

Minutes of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mor ,

Held at Ionad Naomh Moluag

12th September 2019 @ 3.30pm.

Present:

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO), Clare Haworth (CH) (from 4pm), Mike Robertson (MJR).

Apologies: Caroline Bath, Douglas Breingan, Bob Hay (Minute Secretary), Anne Livingstone (TAIC Director).

1 Minutes of the meeting of 15th August 2019.

The Minutes were unanimously approved.

2 Matters arising:

4) MacDougall display boards: MJR reported that a group from Dunollie are arranging to visit Tues 17th Sept. and hoped to meet BH.

2) Second-Hand Book sale: Please bring books along now.

3 Treasurers Report:

NO explained that online banking has changed, with a phone message being required. This means either working exclusively from home, or the museum. She is going to investigate further.

The currant balance for CELM stands at £11,177 (Restricted £5,117; unrestricted£6,060).

4 TAIC report:

In the absence of AL it was noted that TAIC has had a successful year to date, with funds currently standing at £11,465.

5 Norwegian visit/Explore Lismore:

Explore Lismore had brought a party of some 53 Norwegians to visit the museum and café, where BH had also given them a talk. Thanks were extended to all concerned, and noted that CELM would wish to work closely with Explore Lismore to mutually plan future party visits, in order to further enhance visitor experience.

6 Donations:

NO raised the subject of visitor donations, which are vital to the sustainability of the museum. She suggested a very simple form of wording to be prominently displayed on notice boards both outside, and at the museum room entrance. Agreed to follow this up.

7 Property:

Noted that there is a need over the winter to improve the whole entrance area, with better signage and repairs to the access road up to the buildings.

Also noted that the Community Trust have provisionally agreed with CELM to move the public Library section of books in the reading room along to the School House, where they will be more easily accessed, subject to approval by the Council Library Dept.

8 Taproot Festival:

JB urged all concerned to aggressively promote ticket sales by way of posters, social media, and word of mouth. She will also need volunteers to help with events. She had been very disappointed that the Gaelic contributor, Ceit Langholme, had pulled out at a late date. By good fortune the person carrying out the roofing work on the cottage, Neil Nicholson, is a Gaelic speaker from Lewis. He has kindly offered to do a Gaelic language children's presentation on the thatching project.

9 Achinduin:

JB and MJR had gone down to look at the practicalities of visitors wishing to reach the castle being able to park a vehicle and walk down. The main difficulty would be finding a car parking and turning space. The matter was continued.

10 AOCB:

Many thanks to Caroline and Clare for running a successful table at the Argyllshire Gathering. Thanks also to all concerned with the Gaelic Ceilidh, which raised over £200. Noted that CELM will feature on the Visit Scotland website in future.

11 Date of next meeting:

Suggested date, Thurs 10th October.