



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann
Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held in the Library at Ionad Naomh Moluag
26 April 2018

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB); Clare Howarth (CH); Memory McDonald (MM);
Noelle Odling (NO); Mike Robertson (MJR)

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary)

Apologies

Helen Crossan (HC); Lesley Hamilton (LH)

The Meeting welcomed Eilidh Sykes, the newly-appointed Gaelic Access Officer

1. Minutes of the Meeting 21 February.

The minutes were checked and found to be a correct account of the meeting.
Proposed CH, Seconded MM. Unanimously agreed.

2. Matters Arising and not on the Agenda.

Volunteer Time Sheets

Copies are now in the Volunteers' Handbook. Completed sheets to be deposited
in the desk folder.

Recycling

MM repeated the request for large items to be taken to the recycling centre in
Oban.

Visit by Brendan O'Hara

This would be on 13 July.

Portacabin

MM repeated the request that the portacabin contents be checked. It was
intended to store the CELM marquee in the portacabin if it was still
weatherproof.

3. Treasurer's Report

NO reported on finances for 2018, making use of the budget prepared for the
year. The current balance (31/3/18) stood at £29,945 (£14,339 unrestricted,
£15605 restricted)

MJR and NO would advise the Board about turnover matters in due course.

The final accounts for 2017 were tabled and discussed. They were now ready for the AGM.

NO and MJR would consider the possibility of tutoring of Board members on the details of the accounts by David MacGregor

Board members expressed their gratitude to thanks to Noelle for the work she has put in all year in keeping the accounts, and to Mike and Noelle for navigating a complex financial regime on their behalf.

4. Taic Report

Taic balance £6024 (at 31/3/18)

The Taic accounts for 2017 were prepared and ready for the AGM.

NO reported that Taic had made a significant profit in 2017, through improved income from the café and shop.

AL reported that Mark Paton had been engaged as relief chef for the café. He would now be designated assistant manager. Mark was thanked for his help in painting the kitchen store.

Duncan Ferguson and Arthur Cross have resolved the problems with the septic tank. The system would now be serviced regularly.

Electrical work had been completed by John Norman from Skye.

There remained problems with potholes at the entrance to the site. Taic would source tarmac to deal with these.

The “boxing in” of the balcony had been submitted to the Planning Authorities.

5. Gaelic Language plan- Plana na Ghaidhlig Ionad Naomh Moluag

Eilidh Sykes outlined the evolving Plan for CELM

Amasan

A bhrosnachadh Ghaidhlig gu laitheal

A bhrosnachadh Ghaidhlig aig Ionad Noamh Moluag

A bhrosnachadh Ghaidhlig a’ measg Clann air an eilean gu h-araigh anns a bun-sgoiltean

A togail ceangalaichean eadar Ionad Noamh Moluag agus buidhnean Ghaidhlig eile

A’ Gleidheadh Ghaidhlig Eilean Lios Mor

Aims

Encourage the day to day use of Gaelic on the Island

Improve the status of Gaelic at the Centre

Connect the Centre to other Gaelic organisations

Encourage Gaelic amongst children on the island particularly in the primary Schools

Ensure the survival of the Gaelic Dialect of Lismore

Strengthen links between the language, the Island and the Environment

Methods

Organising events encouraging Gaelic on the Island

Gaelic weekend, Gaelic Cafe, Classes....

Connecting with speakers on the Island

Organising meetings between younger and older speakers

Encouraging Gaelic in the School through trips songs etc....

Creating awareness of Gaelic through signage etc...

The Board thanked her for her Plan, which had their strong support.

6. Company Secretary Issues (MJR)

Insurance: The overall policy is due for renewal on 14th May . Enquiries have been made with a local Oban broker to see if the price and/or terms can be improved. An email report will be circulated.

Data Protection: The new rules come into force on 25th May. Mike had investigated arrangements made, or being made, with other charities. A draft data privacy notice to be circulated to members was looked at. JB and MM to follow up

Disclosure Scotland requirements: Mike circulated comparable policy statements from another charity. Agreed that Trustees must (in the words of the OSCR rule book) act with due care and diligence, which in the present circumstances should mean signing up under the PVG scheme, and putting in place appropriate policies. Clare and Mike to investigate further and report back.

7. CELM Website

Eilidh Sykes would undertake to update opening times etc

8. Storage Project

BH reported that Museums Galleries Scotland had awarded CELM £4,800 as a contribution to the purchase, installation and fitting out of a 6m shipping container at the Centre, to resolve the congestion of the Archive Room. The estimated total cost was £8,500, including electrical supply. An application had been made by Robin Patel and BH to AIM for the outstanding costs.

The Board approved the purchase, delivery and installation of the container at an estimated cost of £3,000. Proposed NO, Seconded MJR. Agreed unanimously. The existing wooden store would be moved east, to the side of the café, to make room for the container, and it would then be devoted exclusively to café storage. BH would meet with Duncan Ferguson to draw up a plan for the resiting of the wooden store and for the preparation of the site for the container.

9. Publication of The Story of Lismore in Fifty Objects

The Board approved the printing of the book at a cost of £2,800 + VAT for 200 copies, the outlay to be recovered by sales @ £15. Proposed JB, Seconded MM. Agreed unanimously.

The book would be launched at the CELM AGM on 2 June.

10. Renewal of Accreditation Documents

The Board approved the (previously circulated) updated Care & Conservation Policy and Plan, and the Curators' Plans (Collections Care and Conservation), which were signed by JB.

11. Museum 5-Year Plan

This renewed plan would be tabled for approval at the next board meeting, once the targets had been finalised (Action BH, JB, AL, HC).

12. AOCB

- The board approved the online publication of Mrs MacGregor's 1868 diary as part of the Edinburgh Ethnological Research Institute's Sources in Local History. Proposed MM, Seconded MJR. Agreed unanimously.
- With the agreement of Revd. Iain Barclay, BH would consult Judith Roebuck, Heritage Adviser to the Church of Scotland, about the way forward for the nave site.
- BH reported on his attendance at the Community Heritage Scotland (CHS) meeting at Birnam on 21 April. With the agreement of the board, he would continue as a member of the CHS steering group.

Date of the Next Meeting

31 May at 3.30pm at INM