



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at  
INM, 7 April 2023

**Present**

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR), Memory McDonald (MM), Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary) (present part of the meeting, most of the minutes by AiC).

**Apologies**

Anne Livingstone (AL), Arthur Cross (AC), Clare Haworth (CH).

**1. Minutes of the Meeting 21 March 2023**

Proposed by MJR, seconded MM. Accepted unanimously.

**2. Matters Arising.**

**Recording Family Memories.**

AiC advised that due to time constraints, interviews would be postponed until summer. JB proposed that younger generations be included to record memories of island in 70s, 80s and 90s. Focus should also be on reasons for people relocating here.

**Study Visit to Oban Museums.** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June proposed for a small group to visit Dunollie and Kilbride. MJR to provide details in due course

**3. Treasurer's Report.**

Current Balance £20,384.52

Restricted: £4686.32

Unrestricted: £15,698.20

Ground source heating bill had been paid.

Some significant bills soon to be paid.

Taproot festival made a small profit.

MJR would donate money via online banking for booklets on the church. JB proposed thanks to MJR for his generosity.

**4. Property Report**

MM reported that new ground source heating pump is working well. She knows how to turn it off but leave water on.

MM had reinstated the CD of Gaelic conversation in the cottage.

Awaiting quotes for repairing fence. Duncan MacGregor had agreed to pay half the cost.

Disposal of tyres – JB proposed that anyone going to Oban with a car could assist in removal of tyres to LORI recycling centre. MM advised that the centre can accept 3 tyres at a time.

Museum Lights – JB thanked DB for installation of lights around carved stones in museum.

## **5. Taic report**

AL sent apologies, had notified JB of relevant information.

Lesley Hamilton has been restocking shop.

Sarah Jones thanked for huge amount of work involved in shop displays, cleaning, and restocking.

## **6. Curator Report**

### **Museum displays**

2024 would mark 30 years since the proposal of a heritage centre on present site. JB suggested display in 2024 could focus on first thoughts about the museum, through recording new interviews with relevant people and also through digitisation of currently held recordings. DC to digitise recordings of Donald Black.

### **5-Year Plan Key Aims**

BH would circulate the document approved in 2022.

### **Rev. MacGregor's List**

The Board approved Laura Gloag's proposal: to carry out a new digitising of the list, and to combine this with Mary MacGregor's 1868 diary in a booklet for publication – the costs to be covered by the sale of surplus books in the library collection. Action LauraG & BH.

## **7. Future of the Church**

The Board approved the letter (Appendix to these minutes) to be sent to HES on behalf of CELM.

## **8. Office Bearers**

In recognition of the long service of the current office bearers of CELM, JB would circulate her report to the last AGM as widely as possible, to try to enlist new office bearers, with fresh ideas. She requested that members apply themselves to providing imaginative approaches to refreshing the Board.

## **9. Alastair Satchell/Islands in Film**

JB had emailed for details of costs.

## **10. Festivals**

JB would bring forward proposals for 2023/4 in due course.

## **11. AOCB**

DCB would investigate options for improvement in the display of the Appin Head.

JB announced that this year's AGM would be in August or September.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Second half of May, to be decided.