



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr
held at INM 6th September 2025

Present:

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Noelle Odling (NO), Michelle MacGregor (MMG), Memory MacDonald (MM),

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

Sebastian Tombs (ST) present for discussion regarding support for Church

1. Apologies – Ailsa and Dave Clarke, Clare Howarth, Alison Diamond, Pauline Dowling, Mike Robertson, Lesley Hamilton

2. Approval of the minutes of 6th August 2025

Proposed JB, Seconded MM

3. Matters Arising from 6th August 2025

ST discussed the relationship of CELM with the Church. DB has been involved with both in terms of providing ongoing archaeological support. ST stated that it is important that although the Church and CELM are separate entities that they demonstrate that they are working closely together. CELM to discuss at next meeting the format and wording of a letter of support. The east Glebe field is expected to be scheduled as part of the Church.

4. Treasurers Report – (NO)

Current balance £18,398.61

Restricted £1711.96 Unrestricted £16,686.65

EDF VAT rate was discussed. VAT should be at lower rate of 5% but CELM may need to pay more VAT due to shop and café. CELM may be able to claim

some VAT back but there may be conditions on the extent of VAT claim due to things such as Taproot. VAT issue to be investigated further.

Electricity to be billed directly to the café.

5. Property Report (MM)

Scottish Water has emptied the Biodisc in the septic tank.

The wash sink taps in the storeroom have been replaced at a cost of £95.

The missing set of Library case keys have been returned.

There is active woodworm in the Cottage, this is being monitored. MM has contacted a company in Oban to undertake a complete survey. They will also survey the glulam beams in the main building for wood rot. DB suggested buying more insect monitors.

6. Taic

Shop sales continue to do well. Visitor numbers are similar to last year. There will need to be an adjustment re. tax year over a period of time so that CELM and Taic tax year align to the 6 April which will help with estimating the 30 percenters. MF to check with D McGregor at Simmers as to when this is being phased in.

7. Curators Report

MMG reported that the timbers and furniture in the Cottage need to be surveyed and treated for woodworm as mentioned previously by MM.

8. Futures consultation

The community is in support of going forward with the application to MGS and raising funds for the project to expand and improve facilities in the Heritage Centre.

DB will look to see if there are any areas of contention regarding funding sources for CELM and the Church.

9. AOCB

DB would like to acquire a book for £45 on agriculture in Argyll, he will check what we have on this subject with Laura Gloag.

Date of the next meeting: **15 October 2025 at 11.30am.**