



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM, 14 February 2023

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Clare Haworth (CH), Memory McDonald (MM), Mike Robertson (MJR).
Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary).

Apologies

Arthur Cross (AC), Anne Livingstone (AL).

1. Minutes of 6 January 2023.

Proposed by JB after correction, Seconded MM. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising.

Intellectual Property Rights for Recordings (what rights if we pay for the recording)

Carried forward, including consultation with Museums Galleries Scotland. (MJR)

Date of Study Visit to Oban Museums: This would be organised at the Forum meeting on 23 February (JB, BH, MJR)

Recording Family Memories. AiC and DC would bring forward proposals for the 2023 display.

Rev. Gregor MacGregor's list of births and marriages. BH would consult with Laura Gloag on formats that would facilitate publication, and report to the next meeting.

Gaelic Conference 2024. It was confirmed that the subject of the proposed 2024 conference on Lismore was Rev Donald McNicol and his son.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO)

Current Balance £23,637.25

Restricted £5,506.86

Unrestricted £18,130.39

Including the Calmac grant, the autumn/winter programme of Talks and Taproot Events had (provisionally) raised £1,189 profit. NO advised that, to avoid the inclusion of Vat on tickets, future events should be by donation.

The meeting recorded its appreciation of NO's continuing skillful work on the CELM finances.

4. Property Report (MM)

The coffee machine had been serviced and the heating system modified to facilitate separation of space and water heating.

Dave Carpenter would carry out further survey work before tackling the wood rot problems.

Work in the coming month would include PAT testing of electrical appliances and maintenance of the lighting system in the Museum Room.

It was agreed that there needed to be tightening up of the arrangements for pre-booking meals associated with events, to help with the management of (food) supplies.

5. Taic.

Balance £7,179.71

6. The Future of the Church.

The meeting agreed to keep a close watching brief on the consultation process.

As a contribution to the process, BH was drawing up a comprehensive guide to the Church building for sale in the coming tourist season. A final draft would be circulated to directors before a decision was made at the next meeting.

Directors agreed to bring information on potential funder/benefactors to the next meeting, in preparation for producing a Plan For Fund Raising

7. CELM Website.

Carried over to the next meeting. Pauline Dowling would report in due course.

8. e-Bikes

The Board approved INM as a potential “pick up” point for the Island Development Trust/Lismore Bike Hire e-bikes, on condition that the shelter afforded at the rear of the building was considered adequate. Action JB.

9. AOCB.

The annual event for CELM volunteers would be held on 30 March, 11am – 4pm. The café would be open for service.

Display 2023. See above **Recording Memories**. JB, DB and BH would meet in March to review arrangements including the new presentation of “The Stones” and a proposed feature on smoothing irons.

Bookshelves. Subject to final investigations by DB, the Board agreed to spend £790.46 (incl. Vat) on 4 Topregal metal bookshelf units for the library. In due course, Laura Gloag would provide guidance for a more “user-friendly” library. The Board expressed its appreciation for the professional work that she had been doing in drawing up a comprehensive catalogue of the collection. She sought approval for the disposal of multiple copies of books. It was agreed that this had to be on a case by case basis, as some of the accessions were clearly identifiable as gifts to CELM.

Duncan Livingstone. The board expressed their concern for Duncan and Anne in this difficult time and agreed to send tokens of our continuing support.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23 March, 2.30pm.