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

Present
Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO) Mike Robertson (MJR)

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:
Arthur Cross (AC)

1. Minutes of the Meeting 2 July 2020
These were found to be correct accounts. Proposed MM, Seconded JB. Unanimously agreed.

2. Matters Arising
JB would confirm acceptance of the Urgent Response Grant from Museums Galleries Scotland.
MJR confirmed the insurance cover for volunteers during the Covid19 arrangements.
MM reported that the Centre First Aid arrangements were in hand.

3. Matters Carried Forward from Previous Meetings
Signage. NO would now contact the artist about design for the island signs.
Projector. On hold awaiting relief of the lockdown at Paisley Museum. (DB to report in due course).
Marsh Christian Trust. On hold for the present.
Heritage Hub Film. The Board agreed that the proposed 5 minute film centred on Lismore Parish Church should be commissioned. Action BH.
Talks and Events. It was proposed that the programme of Saturday talks could commence in October, ticket only, and observing social distancing.

4. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for CELM stood at £25,766 (£5,224 unrestricted, £20,541 restricted).
NO reviewed the finances to date in 2020, using the budget monitor and comparisons with 2019. It was concluded that funds in hand should be sufficient to operate the Centre into 2021. It was agreed, to assist in financial control, to set up a contingency fund of £10,000, and to devote the next Board Meeting to long-term planning for capital expenditure.
The Board acknowledged the extraordinary generosity of the bequest by Hugh MacPherson. The funds would be available in four portions up to 2023. The Board would consider, consulting with Sara, the best way of celebrating Hugh's contributions over the years in a lasting way.
It was agreed to finance the upgrading of the CELM website. JB would contact Andy Walters about the design of the renewed website.

5. Property Report

No outstanding issues beyond the need for a new ice machine. Purchase proposed by MM and seconded by DB. Agreed.

6. Taic Report

AL reported that the Covid19 arrangements for the building were working well and that, on a visit to Lismore, the Environmental Health Officer found them to be satisfactory.
The rent for the café for September and October would be reviewed by Taic directors.

7. Curator Report

Museums and Heritage Highland. BH would investigate possible membership and report back to the Board.
Following the advice from MGS that eHive was consistent with accreditation status, BH would now migrate the electronic object catalogue from Adlib and investigate the possibility of using the system to catalogue the CELM image collection.
Public access to stored items. It was agreed that at least 2 weeks' notice would be required for items in storage to be made available to enquirers. BH to arrange with Laura Gloag to brief desk volunteers. A notice would be posted on the renewed website.
Port Ramsay Mariners Recording. JB to secure a copy of the recordings for the archive.
On the advice of Dr Sharon Webb, up to twenty of the most important artefacts from the Achinduin excavations would shortly be sent to Edinburgh for conservation work (funded by the generous grant from the MacDougall McCallum Foundation).

The Board noted the prominence given to the work of CELM in two articles in the History Scotland magazine in 2020.

8. AOCB

DB had secured the two ploughs outside the Centre. He would now arrange for them to be preserved and interpreted. BH to provide the existing records.
The Board approved the purchase of a “peat smoke box” for the cottage.
The Board encouraged DB and NO in their idea of establishing grafted rock whitebeam trees next to the Centre.
Library. JB would contact Argyll & Bute Council about the relocation of the public library to the schoolhouse. Once the move had been made, the library room would be remodelled to improve access to the collection. It was agreed to purchase the 3 volume *History of the Campbells* by Alastair Campbell of Airds for the Library.
MJR would advise the Board at the next meeting about how to achieve an AGM under the present constraints.

Date of Next Meeting

10 September