Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM 26 March 2026

Present

Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Michelle MacGregor (MMG), Noelle Odling (NO), Douglas Breingan (DB) via Zoom, Memory MacDonald (MM), Mike Robertson (MR), Anne Livingstone (AL), Julie Livingstone (JL), Sebastian Tombs (ST)

Apologies

Clare Haworth (CH), Pauline Dowling (PD), Bob Hay (BH), Sarah Armitage (SA)

1. **Approval of minutes of 20th February 2026**

Proposed MF, Seconded JB.

2. **Matters arising**

DB would like to be informed of the date of any "Futures Meetings". DB discussed the Museums Scotland Grant Bid for Equipment. The closing date for the bid is May 2026. DB suggested that object storage and environmental monitoring equipment is needed, as well as a chest for A0 size plans/maps. Archive boxes could be replaced with plastic boxes. DB is to find out what can be acquired as part of the bid.

3. Treasurers report (NO)

Restricted £15,177.33

Unrestricted £21,475.42

Total £36,652.75

A new category has been created for restricted MGS Build. MF to confirm how CELM can draw down on funds. The remains of the restricted funds is for dig funds. Gemma Cruickshanks may have other work planned.

The accounts have been sent to D MacGregor at Simmers.

4. Property (MM)

The paint work in the foyer, shop and toilets has been refreshed by Sarah and Memory.

Davy Carpenter will be sorting the window cills in the decking area which are damaged.

5. TAIC (AL)

Everything is in hand for the start of the new season. Lesley and Sarah will be busy setting up the shop display over the coming weekend for opening on 1st April.

6. Curator report (MF)

Ehive has been updated with the removal of some objects. The paperwork for holding the Viking gold ingot in the museum is due for renewal. AIM and Ehive have now been updated with MF contact details.

7. Futures update (JB, MF)

ST has been appointed to the post of Project Officer. Proposed start date is 20 April 2026. ST is standing down from the Church project. ST gave an introduction to how he would approach the project. Funding is going to be difficult given the current economic climate. The Glencoe Museum Project Officer has been very helpful in advising on possible sources of funding to pursue.

MF will be submitting an Expression of Interest to Argyll and Bute Council for potential funding for community projects. The project will be highlighted on the community website to raise positive interest in the development.

Terms and conditions are to be discussed with ST, ie. reporting process, Line Manager, times lines and record of activities. MR advised that the signing page for the Contract with ST must have a last paragraph on the same page as it is invalid without this.

8. Day Conference

BH has provided a briefing note for the 9th May Day Conference outlining the programme, attenders and other matters. The event is to be advertised on Facebook and the community website. Flyers will be prepared for display in key locations. BH is to confirm the names and numbers of the volunteers attending. Assistance may be needed to transfer volunteers and speakers around the island. Lismore Community Transport to be contacted to see whether they could potentially assist on the day.

9. ACOB and date of next meeting

Next meeting of CELM Board – Thursday 23 April at 11.30am in the Library Room.

Futures Meeting Wednesday 15th April at 7pm in the Library Room

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