



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

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Caroline Bath (CB), Arthur Cross (AC) (last item), Memory McDonald (MM), Mike Robertson (MJR), Noelle Odling (NO),

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

Douglas Breingan (DB), Clare Haworth (CH), Anne Livingstone (AL)

1. Minutes of the Meeting 10 October 2019

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

2. Matters Arising

2. Library. JB had not yet been able to make contact with the relevant official of Argyll & Bute Council. Following the retirement of the present Lismore School head teacher, the schoolhouse might revert to residential use.

4. INM temperature. Before altering settings, the temperature in January would be monitored. Action MM.

8. Winter Projects. NO volunteered to investigate the design and production of four signs to direct visitors on the island. JB would paint the shed if paint was sourced. Repairs to the road at the entrance to INM were in hand. Measures to reduce the erosion of the road up to the Centre would be reviewed in January.

11. CB was in dialogue with the Holiday Fellowship about their regular visits to the Centre.

3. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for CELM stood at £14,167 (£11,511 unrestricted, £2,655 restricted).

NO was awaiting a payment plan from the VAT inspectorate.

NO would check whether the donation from the MacDougall McCallum Foundation had arrived.

4. Property Report

MM was arranging for the Centre water softener to be serviced, and for the resolution of plumbing problems in the kitchen
Repairs of the decking were in hand.

Routine redecoration was in hand. Repairs to the museum room walls would be reviewed before that start of the 2020 season (action JB)

5. Taic Report

Current balance £12,153

The cost of the Sounds from the Great Garden CD had been met by Taic. A modest profit of around £1,000 was anticipated.

6. Heritage Report

BH reported on a particularly busy heritage year, including:

- The MacDougall special display
- The acquisition of the Peggy Wreck Bottle
- Visits from the MacDougall Gathering and the Norwegian Maritime Museum
- Publication online of Mary MacGregor's Diary
- Review of Scottish Culture article on the Agricultural Society Minute Book (available online from 2018)
- Appin Archive article on Dugald Carmichael
- Completion of the geophysical survey of the Lismore glebe to guide future archaeology of the Early Church. Funded by the Soc of Antiquarians of Scotland.
- Formulation of a plan for the preservation and interpretation of the medieval cathedral nave
- A repair grant for the parish church secured from the Dalrymple Donaldson Fund
- Applications submitted to HES and the HLF for funding for a 3 year programme to investigate the Early Church on Lismore

The board thanked him for his activities in 2019.

CB reported that all of the contents of the cottage had now been dried, preserved and stored safely. The board were particularly pleased with the appearance of the cottage after the rethatching.

7. Recruitment Letter

JB asked all directors to check the draft she had circulated, in preparation for sending it out early in 2020.

8. Library/Conference Room

Deferred to the January Board meeting.

9. Ferry Issues

JB would draft a letter to the appropriate authorities on behalf of CELM and circulate it to the Board.

10. AOCB

There were none

Date of Next Meeting

16 January