



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

held on 27th October 2016 at 4.30pm in the Café at Ionad Naomh Mòluag.

Present: Directors – Jennifer Baker (Chair, JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Arthur Cross, Lesley Hamilton (LH), Memory McDonald (MemMD), Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF) and Mike Robertson (MR).

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

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Directors Helen Crossan (HC) and Davy Garrett (DG), and from Peggy Nicholson [Taic Director] (PN).
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 29th September 2016 were read and approved as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed – MR; Seconded – AC.
3. **Matters Arising:** The matters arising from the above meeting were:
 - a. **Extension** – BH reported that the curators are receiving advice on the store from Robin Patel and DB, who will report in due course.
 - b. **Events** – BH mentioned a regular event to be held weekly in Ionad Naomh Mòluag – "Knit and Natter", which will take place on Thursdays.
 - c. **Donation** – AL will supply AMF with an address for Hugh MacPherson, in order for a letter of thanks to be sent.
 - d. **Book week** – The income from this was £839.50, with £200 coming from Argyll & Bute Council. Expenditure was £512.69, leaving a profit of £526.81. The literary meal was a huge success, generating much of the income. Thanks are due to the volunteers who organised, cooked and served the meal. The second hand book sale also raised a lot of money. Thanks are due to Alison Weir, who donated a large number of books to Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr.
 - e. **Treasurer** – Rose is unable to take on the Treasurer's position. Other suggestions are being considered.
 - f. **Coillengallanach** – Thanks were expressed to BH for all of his work securing ownership of this.
4. **Website:** JB gave details of the current organisation of the website group. Facebook and other social media is well covered, but the website is harder to administer. Volunteers to join the website group are welcome. BH noted that heritage material is also needed for the website – articles as well as pictures.
5. **IT services:** BH spoke of a report done previously on IT needs, e.g. backup of computers. This report should be reviewed. There was discussion on backing up to the cloud (Box) and on the need for an IT policy. AMF offered advice on the use of Box. NO will get advice from Gilly Dixon Spain. JB will contact HC for advice.

- 6. Taic Report:** MemMD reported that Steven Forteith now has the credit for the compressor - £924. His work on the refrigeration and some other items has still to be paid. To get a renewable heat incentive, a whole new system would be needed. The heat pump unit being replaced would cost £7, 000 plus labour. It is possible the brown out a couple of years ago caused ongoing damage with the unit. There was discussion on the current high electricity costs versus the £7, 000 plus outlay for a new unit. It was agreed there was no option but to spend the necessary money to get the system working properly. This was proposed by JB and seconded by DB.

AL circulated a list of necessary winter jobs, which must be completed by March. Volunteers for this should contact AL or MemMD to let them know which jobs they will be undertaking.

Events – the curry night will now be held on 2nd December, organised by LH and her husband James, along with Norma and Gillesbuig Black. The Burns Night will be held on 28th January, organised by the MacDonald family.

DF noted that the water pump situation should be kept under review.

- 7. Treasurer's Report:** As of 26.10.16, Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr had £24, 691.16 in the bank and Taic Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr had £10, 635 in the bank. A financial report was presented. Thanks were expressed to Clare Haworth and her friend Sally, who worked voluntarily in the café for over a week.

The lease agreement between Taic and Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr was discussed. Some amendments to this agreement are being proposed in order to relieve the pressure on Taic. It is suggested that some of Taic's responsibilities be suspended for a year, subject to review. MR will develop a draft proposal of amendments to the lease for the next meeting.

- 8. Glensanda:** DB suggested Glensanda could be approached to ask for funding for the sedum roof; LH suggested they could be asked to fund the heating system. Both projects would be environmentally friendly. DB will put figures together and a letter will be sent to Glensanda asking if they would be willing to assist.
- 9. Community Trust feedback:** JB reported that a list of supply volunteers will be compiled by the Trust. The Trust will speak to other island groups regarding the overlap of jobs throughout island groups.
- 10. Café staff:** There was an expression of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr's gratitude to staff and volunteer staff.
- 11. Book Week 2017:** this will have a different format, on the advice of participating authors. It will take place over a weekend, starting on the Thursday night, with meals and music throughout.
- 12. Open Night:** posters will need to go out for this soon.

13. Christmas cards: these should be sent out to supporters, with the Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr logo and an appropriate picture. LH will get quotes from CGL and Kangaroo.

14. Sedum Roof: It will cost £8, 000 for the whole roof. If no funding becomes available, it will progress as money allows. The test planting area is doing well so far.

15. Visit Scotland: It will cost £155 for inclusion in their magazine. It was agreed to go ahead with this. Proposed: JB. Seconded unanimously.

16. AOCB: BH mentioned that the museum room will be out of use for 3 months while the Achinduin artefacts are being dealt with. A report will come out shortly.

The John Lewis fund needs to be thanked – JB will do this.

17. Date and time of next meeting: This was set for 24th November at 4.30pm.