



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann
Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at Ionad Naomh Moluag.
17 January 2019

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB); Arthur Cross (AC); Clare Haworth (CH); Memory McDonald (MM); Noelle Odling (NO); Mike Robertson (MJR)

Taic Directors: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary); Eilidh Sykes (Gaelic Access Officer)

Apologies

Douglas Breingan (DB); Helen Crossan (HC); Lesley Hamilton (LH); Peggy Nicholson (PN)

The Meeting welcomed Eilidh Sykes to her first full meeting of the Board

1. Minutes of the Meeting 29 November 2018

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

2. Matters Arising and not on the Agends

There were none to minute separately.

3. Treasurer's Report

NO reported on the finances to December 2018, making use of the budget prepared for the year. The current balance for CELM stood at £12,916 (£12,608 unrestricted, £308 restricted).

BH and JB would consult with Laura Gloag about the arrangements for charging for genealogy.

It was agreed to continue providing lunches for desk volunteers in recognition of their valuable contribution to the Centre.

All present were asked to encourage new subscribers to the 100 Club.

It was agreed to retain the present rent arrangements between CELM and Taic. Decisions proposed by MJR, Seconded by JB, Unanimously agreed.

4. Taic Report

The Board was reminded about the need to keep up standards at the Centre in preparation for review by Visit Scotland.

Tasks to be undertaken: Spring cleaning of the Office (selected files to go to the Archive); maintenance of the balcony; painting the storage shed; painting the café walls; and clearing the old container. DB would continue work on the Centre roof during 2019.

Usage of the new laser printer would be recorded.

5. Disclosure

Carried forward to the next meeting.

6. MacDougall Gathering

Arrangements for the three days of visits to INM were nearly complete. MM, AL and MJR would liaise over meal arrangements and costs.

The Board would consider what MacDougall merchandise could be available for sale in the shop (decision at the next meeting).

7. Taproot Festival

JB outlined the programme, drawing on the experience of 2017. The programme should be finalized by the next Board meeting.

8. Cottage Roof

An application for funding had been made to the MacDougall McCallum Foundation. A decision was expected during February.

9. Cover for Eilidh Sykes

Based on responses, JB would work out the necessary rota.

10. HES Limeburning Working Party, 23-26 May

CELM (*via* BH) had been invited to help by providing guides for island tours, and hosting an informal evening at INM where the participants would explain the working party activities. A poster would be provided by HES, inviting islanders to take part actively in the activities or as “spectators”.

11. AOCB

- Eilidh Sykes provided a brief oral outline of her work to date, including the successful Gaelic Weekend; contact with the island native speakers; development of a Gaelic vision and policy document for CELM; translation of museum display material; school visits; and the Gaelic café. She would provide the Board with a report on a recent course on Skye: *Facilitation Skills for Gaelic*. There would be a visit of *Misneachd* in March, and there are early plans for a Gaelic Conference on Lismore. The report on her work to HIE would be copied to the Board.
- There would be a Business Gateway Meeting at INM on Wednesday 27 February 5-8pm, organized by Roxanne Prando,
- The CELM Open Meeting would be moved to 24 February at 3pm

Date of the next Meeting: Thursday 7 February at INM at 3.30pm