



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM 15th
October 2025 **Present:**

CELM: Jennifer Baker (JB), Douglas Breingan (DB), Dave Clarke (DC), Alison Diamond (AD), Morag Ferguson (MF), Clare Howarth (CH), Memory MacDonald (MM), Michelle MacGregor (MMG), Noelle Odling (NO), Mike Robertson (MR)

TAIC: Sarah Armitage (SA)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Julie Livingstone, Ailsa Clarke, Anne Livingstone
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved Jennifer Baker, Seconded Morag Ferguson
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Letter of support to Church – Sebastian Tombs has sent a draft letter to DB to be reviewed so that Board can approve form of letter at next meeting.

Advertisements – Landmark Press quoted £549, £150 more expensive than last year. CELM to have a smaller press article at £400 and request 1 box of Argyll maps. Landmark Press are unlikely to discount any further.

CELM to develop a one sheet advertisement/leaflet for the Heritage Centre.

The Board thanks Pauline Dowling for all the updating of the website and the advertising online that she continues for do for events on the island, particularly those for the Heritage Centre such as TAPROOT.

May Conference 2026 – Bob Hay has received funding for the conference to cover hall booking, accommodation, travel.

Students from Stirling University are visiting 24-26 October to research Balnagown Loch. Islanders that were brought up around Balnagown will be asked if they would meet with the students on Friday 24th to discuss the area.

Alex Carnegie (Taynuilt/Kilchrenan Historical Society) would like advise from CELM on the setting up of the society.

The quote for improvements to the Heritage Centre car park to provide extra spaces and improve drainage was accepted unanimously by the Board. The work is to be undertaken when the Heritage Centre is closed during the winter.

4. TREASURERS REPORT (NO)

TOTAL £17,698.57

Unrestricted £15,986.61

Restricted £1711.96

Cash donations are also doing well.

Electricity supply - EDF will split the VAT rates. CELM will be able to claim some VAT back. CELM will be reimbursed for recent power loss due to storm.

DB to talk to Lesley Hamilton about the potential of buying a copy of the Blaeu map showing Lismore and using this to produce items for the shop such as postcards, puzzles.

The shop is continuing to do well. Visitors have given very positive feedback on the presentation of the shop and what is sold.

The Board would like to thank Lesley, Sarah and Catherine Davies for their continuing work to keep the shop stocked and well presented. The Board also thanks the volunteers who have welcomed visitors to the Heritage Centre and manned the shop from April to October.

5. PROPERTY REPORT (MM)

Damage to boards on the exterior of the Heritage Centre are scheduled to be repaired by Dave Carpenter.

The Board would like to thank Iain and Sean MacDonald for keeping generators going in the café over the period of the electricity outage following Storm Amy. No food was lost.

MM reported that the shelves in the container need to be rejigged. During the winter months some books will need to be sorted through – volunteers will be needed to help with this task.

6. TAIC REPORT (SA)

Nothing to Report

7. CURATOR REPORT (MF)

The audit on the objects held in the archive is 80% complete. The audit will be completed during the winter months. The accessibility of the archive to the public is to be assessed.

8. PUBLICATION OF ARCHAEOLOGY REPORT OF CHURCH DIGS (DB)

Clare Ellis has organised for Simon Stoddart to publish the results of the archaeological digs. DB feels that the Lismore Historical Society should have more control over the publication. The Lismore Community raised a considerable amount of money for the digs. DB could consult with David Caldwell (Finlaggan Publication) about the form a publication could take. DB to draft a letter to circulate. DB mentioned that Mark Fitch funds publications.

9. INFORMATION FOR COMPANIES HOUSE (MR)

MR confirmed that all directors of CELM and TAIC are required to confirm their identity with Companies House which is to reduce fraud within Companies. Verification of identity can be

done online using a smart phone and either a current passport or driving licence. There are other means of verifying identity through some accountants, banks and post offices. Further information to be provide by MR.

10. AOCB

NO wants to stand down as Treasurer in the next year. The Board needs to find out if there is anyone on the island that could volunteer to take on this role.

MSG Grant- MF has written a Fair Work Policy which is needed for our application for grants. MF to copy to Pauline to be put on the CELM website.

Theme for exhibition next year: Exhibition on people that went away to war from Lismore.

Date of Next Meeting: 12th November at 11.30am in the Library Room at INM.