



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 18 October 2023

Present

Directors: Douglas Breingan (DB), Jennifer Baker (JB), Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC) (part meeting), Clare Haworth (CH) (part meeting), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR) (by Zoom), Memory McDonald (MM).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary).

Observers: Pauline Dowling, Morag Ferguson. Both welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies

Arthur Cross (AC), Anne Livingstone (AL).

1. Minutes of the Meeting 18 September 2023

Proposed by MM, seconded DCB. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising from 18 September

Review of Museum Display Plans for a 30 year CELM birthday display in hand (JB). DCB was investigating costs of framing Lismore images from the Argyll Archive for an associated feature.

MacDougall Clan Gathering. Carried over to the next meeting as MJR's Zoom was mute.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Bank balance £12,802.76

Unrestricted £8,586.44

Restricted £4,216.32

NO had received the last of the donations in memory of Hugh MacPherson.

An additional donation of \$1000 from the MacDougall McCallum Foundation would be added to the restricted funds, which have been donated to cover the post-excavation costs of the recent glebe project.

NO reported that the measures taken to reduce energy use over last winter had resulted in a reduction of around 50%. This was a major contribution to controlling INM running costs.

NO was thanked for her major role in managing CELM resources.

AGM. All arrangements now in place (JB)

4. Property Report (MM)

Five fire extinguishers had been replaced and the other pieces of fire equipment serviced by Core Fire Services.

Openreach had laid a cable to the Heritage Centre Building. A new Contract had been negotiated for Taic, for 3 years for Full Fibre 150 Essential + Digital Line + Calls. The telephone number would be retained.

It is expected to be up and running by the end of October.

5. Taic Report

Nothing to report except that there had been a donation of £50 for the use of the Museum Room on 7 October.

6. Curator Report. (BH)

School Project. Continuing the programme of publishing archive accessions, Caroline Bath had written a scholarly account of the educational changes on Lismore around the 1872 Education Act, and BH would submit a popular article to History Scotland – both based on the school logbooks from Kilandrist and Baligarve.

Church Futures Project. The very extensive archive of Lismore Parish Church being drawn up by Stephen Green and DCB would be lodged in the CELM archive.

Photographic Archive. JB was investigating possible additional support for the photograph archive.

7. Taproot (JB)

Arrangements for the programme were well in hand, although there was need to resolve issues around accommodating artistes on the island.

JB was developing a final event featuring the Lismore School pupils.

8. New Members.

Morag Ferguson, who was kindly offering help to CELM, would discuss possible roles with the Chair.

9. Scott Carmichael.

Scott Carmichael, Tennessee, a descendant of the Carmichaels who left Lismore in the second half of the 18thC, had been in touch to discuss possible collaboration. BH had provided him with a full briefing about CELM, including sending relevant literature. There would be an opportunity to take part in an online interview, organised by the Carmichael Clan Society, in December. BH had suggested that Carmichael write an article for the CELM website about his family. He would keep the Board in touch with further developments.

10. AOCB.

There was no other substantial business.

11. Date of Next Meeting. Friday 17 November at 2.30pm.