



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 12 January 2024

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Ailsa Clarke (AiC, Zoom), Clare Haworth (CH), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary)

Observer: Pauline Dowling (PD, Website Manager)

Apologies

Douglas Breingan, David Clarke (DC), Anne Livingstone (AL), Memory McDonald (MM).

1. Approval of the Minutes of 17 November 2023

Proposed JB, Seconded MJR, approved unanimously

2. Matters arising from 17 November

MacDougall Clan Gathering, July/August (MJR). *Draft Event Sheet for the Lismore visits attached to these minutes (confidential to Board Members).*

Stiles. PD would contact the Lismore Community Trust and CH would consult with Mike Hyatt about the best way forward

Visits. At least 9 Gaelic scholars had planned an informal visit to Lismore 1-3 March, staying at the bunkhouse. Board members would encourage local Gaelic speakers to interact with the visitors. Contact via CH.

There would be a 1 day conference (on Rev. Donald McNicol) including a ceilidh in September. Date to be arranged. JB to report to the Board when the date was finalised.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO)

Bank Balance £26,788.49

Unrestricted £20,572.17

Restricted £6,216.32 (all to fund post-excavation analyses)

Balance from Taproot events in 2023=£1,600.26. Board members were very grateful to all those who had contribute their events free of charge, and for the invaluable support of Davy Maddock.

JB would write to Davy Garrett and Rose Howard to thank them for their very generous contribution to the post-excavation funds.

A JustGiving page had been launched to support the post-excavation analytical work. BH would focus on drawing the attention of the Lismore diaspora to the page. The balance after

a week (on 17 January) stood at £762 plus £148 Gift Aid, out of an ambitious target of £15,000.

5. Property Report (MM).

The new double-glazed unit for the office was now in place, thanks to Iain McDonald for arranging, transporting and installation.

The Cottage: All textiles had been inspected, aired, or cleaned and placed in storage boxes with insect traps. The cottage is checked monthly during the closed season or after exceptional weather.

Fencing: All the top railing on the side fences had been re-nailed with stainless steel nails, however one D rail is missing which would be replaced before the new season.

Winter jobs were now in hand at the Centre.

JB and MM had made a start, preparing the museum room for the new exhibition.

Sarah and Dan would take the Coffee machine to Creiff for its annual service.

Sarah Jones had removed all necessary shop stock to facilitate painting.

Laura Gloag was making good progress cataloguing and transferring the library collection to the new cases.

Thanks to all the above, for helping to keep the Heritage Centre maintained.

6. Curator Report.

The Board issued a formal invitation to MF to undertake the role of curator of objects, with effect from this meeting.

Proposed CH, Seconded MJR. Approved unanimously

MF was pleased to accept.

BH would arrange for further training during 2024.

7. Reprint of The Great Garden.

The Board agreed to facilitate the reprinting of the Great Garden by purchasing the first 200 copies at 45% of the selling price. Proposed JB, Seconded MF. Approved unanimously.

BH would ensure that the contract with Birlinn identified Taic as the purchaser.

8. CELM Website.

PD reported on the need to refresh the website, as advised by VisitScotland.

Suggestions included the need for more traffic, and more images on the Gallery (volunteer needed to do this). JB would update the Who's Who section. BH would ensure that each post-excavation report was posted.

PD would report to the next meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting. 2.30 on 23 February at INM

Event Marketing Form

Name of Event **Isle of Lismore Visit**

Land Rover Shuttle. Talks, Living History, and Guided Tours at the Lismore Gaelic Heritage Centre & Cathedral Church. Ticket includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Event Start Date Wednesday 1st August Event End Date Thursday 2nd August

Event Start Time 8:45am (both days) Event End Time 3.55pm (both days)

Event Sessions (Please list the times of any sessions that will be available for visitors to book)

08.45am Arrival at Lismore Ferry Slip, Calmac Terminal Oban

09.00am Ferry Departs for Lismore

09.55 am Arrival on Lismore

10.00am 4x4 Shuttle service to the Lismore Gaelic Heritage Centre

10.30am Coffee, Tea & Biscuits in the Gathering Marquee

11.00am Morning Activities (choose one activity per person)

12.00pm-01.00pm Lunch Buffet in the Museum Café

01.00pm Afternoon activities (choose one activity per person)

02.00pm Coffee tea & biscuits in the Gathering Marquee

02.30pm 4x4 Shuttle service back to the Ferry Terminal

03.00pm Ferry leaves for Oban

03.55pm Arrival back in Oban at the Calmac Terminal

Event Description

INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE:

- ☐ Entrance to the Museum, Gaelic Library and Cottars Cottage.
- ☐ Lunch, coffees, teas, cake, and other refreshments throughout the day.
- ☐ Drop-in Genealogy in the Gaelic Library with Lismore genealogist Laura Gloag.
- ☐ Living history re-enactment by Ailsa and Dave Clarke at a 19th century Cottars Cottage at the Museum.
- ☐ Ferry Ticket
- ☐ Choice of two activities as listed below:

TICKET HOLDERS MAY CHOOSE ONE MORNING ACTIVITY:

- ☐ Guided walk with Dr. Bob Hay to the Castle Coeffin ruin a 15" century MacDougall stronghold with Norse roots. Level: Steep descents, wear sturdy footwear.
- ☐ Guided walk with Douglas Breingan of Paisley Museum to the Lismore Parish Church, formerly St. Moluag's Cathedral, built in the 15" century by the Clan MacDougall, and Medieval graveslab display. Short Service in Scottish and Gaelic by Rev. Dougald Cameron. Level: Flat surfaces, 10-minute walk. Limited seats in Land Rover available for those who are not able to walk.
- ☐ Explore the Museum, Gaelic Library, and gift shop. Drop-in genealogy service, historic reenactment at the Cottars Cottage, and meet some of the island's locals at the museum desk.

AND ONE OF THE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES BELOW:

- ☐ Shepherding demonstration with local shepherd Arthur and his collie dogs at Port a Charron's abandoned 18" century Weaver's Village. Level. Medium. Sturdy footwear required. Limited seats in 4x4 Rover available for those who are not able to walk on grassy terrain.
- ☐ Talk Dy Dr Bob Hay and Douglas Breingan in the Museum room —learn more about recent archaeological excavations and fascinating discoveries in and around St Moluag's Cathedral, the Glebe, and old Graveyard.

Find out how we can all help to secure the future of the Church.

□ Explore the Museum, Gaelic Library, and gift shop. Drop-in genealogy service, historic reenactment at the Cottars Cottage, and meet some of the island's locals at the museum desk.

Location & Transport Meet at Lismore ferry slip (volunteer to guide people)

Accessibility & Target

Audience

This activity is not accessible for wheelchair users, but there is additional transport for those who are not able to walk far and want to participate in Shepherding or Church visit.

Notes

(Please add any other information you think might be useful)

If any pax have dietary requirements, and more importantly, allergies, please ask them to specify. The lunch buffet will have VG, VE, DF & GF options, but might not be completely nut-free.

Images will need to be provided for marketing purposes.

These must be in either png or jpg format. We will need at least one square and one 300 x 250, although these

can be the same image just cropped differently. More images of any format are very welcome too. Once received, please save them as the event name in their own event specific folder.

Additional event info

Supplier name / event lead

Name Iris Smith

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Website link

<https://www.explorelismore.co.uk/>

<https://www.lismoregaelicheritagecentre.org/>

<https://isleoflismore.com/>

Cost details £45 to Iris (Lismore) to cover lunch, activities, transport on island.

£6.50 Ferry return to be added by Dunollie.

Ticket price and capacity Suggested price including ferry ticket: £89

40 pax per day

80 pax total during the two days

Breakeven line

Final ticket sales

Profit / loss

Notes (Anything extra useful from email conversations etc)