Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM, 10 July 2025

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB, part meeting), Douglas Breingan (DB), Morag Ferguson (MF acting Chair), Julie Livingstone (JL), Michelle MacGregor (MMac), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MJR).

Taic

Sarah Jones (SJ).

Minute Secretary

Bob Hay (BH).

Website

Pauline Dowling (PD)

Apologies

Ailsa Clarke (Aic), David Clarke (DC), Clare Haworth (CH).

1. Approval of the Minutes of 11 June 2025.

Proposed MM, Seconded MMac. Accepted Unanimously.

2. Matters arising from 11 June.

Computers.   The Board would consider replacement of the Archive laptop in 2026 (MF).

Postex Funding. BH would provide NO with the current financial situation.

Visits to Museums. MF had paid a visit to Dornoch Museum. She would negotiate a date for a formal visit. There had been no progress with Glencoe Museum, which had yet to open after building work.

Taproot, including Lismore Placenames. The programme for the winter season is now complete. The poster will be out in September. As in previous years, there will be two sessions per month from October to March with February being a special Gaelic month featuring Gaelic specialists from Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities and Skye as well as traditional Gaelic music. We hope to have more than two sessions in that month. Peggy Nicholson has kindly agreed to be our Gaelic consultant.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO).

Current Balance	£20,902.09
Unrestricted	£19,286.42
Restricted	£1616.27

The Board thanked MF for her help in dealing with the Taic accounts.

4. Property (MM).

The Bio disc sanitary system had just had its 2-year service and was working satisfactorily.

The electricity supply panel board needs to be upgraded at the next service. A quote for the equipment supply and work had been requested.

5. Taic (SJ)

Shop sales continue to do well.

6. Curator Report (BH).

State of the Collections. **Objects**: cataloguing on eHive up to date. Around 20 objects to be marked. The archaeological materials (not on eHive) catalogued with the Archive. **Archive:** Updated catalogues printed, copy in the library. The Board to decide in due course whether to mount the catalogues on the internet.

Publications. Articles about Lismore people, mostly published in History Scotland, have been brought together under the title *Lismore Lives*. The Board agreed that this should be published by CELM in the same format as *The Story of Lismore in 50 Objects.* BH to report on progress, costing etc.

New Objects and Research.

DB reported on progress in sourcing relevant objects for the Cottage display, including cataloguing non-accessioned items (for the Cottage and more general display), including two prints of Lismore by War artist Stephen Bone.

7. Update from Kilmoluag Lismore (DB)

DB reported that the community purchase of the church/cathedral choir (in line with the support at public meetings) was now underway, funded by a generous donation. He outlined the challenges involved with proving services to the building. The community would not proceed with purchasing the church house. It was agreed that DB should proceed (in the name of CELM) with arranging the scheduling of the East Glebe with Historic Environment Scotland. DB would provide relevant copy to the CELM website.

8. AGM.

Provisional date 6 September.

9. CELM Futures (JB).

The aim of the working group was to submit an application to MGS for the development of INM ("kickstarting funding" of £60,000), including a full business case, by the October deadline. In support of the application, there would be a public consultation meeting on 3 September (7pm) in the museum room.

10. Digital Heritage Centre (PD).

PD pointed out that managing the Digital Heritage Centre for CELM (website, social media, digital exhibits etc) was too much for one person and that once the full time job of creating the new website was done, she wanted the board to decide how it was to be managed in the future. It may well require a paid Gaelic speaker a few hours a month and a team. She would continue creating content etc. She also asked the board to authorise the paying of $49 annually for a suitable Facebook plug-in as this was the portal through which the website was accessed.

11. Board Secretary from August.

MF and MMac would provide cover until a secretary had been found. It was noted that the secretary did not need to be a director.

12. AOCB.

Achinduin. MJR reported that the necessary administration was up to date.