Minutes of a blended Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM and by Zoom, 28 January 2022.

Present
Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Memory McDonald (MM) and Noelle Odling (NO) in person; Douglas Breingan (DB), Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), and Mike Robertson (MJR) by Zoom.

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies: Arthur Cross (AC).

1. Minutes of 10 December 2021.
Approval proposed by MM, Seconded MJR. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising.
Illicit Stills. BH and MJR were seeking sponsorship for a new banner board.
Lismore New South Wales. No further developments.
Taproot Festival. Date not yet fixed. Roxanne Prando, Davy Maddock and AC had agreed to join the organizational group. JB was still looking for someone to deal with event funding. It was possible that this could be by donations or ticket sales for individual events.
Museum Room Display. Report from DC:
Lismore images project / display- working title 'Seasons'.
12-14th Feb.

1) Images selected and submitted to printers for boards and hanging displays.
2) Photographs of island taken to contrast with older images- to be displayed interactively on Thinglink. Work on the interactive will be ongoing- to be displayed on the centre iPads.

14th-19th Feb.

3) Interviews (previously arranged by Ailsa) to be conducted and recorded. Editing on Audacity to be ongoing. These will be uploaded onto One Drive to be accessed by QR codes generated by Edge.

19th-22nd Feb.

4) DC on island for snagging and hopeful (!) fitout of first images.

New Director. Sarah Faraday has had to withdraw her offer to be a member of the Board, owing to pressure of work.
Cruise Ship Visits. After having been briefed about the practicalities of visiting Lismore, Colette Cruises had decided to withdraw.
Saturday Talks. 5 February 7.30 NO on Boreholes. 19 February AiC Title to be announced.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO).
Current Balance (end December) £20,188.22
Restricted £678.54
Unrestricted £19,509.68
NO compared the financial situation with 2019, showing that CELM's finances were currently very healthy; and provided an update on her use of Sage software. Thanks were due to MJR and Norma Black for providing help and advice.
The MacDougall Clan Association of America had granted £1,500 for the post-excavation work on the bones sampled in September 2021. Thanks to MJR for his part in securing this funding. BH had thanked the Chairman.

4. Property Report (MM).
Balcony. Exploration of the supporting structure had indicated that there was a problem with the wallplates. A report on the extent of the work needed, the materials required and the full cost would be provided to the next meeting. It was estimated that the cost of timber would be in the region of £5,000 plus transport. It had been agreed that Hugh MacPherson's bequest for 2022 would contribute to this project.
MM and AC were thanked for their valuable work on this project, including a great deal of arduous physical work.
Borehole. No further progress to date.
Other activities have included the service of the coffee machine, and plans to screen the new shipping container with a living hedge.

5. Taic Report.
The café lease was to be offered to the current team for a further 2 years.
After the reduction introduced during the Covid-19 period, the rent for the café would return to the previous level from April.
AL would report to the next meeting on a replacement for the outside doormat. The existing worn out mat, with the CELM logo, had been expensive.

6. Curator Report.
Accreditation. BH reported that the documentation supporting Accreditation required to be updated. He had started on the 5-Year Plan for the Museum and Archive (2018-2022), and would bring the first draft of a fully revised version to the next meeting for scrutiny. He would be in touch with Board members for detailed updates. Once the Plan had been completed and approved by the Board, he would deal with the updating of the curator documents.
Audiovisual Archive. The Board considered the need for a policy for archiving film and sound records. DB and JB to advise the Board.
Plan for Clachan. The Board considered a briefing paper by Ron Livingstone and BH. After discussion, in which the ideas were warmly received, it was agreed to support the proposals and authorised BH to send the proposal to the Parish Minister. BH to report to the next meeting. Proposed by MJR, seconded by MM, agreed unanimously.
The Board thanked BH and Ron Livingstone for this important development.

7. AOCB
There were none

DC was thanked for facilitating the Zoom Meeting.

Next Meeting: 18 February ***at 4pm***.