



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 21 March 2023

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (for part of the meeting by Zoom) (DB),
Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR).

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary).

Apologies

Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Clare Haworth (CH),

1. Minutes of 6 January 2023.

Proposed by MJR, Seconded JB. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising.

Intellectual Property Rights for Recordings In hand (JB)

Date of Study Visit to Oban Museums: Provisional date 19 May. The visit to include
Kilbride. MJR to confirm at the next meeting. The party to include Directors and
Volunteers, fulfilling the “training” requirements of museum accreditation.

Recording Family Memories. AiC and DC to report to the next meeting.

Rev. Gregor MacGregor’s list of births and marriages. To be resolved with Laura Gloag
by the next meeting.

Bookshelves. The Board approved the purchase and fitting of perspex windows for the new
library cabinets, to ensure that they were safe to use. Proposed NO, seconded JB. DCB to
order the materials.

The Board took the opportunity to thank Laura Gloag for all her cataloguing work in
preparation for the move to the new cabinets.

Volunteer Day. Cancelled for 2023. Any new desk volunteers would be trained in due
course.

3. Treasurer’s Report (NO)

Current Balance £22,045.34

Restricted £4,686.32

Unrestricted £17,359.02

The closing balance for the recent programme of Talks and Taproot Events was £1,333.49.

The Board expressed its thanks to Davy Maddox and his supporters for all their work in
achieving a series of successful events; to all of the performers and speakers; and to Calmac
for financial support.

4. Property Report (MM)

Current work in hand included resolution of the space for the new buffer tank in the pump room; painting; stock proofing of the boundary fence; and a range of small jobs.

A number of electrical jobs were still outstanding; and it would be important to ensure that the next team working on the high speed internet system mended the road at the entrance.

DCB would check that the protective fencing round the newly planted whitebeams was adequate.

The measures implemented to reduce heating in the building over the winter months had resulted in a reduction of electricity usage by half.

5. Taic (AL)

Balance £7,468.34

Lesley Hamilton and Sarah Jones had been busy ordering stock and preparing the shop for the new season. A signpost to the bookstall would be provided.

The Board Agreed that storage space would be provided for shop stock in the reorganised library room.

The café was ready for the new season with a full complement of staff. A new honesty box for out of hours sales had been acquired.

6. Curator/Heritage Issues (BH)

The museum room display would be a continuation of the 2022 theme, with the inclusion of more objects (Action BH). DB was constructing an updated feature on the “Lismore Stones” with lighting.

BH would ask DC to evaluate the existing QR codes for the photographs.

Alison Diamond (Archivist of the Argyll papers) would visit Lismore on 11 May to discuss the possibility of a joint project.

The Board agreed to the installation of a waterproof “dispenser” at the gate of the old churchyard to provide paper copies of a guide to important burials, for passing visitors (as for the graveslabs). Action BH, including liaison with the kirk session.

The second edition of “How an Island Lost its People” would be published by Birlinn on 6 April. Lesley Hamilton had ordered 30 copies for the shop.

JB would be in touch with the Clarkes about their ideas for Engagement Days at the museum.

7. The Future of the Church.

The Board noted a letter from the Lismore minister and session indicating that the Church of Scotland trustees intended to dispose of all three of the church assets on Lismore. JB would keep a watching brief on developments.

The Board agreed to the printing of 250 copies of the Church booklet, and thanked MJR for his generosity in providing part of the funding.

8. CELM Website.

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

9. Islands in Film

JB would make contact with the organiser, Alasdair Satchell (Mull), about a possible extension of the project to Lismore, including training.

10. AOCB

The Board agreed to paying £99 for a half page advertisement of the Centre in the Holiday West Highland publication. Action JB.

BH agreed to visit the Tourist Office in Oban to discuss possible advertising of the Centre.

11. Date of Next Meeting

JB would liaise with the Clarkes about a suitable date in April.