



Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr
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Notes for April 'Meeting'

There is, of course, serious concern amongst the Board, Dan and Sarah and volunteers as to how we will survive this crisis. We are not alone but that doesn't make it any easier as the Centre is now the vital hub of the Island. The Board is working on strategies to keep it viable. I have a very, very cautious hope that we might make it but that is predicated on opening by the winter. Any longer than that is an unknown future. We are not alone in that either.

Work done so far: (NB Actions to be taken in bold italics)

1. Funding has been granted (and is already in the bank) from the Third Sector Resilience Fund, £6328.00.
2. A further application for £4800.00 has been made to Museums Galleries Scotland Covid-19 support fund. It could be six weeks or more before we know whether we have been successful or not.
3. The MacDougall McCallum Foundation have been in touch asking us what we need from them. This fund is purely for museum artifacts, objects and conservation. We are required to have the Achinduin artefacts conserved. 1000 dollars would be a big contribution to this.
4. We have upped the publicity for the 100 Club. ***Please, can everyone redouble their efforts on this? Information and forms are on the website.***
5. ***We are constantly on the lookout for further funding opportunities. Will someone please volunteer for this task?*** The secret of success in these applications, it seems, is to get in early so to have someone actively looking would be excellent.

The Future?

Who knows? I had already been thinking about the winter; Saturday Night talks and a mini festival but perhaps such gatherings won't be possible as soon as that. We can but wait.

It may be that we can do something in the virtual world if necessary. We have skilled people on the island who could help us with this. We really need some lateral thinking here so, please, let's put our minds to this. What is important is that we keep the Centre alive and, to do that, we will need to adapt our thinking.

I'm rethinking the Zoom option. The whole world seems to be using it with impunity. Next month.

Meanwhile take care everyone. I'm hoping for a socially distanced meeting sometime in the foreseeable future but nothing is sure in this new world.

Jennifer 23/04/2020