



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held outside INM, 22 April 2021

Present

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

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apology: Arthur Cross (AC).

1. The Board was delighted to have returned to a more normal face-to-face meeting in bright sunshine

2. Minutes of the Meeting 25 February 2021

Approval proposed by JB, Seconded MM. Accepted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Image Collection. Following a lukewarm response by the Esmée Fairbairn grant administrator, it was agreed that BH and JB should continue their work to get the collection in order, in preparation for a grant application in the autumn.

MGS Urgent Response Fund Grant. BH had generated the final report to MGS within the deadline. There had been no response.

Iona MacLeod Heritage Project. NO and DB had discussed the project with Iona. The Board would like to see any heritage text that she might include in her presentations.

Echoes of Appin. There had been no developments for Lismore.

Review of Insurance. MJR and MM confirmed that the inventory was complete.

4. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for CELM stood at £22,502 (£11,304 unrestricted, £11,197 restricted).

NO reviewed expenditure on the Argyll & Bute Small Business grant and the MGS Recovery and Resilience Grant.

CH agreed to investigate the feasibility of establishing an electric charging point at INM, following the initiative on Kerrera.

5. The Lismore Film: A Sacred Island

The Board held the first viewing of the English version of the film produced by Julia Fayngruen, making the first use of the newly-installed projector and screen (under social distancing with masks). The Board received the film with enthusiasm, congratulating Julia on her work, and approving the payment of the fee. It was agreed that, in view of the fact that the cost of the work on the Achinduin artefacts had been met by MGS funding, a request would be made to the MacDougall McCallum Foundation to divert their generous gift to the support of the film.

The use of the film would be considered at the next meeting.

6. Property Report (MM)

The Centre was ready for opening on Monday 26 April. The arrangement would be as for the last COVID opening except that the one way system in the museum room was no longer required. The heating system would be adapted to take account of the requirement for increased ventilation.

Four acoustic panels had been installed in the Museum Room.

The site was now ready for the installation of the new shipping container.

Consideration would be given to covering the reverse of the splendid new signs at the entrance.

The water softener had failed and would be replaced at a cost of £400

7. Taic Report

Current balance £6,707

AL advised the Board that there was a need for a major renovation of the balcony area before opening next year.

8. Curator Report

BH would contact Julia Hamilton at Kilmartin House Museum about the display to be mounted in the Library.

Gaelic Text for the Film. JB would advise in due course.

9. 2020 Annual Report

JB would circulate her Chair Report to the Board for comment.

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There were no substantial items.

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 20 May at INM, time to be arranged.