



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM 16 January 2026

Present

Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Memory MacDonald (MM), Clare Haworth (CH), Michelle MacGregor (MMG), Mike Robertson (MR), Noelle Odling (NO), Sarah Armitage (SA)

Apologies

Julie Livingstone (JL), Pauline Dowling (PD)

1. Approval of minutes of 17th December 2025.

Proposed JB, Seconded MF. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matters arising

MR wanted to clarify the list of CELM Board Directors. A Cross will be asked to formally step down as a Director of CELM due to non attendance at meetings. CELM would like to thank Arthur for all his support and work in the past on the CELM Board.

3. Treasurers Report (NO)

Restricted £1,723.83

Unrestricted £23,539.78

Total £25,263.61

The Board would like to thank Cam Donaldson for donating his expenses for Taproot to CELM.

CELM has now received £1,500.00 from Argyll and Bute Council towards the cost of the May Conference at the Heritage Centre.

Letters were received from American Express regarding compliance for use on card reader. The decision was unanimously not to use American Express for the coming season. SA and LH to action the removal of American Express from the payment terminal/reader.

4. Property (MM)

Library books in the Museum Room which are no longer required need to be sorted and will be made available during Taproot events to browse and purchase for a donation to CELM.

There is glass available for uplift, this will be advertised on Facebook before being disposed of.

5. TAIC (SA)

Nothing to report.

6. Curator Report

MF and CH are to check the linens/materials kept in the archive in February. There are still some large objects to audit in the archive which will be undertaken before the Heritage Centre reopens in April.

MF and JB will attend the conference at Stirling University on 27/28 January which reports back on the findings of research undertaken last year on Balnagown Loch.

JB to contact AC, DC and DB regarding the display for 2026 in the museum.

7. Website

PD is continuing to update the website. The consultation on the future of the Heritage Centre has been shared with PD to enter on the website. Museum Galleries Scotland (MGS) have now published the grant information that CELM has received and this will be updated on the website.

8. Futures

MF sent the job description for the Project Officer post for the development of the Heritage Centre to MGS. MGS suggested that further work was required on the rates of pay. MF will redraft the Project Officer job descriptor for approval by MGS. The job will initially be advertised on the internet via Facebook/S1Jobs and then in The Oban Times and the P&J.

The Futures group will keep those that have offered to assist CELM involved during the development process.

Next meeting of CELM Board – Friday 20th February at 11am in the Library Room.