



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann  
Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held in the Library at Ionad Naomh Mòluag  
12 October 2017

**Present**

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB); Douglas Breingan (DB); Memory McDonald (MM);  
Mike Robertson (MJR)

Taic Directors: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Members: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary); Noelle Odling (NO,  
Treasurer)

**Apologies**

Arthur Cross; Helen Crossan; Lesley Hamilton

**1. Minutes of the Meeting 7 September 2017**

The minutes were checked and found to be a correct account of the meeting.  
Proposed JB, Seconded DB

**3. Matters Arising**

**Tripadvisor.** In hand (JB)

**Contact with WOSAS** in hand (DB)

**Insurance** All aspects now resolved (MJR)

**4. Treasurer's Report.**

NO reported on finances for 2017, making use of the budget prepared for the  
year. The current balance stood at £16,739 (£4,430 restricted).

The financial position remained encouraging, particularly thanks to a generous  
single donation of £5,000

A Gift Aid Application for £2625 had been submitted.

NO would give a final report on the Taproot Festival finances at the next meeting.

**5. OSCR**

MJR reported that all of the issues raised with OSCR had been signed off. The  
enquirer would receive a separate reply from OSCR.

On advice from OSCR, NO was co-opted as a Director of CELM. Proposed by MJR,  
Seconded by MM and agreed unanimously.

The Minute of Amendment of the Lease between CELM and Taic was considered in detail. The final version would be tabled at the next meeting. MJR was thanked for his careful handling of these complex issues.

#### **6. Taic Report (incorporating 11 Winter Events)**

AL repeated the need for additional directors of Taic to share the heavy workload involved in running the Centre. JB agreed to explore the possibilities of involving mainland directors in meetings by some form of videoconferencing. The café had been a great success during 2017 and continue to make profit well above budget, thanks to the outstanding work of Dan Johnstone and his team.

The application for an alcohol licence was in hand for 2018.

The Centre heating system had not yet settled down after the refit. A visit by the engineers was scheduled for the following week.

The café would close from 31 October for 2 weeks and then open each Tuesday and Saturday 12noon to 3pm until the end of 2017.

A single shop volunteer would be needed on these days.

Planned events (details to follow) included:

4 November Evening Fireworks Night

2 December Greek Night (St Andrew's Celebration)

Second Hand Book Stall

Christmas Meal

#### **7. Taproot Festival, 15-17 September**

JB would provide a full report at the next meeting (including a final report on the finances). She expressed huge thanks to all participants and supporters who had made it a very special weekend.

#### **8. Meet the People (New Date)**

This would take place on Friday 24 November at 7.30pm. JB would advertise the event by website and posters.

#### **9. Curator Storage**

Cost estimates had been obtained. BH would make an application for funding to the Small Grants Scheme of MGS (which provides up to 75% of projects).

#### **10. 2018 Display**

It was agreed to set up a working party to plan the MacDougall display for 2018 (BH, JB, AL, DB and Catherine Gillies, if available), with a first meeting on 2 November at INM.

A proposal had been made to Stirling University for a postgraduate student to be involved in the design of the display.

Space would be made available for a genealogical feature (Action DB and Laura Gloag)

Plans were drawn up for the disposal of the display boards for the Odling exhibition (DB, NO).

#### **11. Argyll & the Isles Culture, Heritage & Arts Assembly. Meeting 13 October.**

DB and MJR were asked to attend, if possible

**12. Church Repair**

BH was asked to discuss progress with Revd. Iain Barclay.

**Date of Next Meeting.** 2 November at 4.30pm at INM.