



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

**held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 4.30pm in the Café at Ionad Naomh Mòluag.**

**Present:** Directors – Jennifer Baker (Chair, JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Lesley Hamilton (LH), Clare Haworth (CH), Memory McDonald (MemMD) and Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF)

Committee members – Duncan Fergusson (DF), Bob Hay (BH) and Anne Livingstone [Taic Director] (AL).

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Directors Arthur Cross (AC), Helen Crossan (HC), Davy Garrett (DG) and Mike Robertson (MR), and from Hugh MacPherson [Taic Director] (HM), Peggy Nicholson [Taic Director] (PN) and Noelle Odling (Treasurer, NO).
- 2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were read and approved as a true record of the meeting, subject to the rewording of one paragraph.  
Proposed – DB; Seconded – MemMD.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The matters arising from the above meeting were:
  - a. IT** – BH reported that the questionnaire compiled by Nic Jones has been circulated. This will be discussed at a future meeting, when it is hoped HC will be present.
  - b. Visit Scotland** – BH said that the issues of the services provided by VisitScotland and their cost arose at the recent LIP meeting. He emphasised the need to interact with institutions on other islands. JB noted that Gill Law and herself had had some positive communication. The Digitisation Workshop had allowed for positive conversation with Luing representatives. Norman Bissell will be coming to next year's book week event. It is therefore evident that inter island interaction is already off to a good start. The Heritage Forum could have been useful in this area. David Price would be interested in coming over to visit Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr. JB has contacted Visit Scotland about an advert.
  - c. Book week** – JB said that this would be from 14 – 19 September 2017. Several people have been booked already. There will be both music and literature involved.
  - d. Christmas cards** – JB will send out ordinary Christmas cards on behalf of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr as none have been printed.
  - e. OSCR** – MR has heard nothing from OSCR as yet.
  - f. Store** – DB has discussed the store with Robin Patel, who is willing to source quotes. There was discussion on whether contractors should be paid to do the work or if it could be done as a volunteer project. JB felt the work should be done professionally due to the precious and sensitive nature of the contents of the store. DB felt it would be a good community project. It was generally felt that it would be better to pay to have the work carried out professionally. DF suggested a container would be a potential alternative. DB will discuss this further with Robin Patel.

- g. Glensanda** – DB asked for information on contact details for Glensanda. CH will ask Mark Willis or Julian Wormleighton who to contact about potential sponsorship of specific projects.
- h. Sedum roof** – there was discussion on this. The trial patch is still progressing well.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** MemMD presented figures, in NO's absence.

Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr's bank balance was £25, 888.64.

Hugh and Sara MacPherson's donation has come through to Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr.

BH mentioned the possibility of restricting some currently unrestricted funds to be held as a contingency fund. There was discussion on work needed in the building. JB read out a letter from DG regarding an inspection carried out by DG and DF on remedial work needed externally. The large gate will be renewed (DG will donate a large gate and the small gate will be slightly reduced in width). Thanks were expressed to both for their investigative work and for the other jobs which they are to be doing. There was discussion on the remedial work necessary to make the patio safe, as it is currently unsafe. It was agreed that DF and DG will deal with the fencing, gates and windowsills and that they will look at what needs to be done with the patio. The patio will be out of bounds to the public until the necessary repairs have been done. DF and DG will report back to the January meeting on their progress.

LH proposed putting £10, 000 aside to be held in reserve as a contingency fund for general maintenance and repairs.

It was proposed by JB and seconded by DB that DG and DF will go ahead with the jobs mentioned above and also the detailed inspection of the patio.

The acceptance of the Treasurer's report was proposed by DB and seconded by AL. BH thanked NO for the report.

Another Treasurer is still being sought.

**5. IT:** This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**6. Events:** The Curry Night will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December, Ian MacNicol will talk about the Prisoner of War Camp at Kinlochleven. This event is still to be advertised – leaflets and posters will go out soon.

The Open Night will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January. This will be both an open night and an event for volunteers.

CH said that there is a fund available to celebrate volunteers and that this is something we should consider for next year.

The Burns Supper will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

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LH encouraged others to think of events which could be held throughout the year. Various potential events were mentioned, which were being discussed with several people.

JB emphasised the importance of encouraging the community to use Ionad Naomh Moluag more.

LH mentioned Nicky Lewis's interest in supplying bespoke goods to the shop. It was thought that this would be excellent.

There was discussion on events involving the farming community.

BH said that there will be a public meeting in the Church, possibly in February, regarding future plans for the nave project.

- 7. Taic Report:** this was presented by AL. Steven Forteith will be getting on with the job of getting the heating fixed. The hot water system will also be checked.

Jobs for the winter – more volunteers are needed to choose jobs from the list.

Màiri Hawkes has asked for the use of the café for a couple of hours per week for making sauces for her new business. This was agreed.

It is necessary to advertise for a new manager for the café for next year. It was agreed that Taic should deal with this.

AL thanked volunteers (primarily Clare, Sally, Dot and Eileen) who are working in the café at the moment. Thanks were also expressed to AL for her hard work in the café.

A notice will be put up in Port Appin to say that the café is open on Tuesdays.

DB suggested advertising the café manager job on a job share basis. MemMD said manager and assistant manager posts were being considered. It was agreed that the jobs could be advertised with job share being considered.

- 8. LIP Report:** CH said the event was very positive and that we should engage with those involved and continue to participate fully. It was an excellent networking opportunity.
- 9. Digitisation Workshop:** Mull are leading the field in this, with the digitisation of photos and documents. Mull received a grant from Museums and Galleries of Scotland for equipment. It would be beneficial to visit them to learn more about it.
- 10. AOCB:** MemMD reported that Freda had said there's a spinning wheel in the cottage which could be sold for revenue. There was discussion on the storage of textiles in the cottage too.

JB asked if there was any progress in finding any extra volunteers or a volunteer coordinator. There have been no developments on this so far. There was discussion on various people who could be approached.

BH mentioned the Lismore Lady article in History Scotland, November/ December 2016. Thanks were expressed to BH for his work on this.

JB asked for AOCB items to be handed to her prior to meetings from now on.

CH would like the issue of transport to be considered continually, featuring on every agenda.

CH said that MR had heard an idea with regard to Gaelic – she was encouraged to contact the Gaelic working group on this.

JB said that Dòmhnall Meek is coming to speak on Gaelic literature and poetry during Book Week.

LH reported that the MacDougall MacCallum Foundation had made a donation of \$1, 600 towards the heating. JB will write a letter of thanks.

DB mentioned that the opening date for next year's exhibition will be 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

AL mentioned the importance of commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building. Ideas for this will be considered. BH and AL will formulate a display for this which will be mounted in the café.

**11. Date and time of next meeting:** This was set for 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 4.30pm.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.