhibition

NO explained the arrangements for “Odling Day” on Saturday 1 April. Arrangements were being made to meet 12 noon ferries at Point and Achnacroish (volunteers needed); a range of advertising media was being explored; and there would be a finger buffet with wine. It was planned to have associated art activities for children – possibly a “sticky board” in the museum room. MJR agreed to investigate the status of insurance for the displayed artwork. BH agreed to meet with NO and DB on 25 March to arrange the Achinduin display.

12. Gaelic Issues. Growing Gaelic in Argyll.

JB was investigating the possibility of securing funding for a Gaelic Access Officer.

13. Gaelic Issues. Language/Culture Lectures

MJR and AMF to take forward the generous offer of BBC Alba to arrange Gaelic lectures at INM.

14. Contact with Agricultural Staff

MJR agreed to replace BH as contact person with the Agricultural Staff, Oban, in connection with CELM’s landholding at Coilengallanach.

15. Transport

Item delayed to the next meeting as CH was not present.

AOCB

DG raised the idea of signposting townships on the island.

Date of Next Meeting: 30 March.

Agenda Items by 27 March at the latest, please