



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM, 6 January 2023.

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Clare Haworth (CH), Memory McDonald (MM),
Noelle Odling (NO),
Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary).

Apologies

Douglas Breingan (DB), Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Anne Livingstone (A),
Mike Robertson (MJR).

1. Minutes of 25 November 2022.

Proposed by JB, Seconded NO. 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. Carried forward (MJR)

Recording Family Memories. Carried forward.

Archiving of Recordings. JB reported that Helen Crossan was entering the recordings on an external hard disc for the Archive.

Argyll & Bute Museums Forum. Board members were encouraged to attend the Zoom strategic review of heritage on 23 February.

Rev. Gregor MacGregor's list of births and marriages. BH would discuss options with Laura Gloag and report to the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO)

Current Balance £22,867.58

Restricted £4,926.86

Unrestricted £17,940.72

There were sufficient restricted funds in hand to pay for the osteology work by Dr Angela Boyle that had been commissioned for 2023. Once a report had been received from Museums Galleries Scotland on the cost of additional post-excavation analyses, BH would resume fund raising in support of archaeology.

Taic had contributed £11,750 to CELM in 2022

NO reported on the continuing review of electricity usage (see Property Report below).

The Board was grateful to Calmac for its generous contribution to the continuing Taproot Festival.

4. Property Report (MM)

The Board reviewed progress on the agreed plan to upgrade the centre hot water system. MM had negotiated a new contract for services provided by BT.

Work was in hand to deal with the wood rot identified at the last meeting.

5. Taic.

Nothing to report.

6. The Future of the Church.

Society members were encouraged to attend the “drop in” meeting on the future of the church property on 28 January.

7. Saturday Talks at the Heritage Centre.

28 January. DB on Fog, Fish and Battleships

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

25 March. Donald Meek on John MacInnes, the Bardic Blacksmith of Lismore and Govan.

8. Aberdeen University.

The Board approved the continuing discussions with Professor Gordon Noble about collaboration in the Lismore programme of archaeology.

9. AOCB.

JB would respond positively to the approach from the Department of Celtic, University of Edinburgh, about a possible conference on the McNicol family to be held on Lismore.

Board members would explore approaches to improving the Zoom connection including an additional microphone, and practice before the next Board meeting.

BH reported on the current Archive project being undertaken with Caroline Bath to explore the rich vein of information on the island in the 19thC contained in the collection of school log books.

Dates for the diary:

21 January. Angela Boyle. Life and Death at the Lismore Glebe – Osteological Analysis Appin Historical Society 2.30 Port Appin Village Hall. ***Possibly now postponed.***

11 February. Clare Ellis. Review of recent digs in the local area. Lorn Archaeological and Historical Society. 2.30 Rockfield Centre. Oban

10. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged in February.