



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

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Caroline Bath (CB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Clare Haworth (CH), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO, from 4.40pm), Mike Robertson (MJR)

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

Peggy Nicholson.

The Board welcomed CB to her first Board meeting.

1. Minutes of the Meeting 25 July 2019

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

2. Matters Arising

5. Road repair. No progress. AL would follow up.
6. 2nd hand book sale. There was no need for organisation until early September.
7. MacDougall Gathering Visits. MJR reported enthusiastic reports from the delegates who visited Lismore. The Board thanked BH & DB for their contributions.

3. Treasurer's Report

NO reported on the finances to August 2019, making use of the budget prepared for the year. The current balance for CELM stood at £14,709 (£8,709 unrestricted, £6,000 restricted). £2,500 of restricted funds had been paid in advance to Neil Nicholson to pay for thatching materials.

4. Property Report

The rethatching of the cottage would be carried out by Neil Nicholson from Uist, from the 2nd week of September for 2 weeks.

DB and MM would investigate the size and position of the Taproot marquee in relation to the scaffolding needed for the thatching.

5. Taic Report

The café had passed its first alcohol licence examination, with a good report.

6. Heritage Report

The four display boards designed and manufactured at a cost of £246 for the MacDougall visits would be offered for sale to Dunollie. MJR to report to the next meeting.

BH reported that the archive of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings in London had provided copies of a set of letters from the Rev. MacKinnon (1912-14) regarding repairs to Lismore Parish Church.

BH reported that a commentary on the Minute Book of the Lismore Agricultural Society had been published in the Review of Scottish Culture Vol 29, 60-73 (2019).

BH reported that he had been asked to provide an article on Dugald Carmichael, the botanist, for the Appin Archive.

7. Gaelic Access Officer

JB read a full report on Eilidh Sykes' work on Lismore, and the supportive response from the HIE funders.

8. Taproot Festival

JB confirmed that CELM had a grant of £2543 from CHArts to cover administration and artists' costs. Ticket sales had begun.

In discussion of the Saturday afternoon session that would feature Lismore creative arts, it was agreed that marketing of the new double CD of Lismore performers being produced by Davie Maddock should be financed by CELM (Proposed MM, Seconded CH, agreed unanimously) in time for sale before Christmas.

9 Achinduin

MJR outlined the events leading to the acquisition of Achinduin Castle and the land of Coilengallanach. Future policy would be considered at the next meeting.

10. IT in the Museum.

JB reported that Jamie Loftus had undertaken work to resolve IT problems at INM, helping to remount the audiovisual displays in the museum room. He was currently working to rationalise the images stored on CELM computers, and would liaise with Anne Livingstone, Curator of Images. The Board thanked him for his contributions.

11. Argyll shire Gathering

CB and CH would represent CELM on Thursday 22 August. BH would provide the necessary briefing.

12. AOCB

JB would represent CELM at the ABMHF annual meeting on Oban on 1 October.

CELM would shortly appear on the Visit Scotland website.

The CELM Gaelic Ceilidh would take place on 7 September.

The Board agreed that DB should continue discussions with Dr Gilbert Markus, Glasgow University, in relation to a proposed bilingual booklet on Moluag, based on current scholarship. Proposed JB, Seconded MJR, agreed unanimously.

Date of Next Meeting 12 September, when MJR would act as minute secretary.