



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at Ionad Naomh Moluag under social distancing.
2 July 2020

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Clare Haworth (CH), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO)

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

Caroline Bath (CB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Mike Robertson (MJR)

The meeting noted, with regret that Caroline Bath had resigned from the Board, owing to the present Covid-19 lockdown. The Board thanked her for all her work as Director and Curator of the Cottage.

1. Minutes of the Meeting 20 February 2020 and Record of Decisions 23 April & 1 May

These were found to be correct accounts. Proposed MM, Seconded NO.
Unanimously agreed.

2. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for CELM stood at £28,414 (£4,503 unrestricted, £23,911 restricted). Using the budget monitor, NO estimated that the finances of the Society were secure for the present owing to the support from the Third Sector Resilience and the Small Business Support Funds. The Board expressed their appreciation of the work done by NO in making these applications. BH would be in touch with Museums Galleries Scotland in the early autumn to reapply for heritage funding support. The Board expressed their thanks for the contribution of 1000 US dollars from the MacDougall McCallum Foundation. There had also been a series of other generous donations. Following the recent advertising campaign, the number of members of the 100 Club had risen to 85.

3. Taic Report

Current balance £5,640

The café rent had been reduced to £0 for June and July. The Board expressed their thanks to Dan & Sarah for their takeaway activities which had been an important contribution to the island community during the present crisis.

The café, shop and museum would open every day from 15 July. The Board discussed in detail the arrangements to ensure that social distancing could be ensured.

Laura Gloag had reported that she had secured sufficient volunteers to operate the desk, each for a full day. It was agreed that they would be fully catered for during their duty. Masks and visors would be available.

Each visitor to the centre would be required to provide their name and postcode on entry.

The CELM marquee would be erected to deal with overspill from the café and provide shelter in case of queuing in bad weather.

4. Museum Reopening Checklist

The Board considered each item in detail, confirming that the necessary arrangements would be in place.

These included: Volunteer training day and signage (JB & MM); website information (PD); risk assessments (JB & MM); guide to building for visitors (JB & MM); restriction of numbers (Museum 4 Shop 2 Cottage 1 Toilet 1, with a group of family members = 1); marking of walkways (MM); identification of “pinch points”; cleaning plans (MM); Board meetings by ZOOM if necessary.

As the season progressed and numbers of visitors became clearer, consideration would be given to providing heritage materials/talks in the marquee for those waiting to enter the Centre.

JB, DB and BH would meet on 13 July to set up the 2020 display. It was agreed that the 2020 display would continue through 2021.

JB would consult with MJR to confirm the insurance cover for volunteers during the emergency period.

5. First Aid

Dan Steele had agreed to continue as site first aider. MM would investigate the arrangements for his re-assessment.

6. Matters Carried Forward

The following issue would be considered at future meetings when the operation of the Centre had settled down:

- Island and building signage including Gaelic
- Projection in the museum room
- The Marsh Christian Trust
- Proposed film of the Lismore heritage hub

- Saturday talks & other events

Date of Next Meeting

6 August