



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 13 September 2024

Present

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

Taic: Anne Livingstone (AL).

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary)

Apologies Douglas Breingan (DB), Ailsa Clarke (AiC), David Clarke (DC), Julie Livingstone (JL), Michelle MacGregor (MMac), Mike Robertson (MJR).

1. Approval of the Minutes of 21 June 2024.

Proposed JB, Seconded MM, approved unanimously

2. Matters arising from 10 May.

Museums & Heritage Highland. BH would report to the Board when he had made contact.
MacDougall Clan Visit. The 2-day visit had been very successful in introducing the visitors to Lismore heritage. Thanks to Sebastian Tombs, who hosted one of the Church/Monastery days; and to Sarah & Dan for splendid hospitality. In connection with funding, JB agreed to make contact with Hugh MacColl *via* Dr Iain MacNicol.

Visit of the Argyll Archives, 20 September. The programme for the day had been circulated to Board members. JB would provide an overview of the history of CELM. BH would give a brief account of the collections, and accompany the group on its tour.

Carasik Scholar. BH had contacted Margaret Carasik to enquire about this year's arrangements.

MacNicol Seminar. This had been an outstanding success, with excellent speakers and a good audience. It was hoped that it would result in new developments, including a closer relationship with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig; and the possibility of a project to record Lismore placenames.

Education/Engagement. The date of the next meeting would be arranged to ensure that the Clarkes could attend.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO).

Current Balance £18,587.71

Unrestricted £10,647.50

Restricted (all post-ex) £7,941.21

4. Property Report (MM).

The Centre water supply had passed.

The Cottage Roof. Neil Nicolson has reported that the thatched roof does not appear to need maintenance this year. He would check it over when passing Lismore. Colin Black was thanked for providing a drone survey.

Pot Holes. MM was investigating solutions & would report later in the year.

Servicing: septic tank due, once it had been emptied. Fire extinguishers due this year.

It was agreed to provide an electric heater for frost protection in the north container (BH to install).

5. Taic.

Bank balance £16,638

Nothing to report.

6. Curator Report.

Accreditation. A programme of updating documents etc. was now in hand. BH had written to MGS asking whether CELM needed new policy documentation or simply the updating of existing (to 2026) policies. MF would provide details of a possible skills matrix to the next Board meeting.

PostExcavation Work. The experts had now provided a report on the “worked wood” recovered from the 2021/2 digs. This, and the earlier findings on metallurgy and radiocarbon dating would form the basis for a forthcoming article in the archaeological journal *Antiquity*.

7. CELM Futures.

The visit from Glencoe Museum would be in late October. JB to keep Board members informed.

Following the visit by BH to MGS headquarters, Lismore Museum is being considered as a case history for the forthcoming *Placemaking in Museums* project.

8. Taproot.

JB had finalised the 2024/5 programme & circulated it to Board members. She was now looking for features for 2025/6.

9. AOCB

- JB confirmed that Laura Major (Strathclyde University) would produce a feature for the 2025/6 museum display on the History of Water Use on Lismore from early times to the present.
- The meeting confirmed the renewal of JB as Chair; NO as Treasurer; MJR as Company Secretary; and BH as Meeting Secretary.
- The Donald Black Rose. It was agreed to maintain the rose in a container, next to the Cottage. An installation event would be organised and a modest plaque designed. DCB was asked to advise on maintenance of the rose.
- JB would write a letter of condolence to the MacGregor family in recognition of the death of Annie MacGregor

Next Meeting. To be negotiated by JB with the Clarkes.