Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held by ZOOM, 19 November 2020

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

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:
Douglas Breingan, Clare Haworth

1. Minutes of the Meeting 9 October 2020
To be approved at the December Board Meeting.

2. Matters Arising
Help with IT. Julia Fayngruen JB would start work once the museum paining was complete. Helen Crossan would then assist in recovering the Three Mariners recording.
Projector. Costing completed, awaiting the decision about MGS funding.
Library. Plans for reorganisation in hand.

3**. Treasurer's Report**
The current balance for CELM stood at £29,720 (£11,950 unrestricted, £17,770 restricted).
NO had submitted an application to the MGS Recovery and Resilience for £17,740.
In view of the present difficulties with Covid 19, Visit Scotland had refunded the annual payment.

4. **Property Report**
The following actions were in hand: Museum room painting; servicing of the ground source heat pump; fridge repair; repair of Borris Bench; café partition.

6. Taic Report
Current balance £12,493.
Visitor numbers to the Centre: 909 second half of July; 2134 August; 1296 September; 991 October.
A Christmas Craft Fair would be held on the first weekend of December, stalls outside, possibly an open marquee, and the café and shop open for business.

7. Curator Report
Achinduin artefacts. Now fully accessioned and the important items delivered to the Scottish Conservation Studio at Hopetoun.
Unaccessioned items. The Board approved the return of unaccessioned items to the original owners.
Purchases for the archive. The Board approved the purchase from the internet of a 17th Century map (with the potential to produce and sell posters in the museum shop) and a set of letters relating to Lismore from around 1800. Action Douglas Breingan.
The Film. Drone footage of the church area had been filmed by Imagine Alba and delivered to Julia Fayngruen for incorporation in the forthcoming film (completion expected early 2021). A 50% reduction in the cost of the day's filming had been negotiated.
The Image Collection. The board would invite Barry John Stewart to advise curators on the way forward for the photograph collection. An honorarium was agreed.

8. AGM.
As there was no provision for an AGM by Zoom in the CELM Memorandum and Articles, MJR would consult Companies House.
It was agreed provisionally to hold the AGM by Zoom at 7.30 on 17 December.

9. CELM Website
JB would collate the suggestions about the refreshed website for transmission to Andy Walters.

10. The MacPherson Legacy
Discussions would continue with the family of Hugh MacPherson on an appropriate way of recognising his great generosity to CELM.

11. AOCB
Douglas Breingan would be asked to advise on improving the lighting in the museum.

Date of Next Meeting. 10 December by Zoom at 2.30pm, in preparation for the AGM