



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 21 June 2024

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Clare Haworth (CH), Michelle MacGregor (MMac), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary)

Observer: Julie Livingstone

Apologies

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of 12 April 2024.

Proposed JB, Seconded MJR, approved unanimously

2. Matters arising from 10 May.

Education/Engagement. The Board was very supportive of this initiative and requested that AiC and DC bring forward their plans for 2024. JB would be in touch to discuss practicalities.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO).

Current Balance £24,322.83

Unrestricted £13,943.22

Restricted (all post-ex) £10,379.61

BH had circulated an updated account of the Post-Excavation finances, which had been agreed with NO. Subject to agreement by the accountant, the various funds could be presented as a single Restricted (Post-ex) fund.

4. Property Report.

The repair of the cottage thatch would take place at the end of September. Before then, an examination of the roof by drone would be arranged.

In view of recent breakdowns, the Board agreed to spend £200 on spare parts for the dishwasher and coffee machine. Proposed JB, seconded CH, agreed unanimously.

The perimeter fence round the Centre had now been upgraded. A line of barbed wire would be added to deter cattle. On the North side, a post and rail fence would be erected, with a gate.

Eva Tombs was thanked for propagating a Jacobean Rose to be placed next to the cottage, in memory of Donald Black.

5. Taic.

Nothing to report.

6. Curator Report.

BH circulated the newly-updated Archive catalogues.

It was agreed to continue the policy of not mounting the CELM catalogues on the internet, but BH was asked to advertise the existence of the Object and Archive catalogues on the CELM website.

The Board expressed its thanks to BH for his work on the catalogues and for fund-raising in support of Post-ex.

7. Board Membership.

The Chair welcomed Michelle to her first Board meeting; and Julie Livingstone as observer.

8. Involvement with other bodies.

The programme for the Gaelic Day/McNicol Event (7 September), including a series of talks, would be available by the next meeting. BH had been asked to contribute a talk on Rev. Donald McNicol.

BH agreed to investigate whether it would be beneficial to CELM to join Museums and Heritage Highland.

Dualchas Project. The board requested that JB respond to the request for involvement in a future film about Clearances.

JB, NO and BH had had a fruitful meeting with Laura Major (anthropologist in Strathclyde University Engineering Department) about the possibility of a future display and a talk in the History of Water Use on Lismore from early times to the present. JB will brief the Board at a future meeting.

The visit of the Friends of the Argyll Archives would now take place on 21 September. Further details should be available by the next meeting.

9. Carasik Scholar

BH would brief directors once he knew the date of the visit by Jaclyn Crawford.

10. Church Future.

BH and DB remain in contact with HES in relation to the heritage aspects of the Church Futures project.

11. Raffle Prize for Trust (Maintenance of ebikes)

MJR kindly offered to pay for a copy of The Story of Lismore in 100 Objects as a raffle prize.

12. CELM Futures.

MF reviewed her revised Vision paper. She agreed to revise the paper to take into account comments of the Board members present and to send a copy to all members of the Board.

The next meeting of the Futures Group would be on 12 July (time to be arranged). MF was thanked for her enthusiastic work on this.

13. AOCB

MF outlined the intellectual property issues in relation to the CELM media collection arising out of the current programme of digitisation. She will keep the Board up to date with developments as they arise.

Board members recorded their appreciation of JB's work in mounting the very successful play acted by the Lismore schoolchildren as part of the Taproot programme.

Following discussion with Agriculture Department staff, MJR would complete the annual return for Coillengallanach.

JB would send our best wishes to DB. We miss his knowledge, experience and wisdom at our meetings.

The AGM would now take place on Saturday 10 August.

Date of the Next Meeting: 3 August at 2.30pm