



**Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at
INM 23 April 2026**

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Present

Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Michelle MacGregor (MMG), Noelle Odling (NO), Memory MacDonald (MM), Mike Robertson (MR), Anne Livingstone (AL)

Apologies

Pauline Dowling (PD), Sarah Armitage (SA), Alison Diamond (AD), Julie Livingstone (JL)

1. Approval of minutes of 26th March 2026

Proposed JB, Seconded MR

2. Matters arising

No matters arising

3. Treasurers report (NO)

Restricted £15,177.33

Unrestricted £21,825.42

Total £37,002.75

The MacDougall Foundation has given a donation to CELM. CELM to send a letter of thanks for their donation and continuing support.

4. Property (MM)

DB has contacted Richardson & Starling regarding a survey of the woodworm issue in the Cottage. The stored thatch in the Cottage will be used to repair any damage on the roof ridgeline.

5. TAIC (AL)

Lesley Hamilton would like to be involved with the architects during the design stage for the future development of the Heritage Centre to ensure the requirements for the future shop space are suitable.

6. Curator report (MF)

The audit of the boxed objects is complete. There are some objects on the archive shelves that are to be audited. The paperwork for retaining the Appin Head and Viking gold in the museum is to be completed.

Some of the Finds from the dig are going on display on 8 May and will be on the island for a month. The Board discussed that it was important that these Finds are displayed alongside the existing War Exhibition as we will be seeking to apply for treasure trove items in the future. Bob Hay will be bring up interpretation of the Finds for the display cases. Dave Clarke will be sending up newly designed boards to replace some of the interpretation on the wall for the War Exhibition.

Alison Diamond has offered to be involved with training for the Archive.

7. Website

JB to send photos and information to PD regarding the Stirling University Taproot event.

8. Futures update (JB, MF)

Sebastian Tombs (ST) was able to make some comments on the Expression of Interest for funding to Argyll and Bute Council regarding sustainability and energy use which was submitted by MF. MF has uploaded an Expression of Interest to the National Lottery Heritage Fund after liaising with ST on the application.

9. Board

JB will stand down as Chair of CELM at the next AGM. The Board agreed that JB should remain as a Director but not attend Board meetings for a year. JB would continue to attend Future Meetings. Mary MacDougall would like to attend CELM Board Meetings and will be advised of upcoming meetings. Rosemary would like someone to represent CELM at the Future for Lismore Cathedral Church meetings. NO is wanting to transition from being Treasurer. The position of Archivist also needs to be filled, this does not need to be a Director of CELM. The existing Skills Matrix for the Board will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

10. Day Conference

BH has provided an updated briefing note for the 9th May Day Conference outlining the programme, attenders and other matters. Explore Lismore will assist with transporting attendees to the Archaeology Day events.

11. ACOB and date of next meeting

Next meeting of CELM Board – Thursday 14th May at 11.30am in the Library Room.

AGM potential date Saturday 13th June at 12.30 in the Museum Room.