



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 12 June 2023

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Mike Robertson (MJR), Memory McDonald (MM).

Taic: Anne Livingstone (AL).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary).

Apologies

Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Arthur Cross (AC), Noelle Odling (NO).

1. Minutes of the Meeting 7 April 2023

Proposed by MJR, seconded JB. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters Arising.

Study Visit to Inveraray.

Alison Diamond had offered Saturday 29 July.

BH would circulate information to Directors and Volunteers and make the necessary arrangements if there was a sufficient response.

Oban Tourist Office.

BH had provided the office with a supply of the illustrated guide to Lismore. He would ensure that the supply was maintained. There are 5 boxes of the guide in the basement of the public hall.

Islands in Film.

JB to brief the Board in due course.

3 Treasurer's Report. (provided by NO in advance)

Balances

CELM total £11,542.22

Restricted £4,128.32

Unrestricted £7,413.90

The Board members were grateful for the donation of £1085 from the funeral of Duncan Livingstone, the sadly-missed former Chair of CELM.

Other Finance Matters.

Post-excavation analyses.

In view of delays in the processing of the osteological samples from the glebe archaeological dig, the Board approved the spending of up to £3,000 of the restricted funds on analyses of other classes of artefact by National Museum of Scotland specialists. Proposed by JB, Seconded by DB. Agreed unanimously.

In the event of a grant from the MacDougall McCallum Foundation in 2023, the Board approved of devoting it to post-excavation analyses. Proposed by JB, Seconded by DB. Agreed unanimously.

4. Property Report (MM).

Current issues:

Annual water testing. Some concern that the current drought might affect water quality.

Replacement of a failed chest freezer.

Repair of a failed glass panel on the balcony.

Unwanted glass from the new library cupboards to be offered on the island Noticeboard

5. Taic Report (AL)

Balance £14,796.77

Nothing to report except that the café and shop were doing very well this season.

6. Curator Report (BH)

BH had started informal training of the Desk Volunteers on the collections.

DB would consult Mary MacDougall about possible arrangements for providing copies of the illustrated guide to the old graveyard for visitors (possibly following the arrangement for providing the graveslabs leaflet).

7. CELM Website.

Deferred for the moment.

8. Taproot Festival 2023/4 (JB)

Following discussions with Mairi Campbell and Davie Maddock, it had been agreed that the events would be arranged for Sundays, with Music featuring on the 1st Sunday of the month and Talks on the 3rd, with a concluding Ceilidh.

Attendance would be by donation, and numbers would be limited to the maximum permitted in the museum room.

Details of the full programme would be provided to the next Board meeting by JB.

It was hoped to include a performance by the Lismore school pupils, drawing on the experience on Tiree by Alison Diamond, Archivist of the Argyll Papers; and the new film “Lighthouse Lives” produced by the Northern Lighthouse Board. DB would investigate the availability of the Lismore Lighthouse film in the Scottish Film Archive.

9. Lismore Church Flower Festival 23-26 June.

It was agreed to lend the museum banner board featuring St Moluag for the festival.

10. AOCB.

DB would explore the idea of setting up a photographic website for CELM and report to the next meeting.

The Board would arrange for desk volunteers to report back on responses to the museum display.

MJR would take relevant advice about completing the Annual Agricultural Census from for CELM's land holding at Achinduin.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 21 July at 3.30pm