



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 17 November 2023

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary)

Apologies

Douglas Breingan, Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Pauline Dowling (PD), Clare Haworth (CH), Anne Livingstone (AL).

1. Minutes of the Meeting 18 October 2023

Proposed by JB, seconded NO. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising from 18 October

MacDougall Clan Gathering. MJR would provide a full briefing on the unfolding programme to the next meeting.

Stiles. JB would visit the relevant landowners to consider possible progress, and report back to the Board.

Saol Mor Ostaig visit. JB would contact CH about the arrangements for the visit. She noted that there would be a visit to INM on 8-9 December to make the arrangements for the Gaelic (McNicol) Event in September 2024.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO).

Bank balance £11,244.74

Unrestricted £7,028.42

Restricted £4,216.32

BH would contact the relevant finds analysts around Easter 2024, if restricted funds remained unspent.

4. Property Report (MM).

The INM fencing supplies had arrived.

Superfast fibre broadband had been installed in the building, but the telephones had yet to be fixed.

It was agreed to apply for "extender/s" to ensure that there was internet throughout the building.

It was agreed that, after drying, the cottage fittings should be stored in the Museum Room.

The Visit Scotland recommendations (4 stars maintained) included:

- Improvements to the website, including making the donation button more prominent
- Improvement to the surrounds, including dealing with the potholes
- Consideration of enhancing the “circulation” in the Museum Room
- Ways of identifying CELM volunteers on duty (badges, lanyards etc.)

5. Taic Report.

The new lease for the café was under consideration.

6. Curator Report (BH).

Nothing substantial to report since the full AGM Report.

7. AOCB

- JB reported on the very positive feedback on the Heritage Centre by Rob Robertson, the Business Plan expert of the group undertaking the study of the feasibility of taking the parish church into community ownership.
- JB reported on the very positive posting about INM on the island noticeboard by Janey Godley.
- JB drew attention to the featuring of Lismore in the second series of “Scotland’s Islands Journeys” to be broadcast in 2024.

8. Date of Next Meeting. 5 January 2024 at 2.30pm