



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

Present

Directors: Douglas Breingan (DB), Jennifer Baker (JB), Arthur Cross (AC), Clare Haworth (CH), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR), Memory McDonald (MM).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary).

Apologies

Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Anne Livingstone (AL).

1. Minutes of the Meeting 24 July 2023

Proposed by JB, seconded MJR. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising from 24 July

MacDougall/McCallum Scholars. Both of the scheduled visits had been cancelled

Photographic Website. In hand (DB)

Achinduin. MJR would make the necessary return with the assistance of Duncan Baird.

Review of Museum Display. JB would discuss with Laura Gloag.

Church Futures Group. DB updated the Board. Details could be found on the Community noticeboard.

3. Treasurer's Report

Total funds £10,130.68

Reserved £3,228.32

Unreserved £6,902.36

NO had arranged debit cards for the use of CELM and Taic.

She was arranging an updating of the bank signatures.

The 2022 draft accounts for CELM were now complete and would be circulated to members before the AGM, which would be held at INM on Saturday 4 November at 12.30pm, followed by the Taic AGM.

CELM had received the last donation from the late High MacPherson. JB would arrange for an appreciation of his generosity to be sent to his widow Sara.

NO required all CELM and Taic directors to produce photographic identities.

NO asked JB, MJR and MM to confirm that all the conditions of the grants obtained at the time of building INM had expired.

5. Property Report

MM reported on a number of jobs completed: balcony glazing; café repainting; fixing of library cupboards.

It was anticipated that Openreach would install fibre broadband in the coming weeks. DB would move the ploughs displayed outside to facilitate installation.

MM reported on the visit of VisitScotland, which seemed to have gone well. CELM would be considering Taste the Best accreditation.

6. Taic

Nothing to report at this time.

7. Curator Report

BH would source 12 copies of the recent Appin Archived publication, for sale at INM.

DB had secured a MacBrayne Scholar's Ticket for the archive. This was a charitable scheme to fund a Friday night Oban ferry so that Lismore schoolchildren could spend more of the weekend at home.

8. AOCB

It was agreed to keep in review the relationship between the parish church and CELM, remaining very supportive of the need to preserve the heritage of the island.

DB was arranging for Professor Stephen Driscoll, Glasgow University, to give a talk at INM, recognising the parallels with Govan Old Parish Church.

DB had secured permission from the Church Session to move and display the remaining two graveslabs in the church. There would be a need for interpretation.

The MacDougall Clan Gathering would take place at Dunollie 30 July to 4 August 2024. Arrangements to be made for visits to Lismore at a coming CELM Board Meeting.

On winding up, the Lismore Art Group had kindly donated £100 to CELM. JB would send a card of thanks to Jennifer Allan.

An informal visit to Kilmartin Museum was planned for 3 October. Contact MJCR/JB.

Date of Next Meeting To be arranged

Review of Post-Excavation Analyses (using NMS/Ellis estimates)
July 2023

Preliminary review of artefacts by NMS £900 *Paid*

Soil/Sediment

Wet sieving and sorting. Clare Ellis £558 *Paid*

Charcoal identification. Aberdeen University £240
To be met by Aberdeen

Macroplant analyses. Susan Ramsay **£240**

Bone. Angela Boyle

Cleaning and preliminary analysis (human) £1000 *Paid*

Detailed human analysis **£3,400**

DNA analyses. Crick Institute up to £10,000

To be met by Crick Institute

Metal Working. NMS

Detailed work on moulds, crucibles, slag. **£6,000**

XRF analyses. **£1,500**

£3,000 committed by CELM

Metal Objects. NMS

Iron Identification etc **£1,200**

Iron X-radiography **£600**

Copper Alloy **£150**

Coins **£150**

Carved Objects. NMS

Bone and antler **£450**

Stone **£1,700**

Wood **£2,032**

Pottery. Hall £500

Radiocarbon Dating (up to £7000)

Number to be decided. Support expected from Aberdeen and the Crick Institute.

Rough estimate of funds still required **£14,000 + VAT =**
£16,700

This covers the basic work and does not include photography, illustration, management by NMS etc or radiocarbon dating.

Post-ex funds held by CELM are now exhausted. The suggested strategy now is to secure the necessary funding by asking for support for individual headings.

Approaches so far to the MacDougall Society USA; MacDougall/McCallum Foundation; The Hunter Trust. Considering restarting JustGiving.

Bob Hay. 21 July 2023.