



Minutes of the CELM Board held at Ionad Naomh Moluag

1 August 2026

Present:

Jennifer Baker, Memory McDonald, Morag Ferguson, Michelle MacGregor, Noelle Odling, Mary MacDougall, Anne Livingstone, Peggy Nicolson

Apologies:

Ailsa & David Clarke, Douglas Breingan, Mike Robertson, Clare Howarth, Alison Diamond, Sarah Armitage, Julie Livingstone

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 22nd June 2026.

Proposed Morag Ferguson, Seconded Memory MacDonald. Accepted unanimously.

2. Matter Arising

No matters arising

3. Treasurers Report (NO)

Restricted £12,513.93

Unrestricted £22,192.32

TOTAL £34,706.25

Margaret Miller donated £1000 on PayPal for the upkeep of the Heritage Centre, Events and Dig Funds. £3,850 transferred to CELM from TAIC.

NO will provide the Community Council with a map of tenancy boundaries and photos to loan for the Resilience Meeting on 19th August.

4. Property Report (MM)

Membership renewals sent out.

Water tested at the Heritage Centre and awaiting results.

Richardson & Stirling have submitted a quote for the treatment of woodworm in the Cottage which includes the building and any wooden furniture/implements. The treatment will be over 2 days in November. Thanks to Douglas Breingan for organising the survey.

5. TAIC Report (AL)

Nothing to report. TAIC members meeting after the AGM. MF to update TAIC on expenditure.

6. Curator Report (MF)

Audit of the objects is complete and the location of some objects to be updated on Ehive. Thanks to Morag and other volunteers who helped with the audit. MF to email Bob Hay regarding the paperwork for reaccreditation of the museum. The reaccreditation paperwork submitted is still to be evaluated.

The MacCallum MacDougall Foundation are providing a scholar (Eric) at the end of August. MF suggested that it would be useful for Eric to go through the Achuinduin boxes and information gathered from Valerie Livingstone Estate. Thank you to Memory for providing accommodation for the scholar.

7. Website Report (PD)

Minutes of Meeting to be updated on to website.

8. Futures Update (JB/MF)

Sebastian Tombs and Morag attended a briefing for the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The National Lottery want CELM to apply to the National Lottery Development Fund which might match funding provided by Museum Galleries Scotland (MGS). The briefing suggested that it would be beneficial to our application if we could evidence training events for the CELM Board and volunteers to demonstrate our resilience and lessen the risk of the build. Morag to contact Argyll & Bute Business Gateway to see what training notes/information they may have to engage more with volunteers and strengthen skill sets. Alison Diamond will be providing an archive training day on Friday 14th August.

Visitors from the West Highland Museum came to the Heritage Centre on 27th July which helps us establish communication with other museums for their ideas. They are interested in Alexander Carmichael books. It is important to the bid that we continue to engage with islanders and visitors to get their views on the proposed development. Catherine Gillies will be visiting in September to advise on museum design. Feedback on the future design and development of the museum may also be forthcoming from the sister of an islander who works in this field of interest.

The skills audit of CELM Board members has been updated and is complete.

The list of architects has been reevaluated based on the need for architects with specific experience of museums and working/building on an island.

9. ACOB

Jennifer Baker has been Chairperson of the CELM Board since 2016. Although there has been difficulties, Jennifer said it had been a pleasure to have been involved with the Board. The CELM Board has been very supportive and the skills of the Board members has made everything easier. Jennifer will remain as a Director of the Board but will be having a sabbatical for a year to work on the archive.

Noelle to contact Mike for a list of the tasks he undertakes for CELM during the year, ie. Insurance, Companies House updates, etc. and to get a list of solicitors in the West Highland area that might be able to provide legal advice in the future.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 27th August at 11.30am in Museum Room

Futures Meeting – 13th August at 10am in Museum Room