



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM
12th November 2025

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Present

CELM: Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Clare Haworth (CH), Michelle MacGregor (MMG), Noelle Odling (NO), Bob Hay (BH)

TAIC: Sarah Armitage (SA), Anne Livingstone (AL)

Apologies

Mike Robertson (MR), Memory MacDonald (MM), Douglas Breingan (DB), Julie Livingstone (JL), Ailsa Clarke (AC), Dave Clarke (DC), A Diamond (AD), Pauline Dowling (PD)

1. Approval of minutes of 15th October 2025.

Proposed MF, Seconded SA. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising from 15th October

- (i) Companies House – Directors for CELM and TAIC need to verify their identity for Companies House and send their personal code to MR as soon as possible.
- (ii) Letter of support for Church development to be carried over to the next meeting.

3. Treasurers Report (NO)

Restricted £1723.83

Unrestricted £14,680.72

Total £16,404.55

30 percenters are to be paid.

Approximately £1.5K available as grant funding for the May 26 Conference, additional funding from CELM towards the cost of the conference was approved in principle.

4. Property Report (MM)

MM to update at next meeting.

5. TAIC Report (AL)

AL noted appreciation in previous minutes of volunteers working in the shop/reception. AL would like volunteers in the shop to welcome visitors in Gaelic initially. Peggy Nicholson will be asked whether she could perhaps give the volunteers some practice in the pronunciation of welcome phrases when she is visiting Lismore to give her Taproot talk on Gaelic Placenames.

6. Curator Report (MF/BH)

MF reported that the audit of the remaining few boxes of objects is to be completed in the new year and will include a review of linens held. Digital audio content to be transcribed to text. MF to be put forward as editor for Facebook/Website. Day accession policy to be developed in line with Museums Accession Policy.

BH updated the archive today. A new archivist will be needed to take on BH post.

BH is proposing to publish his work on Lismore Lives. Lesley Hamilton to advise on how many books have been sold in the past to get an idea of the number of copies of Lismore Lives that should initially be printed.

7. May Conference 2026

Preliminary arrangements have been made for speakers and accommodation booked for 1 night. The format of the day is to be confirmed but likely to start at the Church around 10am, followed by lunch, with speakers in the afternoon and evening in the Hall.

After a very full discussion of the various issues involved, the Board agreed to support the proposal of Dr Clare Ellis to combine publication of the results from the community archaeology on Lismore with the results from the Lismore Landscape Project in a book to be published by the MacDonald Department of Archaeology, Cambridge University. The support is conditional on due prominence being given to the part played by the Lismore community and the leadership of Dr Clare Ellis. The resulting book will ensure the release to the public of important findings from Lismore, from field work 20 years ago.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 11.30am in Library Room.