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

Present
Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Arthur Cross (AC), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO) Mike Robertson (MJR)

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:
Clare Haworth

1. Minutes of the Meeting 13 August 2020
These were found to be correct accounts. Proposed MJR, Seconded JB. Unanimously agreed.

2. Matters Arising
JB reported that Helen Crossan had agreed to assist CELM with IT issues after the closure of the Centre in November.

3**. Treasurer's Report**
The current balance for CELM stood at £21,068 (£4,713 unrestricted, £16,355 restricted). Income was pending from MGS and the estate of Hugh MacPherson.
NO reviewed the finances to date in 2020, using the budget monitor.
It was agreed that the levels of rent paid by Taic to CELM, and to Taic for the café should be kept under continuous review.
NO would make an application to the MGS Recovery and Resilience Fund, based on suggestions by board members. BH agreed to finalise costs for the CELM film with Julia Fayngruen and to cost the installation of a projector and screen for the museum room.

4. **Website Zoom meeting with Andy Walters**

Mr Walters explained first that the existing site is no longer capable of being supported. It will be necessary to create a new "template" system, which is secure against increasing site intrusion risks. To this end he intends to create a new look site but wishes to keep a relationship with the existing familiar form (he praised the present front page). The difference is that a wider choice, and better quality, of site product will be become available on the new platform. A "staging area" will be set up whilst work is going on on the new site which will allow website work to continue as normal.
It was suggested that a "wish list" of new ideas be drawn up for him to investigate. Some things he will prepare, but for others he will provide a short video on the "watch me do it "principle, so that further changes and updates can be added locally rather than having to employ him continually.
A "shop" element will be included, linked to a paypal system.
Once he is provided with the "wish list ", he will prepare and circulate a draft site set up for discussion. For ideas he suggested looking at other museum websites or similar.

5. Property Report
It was agreed to include the cost of repainting the Centre would be included in the MGS application. AL to seek costs.

6. Taic Report
Current balance £9,448.
The landline in the café would shortly be replaced by a mobile telephone.
Visitor numbers to the Centre: 909 second half of July, 2134 in August.

7. Curator Report
The Board noted the generous gift of conservation materials by Kilmartin House Museum, which were required for the secure storage of the Achinduin artefacts.

8. Library
The board noted the letter from the Isle of Lismore Trust, indicating that there would be a delay in transferring the public library to the schoolhouse, to allow for necessary works.
It was agreed that a plan for the rearranged library room was required.

9. Achinduin Castle
BH agreed to bring forward ideas for the interpretation of the castle to the December meeting.

10. AOCB

The requirement to keep doors open, under Covid regulations, has meant that the cost of heating the building has increased. It was agreed that, with the reduced number of visitors in the autumn, arrangements would be made for the safe closure of centre doors.
It was not yet clear how the AGM for 2019 could be staged, in view of the continuing restrictions.

Date of Next Meeting *To be arranged in view of the recent limitation in numbers permitted at meetings indoors.*