



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held by ZOOM, 25 March 2021

Present

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

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Invited guest: Pauline Dowling (PD)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

None

2. Minutes of the Meeting 18 February 2021

Approval proposed by MJR, Seconded JB. Accepted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Image Collection. BH presented his briefing paper outlining the way forward for establishing a fully catalogued unique collection of CELM's images. The policy was accepted in principle (Proposed MJR, Seconded MM, accepted unanimously). BH would report on progress to the next Board meeting.

Website. Following consideration of the increasing costs of maintaining the CELM website, it was agreed to consider the arrangements for future maintenance at the next meeting.

The meeting expressed its appreciation of the continuing support by PD.

Museum Display. A meeting of JB, DB, NO and MM the following morning (26 March) at INM would finalise the purchases to be made to revitalise the electronic delivery of information in the museum.

MGS Urgent Response Fund Grant. BH would generate the final report once the final purchases had been made.

Dig 2021. BH reported that, with the grant of £2,400 from the Society of Antiquarians of Scotland to Dr Clare Ellis, it was now likely that a 3 week archaeological dig would take place in September.

Iona MacLeod Heritage Project. NO would liaise with Iona.
Echoes of Appin. JB would investigate developments.

4. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for CELM stood at £27,362 (£14,841 unrestricted, £12,521 restricted).

5. Property Report (MM)

1. The Coffee Machine had now been serviced and returned to the café. Thanks to Iain McDonald for transporting it to and from Crieff.
2. Sarah McD and MM had painted the café partition wall
3. The café ventilation ducting had been cleaned.
4. The shop painting had been completed by Julia, and Sarah Jones had reinstated the stock.
5. Anne Livingstone and MM had made 2 of the 4 acoustic hangings for the museum. They were at present waiting for more fabric.
6. Site preparations for the container:
Sean McD had spent 10 hours digging out the site and carrying away the spoils, he had about 1-2 more hours work to do after the breaking of the rock. Mark Willis had agreed to remove it with the aid of a pneumatic drill and some explosives. The cost would be £400. Iain would hire a compressor from Hire and Supply Oban and bring it over and back which would cost about £110. This work was planned for the Easter week-end.
7. Noelle and Douglas had erected the New Heritage Centre signs at the road side and at the entrance to the building.
They had also put in place the new Projector and Screen in the museum room.

MM would contact MacQueen Bros to explain the delay in installing the shipping container.

The Board expressed its appreciation of all the work that DB had done during his stay on the island.

6. Taic Report

Current balance £6,845

The café, shop and museum would open on 26 April (with the continuing Covid rules: one way system and face masks required).

The Board expressed its appreciation of all the work done by Sarah Jones to get the shop ready for opening.

7. Curator Report

BH reported that the repair to the Lady Stone in the Graveslabs shelter would be undertaken by Michael Hogg on Saturday 25 March. Historical Environment Scotland would pay for the work.

He also expressed his thanks to Dave Carpenter who had volunteered to repair the gale damage caused to the shelter roof.

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Insurance. A meeting was arranged of JB, DB, NO and MM for the following morning (26 March) to advise MJR on the insurance cover required for CELM asserts.

The Board approved the purchase of a CELM embossing machine.

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 22 April by ZOOM at 7pm.