



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM, 14 May 2025

Present

Directors: Douglas Breingan (DB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Clare Haworth (CH), Michelle MacGregor (MMac), Memory McDonald (MM), Noelle Odling (NO).

Taic

Anne Livingstone (AL)

Minute Secretary

Bob Hay (BH).

Apologies

Jennifer Baker (JB), Ailsa Clarke (Aic), David Clarke (DC), Julie Livingstone (JL), Mike Robertson (MJR).

In the absence of JB, DB took the chair.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 9 April 2025

Proposed MF, Seconded CH. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising from 9 April.

Computers. The Archive computer had been serviced by Matrix. MF would advise the Board on its long-term usefulness.

CELM Futures. Following a telephone consultation with MGS, it had been agreed to delay application for funding until the next MGS round in January. This would allow CELM to ensure that the application took into account each of the MGS policies, and allow time for further consultation on the island and with relevant museums elsewhere in Scotland.

Post-excavation Day Conference.

BH would bring a final plan for the May 2026 conference to the next Board meeting for approval.

3. Treasurer's Report (NO).

Current Balance	£24,898.04
Unrestricted	£21,493.40
Restricted (all post-ex)	£3,404.55

4. Property Report (MM).

MM reported on a range of smaller replacements and repairs of equipment and café furniture.

5. Taic Report (AL).

No major items to report. The current bank balance was £9785

6. Curator Report (DB).

Cottage. The subgroup (DB, MMac & DC) was working to associate the cottage with stories and activities that were relevant to the correct period. New features would include the installation of an (indoor) line for drying clothes, and period ceramics (e.g. from Bell & Co, Glasgow). A backup copy of the Gaelic conversation would be made.

Environmental Monitoring. Accreditation regulations require CELM to monitor the environments (temperature and humidity) of the archive room, museum room and storage container. There have been difficulties with the present Hanlog dataloggers. DB proposed that CELM move to using simpler carbon dioxide monitors (which also record T & RH). This was agreed by the Board. He would seek a grant to cover the cost of around £500.

New Acquisitions, acquired by DB:

- for the library, a copy of “Scottish Spinning Schools” by I.F.H Dean, published by the University of London (1930). This would provide a sound foundation for the development of a Flax/Linen display in the museum.
- copies of the maps of the Geology of Scotland, which he would laminate for display at INM.
- a copy of a 1780 drawing of the south end of Lismore, apparently showing the continued existence of the standing stone on Eilean Musdile after the building of the lighthouse. He would arrange for this to be framed at an estimated cost of £18.
- 2 prints of Second World War paintings of Lismore by Stephen Bone. Framing of high-quality prints would cost. £50-60.

The Board thanked him for his tireless work in searching out relevant Lismore items and approved expenditure of £80 (proposed NO, seconded CH, agreed unanimously).

7. AOCB

Rev. D. Cameron had enquired about the possibility of holding winter church services in the museum room, if the church became unavailable. The Board agreed in principle.

8. AGM.

Provisional date 12 July

Date of Next Meeting 11 June at 2.30 pm