



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM, 25 November 2022.

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Arthur Cross (AC), Clare Haworth (CH), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR on Zoom),

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary).

Apologies

Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Anne Livingstone (A), Memory McDonald (MM).

1. Minutes of 13 October 2022.

Proposed by JB, Seconded DB. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising.

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

Carried forward. (MJR)

Date of Study Visit to Oban Museums: It was decided to postpone the visit to March.

MJR to advise on dates

Gaelic Underspend (NO). It was agreed to spend part of the underspend on a book by Donald McNicol the prominent minister of Lismore (Journey to the Hebrides, £500). Action DB

Craignich container. The container and its contents had now been disposed of, with the more useful items recycled. The Board was grateful to AC for completing this.

Recording Family Memories. Carried forward.

The MacPherson Donation, JB would inform Sara MacPherson that the Board had decided to use this year's donation for urgent maintenance work at INM.

Argyll & Bute Museums Forum. Board members would consider possible involvement in the forum, at the next meeting.

Note added after the meeting: the Board had been invited to take part in a strategic review of heritage in Argyll on 23 February organised by the forum

<http://www.argyllheritage.org.uk/save-the-day-abmhf-event-for-all-23rd-february-2023/>

Rev. Gregor MacGregor's list of births and marriages. Directors to consider the economics of publishing this document in a form accessible to interested genealogists, with a view to a decision at the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO)

Current Balance £13,965.01

Restricted £5,364.86

Unrestricted £8,600.15

4. Property Report (MM)

The Board approved the plan to upgrade the centre hot water system.

The humidifiers were maintaining the building humidity at a satisfactory level.

Submitted after the meeting:

MM informed directors about 2 situations she had discovered while checking the building.

1. One of the double glazed windows in the office has failed, this will have to be considered at the next committee meeting, not urgent.

2. There is a problem of rot at two joist ends, above the new Heritage entrance sign.

MM asked Directors to advise if she should seek advice on the cause, and secure a quote for the work.

5. Taic.

Current balance £20,082

6. The Future of the Church.

The Board approved of actions to alert the Lismore diaspora to the possible community ownership of the Lismore Church property.

7. ChArts

Consideration of possible involvement of CELM in ChArts initiatives carried forward (Action JB).

8. Saturday Talks

JB updated the meeting on talks arranged so far:

26 November. Rachel Baker on her work on the Covid epidemic

26 January. DB on Fog, Fish and Battleships

February. Lesley Riddoch. Introducing a film from Estonia with relevance to Scotland

March. Donald Meek. John Mc Nicol

9. 2023 Display.

The proposal by DB to revitalise the museum stones display, including lighting and new interpretation was agreed by the Board.

In view of the lack of objects in the recent display, it was agreed to use the redundant glass display case to feature CELM's collection of smoothing irons.

10. Tree Planting.

The Board approved DB's proposal to plant two Lismore whitebeam trees, grafted to rowans, on the grass bank below the cottage, with necessary protection.

11. Edinburgh University: Dugald McNicol

DB informed the Board about a research project at The Celtic Studies Department, Edinburgh University, on Dugald McNicol, son of Rev Donald McNicol, focusing on his travel journal to the West Indies. CELM had been invited to provide the venue for a summer 2023 conference. JB was asked to respond positively to this initiative, providing a letter of support.

12. AOCB.

Davy Maddock had kindly negotiated a grant from Calmac of £500 in support of the Taproot programme.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting early January after consultation with mainland directors.