



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at INM 22 June 2026

Present

Jennifer Baker (JB), Morag Ferguson (MF), Michelle MacGregor (MMG), Noelle Odling (NO), Memory McDonald (MM), Douglas Breignan (DB), Mary MacDougall (MMD), Mike Robertson (MR)

Apologies

Anne Livingstone (AL), Alison Diamond (AL), Clare Haworth (CL), Dave Clarke (DC), Ailsa Clarke (AC), Pauline Dowling (PD), Sarah Armitage (SA), Julie Livingstone (JL)

1. Approval of minutes of 14 May 2026

Proposed MF, Seconded MM

2. Matters arising

MF to introduce herself to the MacDougall MacCallum Foundation following the CELM AGM.

DB will be discussing with Argyll and Bute Council the process for reinternment of remains held by CELM from the archaeological digs. DB has also been in contact with Glasgow University to establish what is happening with the finds from the Broch and how to acquire these.

3. Treasurers report (NO)

Restricted £13,803.83

Unrestricted £18,605.99

Total £32,409.82

MF sends reports to MGS on progress of Futures work and money drawn down as required. Explore Lismore has tours coming to the island on a regular basis and other groups visiting brings money into the Heritage Centre. There was an overspend from the Archaeology Day. Thank you letter to be sent to Margaret Miller for her recent donation.

Corrections have been sent to Simmers for the Year End accounts. NO will arrange to get the relevant signatures for the accounts. Provisional date for CELM AGM is 1 August.

TAIC will be sending their annual donation to CELM. The sales in the shop are up on the previous year. CELM thanks all the volunteers in the shop that have helped to make the shop such a success.

The CELM Board also wish to express their thanks and appreciation of Noelle for all the financial control work she has undertaken over the year.

4. Property (MM/DB)

The fire extinguishers and heat detectors have been serviced in the Heritage Centre. Next year all the fire equipment needs replacing at an estimated cost of £600. The Panini Press originally ordered is going back to the company saving £200 as a handle for the existing press has been sourced for £34. Thanks to Ian McDonald for sourcing replacement parts.

Richard & Stirling were due to visit the Cottage today to look at the wood worm issue but are now scheduled to visit in late July. Contact has been made with the thatcher to get a quote and date for work on the Cottage roof. Accommodation for the thatcher needs to be sorted to remove this from the quote.

New environmental monitoring units for humidity and temperature will be needed (approx. cost £300 for units). Possibly 5 units will eventually be required. Funding from Museums Scotland may be available. MF to test an existing unit supplied by DB.

Davy Carpenter is continuing to do repairs along roofline. The roof lining does not meet building specification. Davy has extended the weather proofing behind roofline fascia boards.

5. TAIC (AL)

Nothing to report

6. Curator Report (MF)

MF reported that the Appin Head may go next year to Kilmartin Museum but will remain on Lismore for the time being.

7. Futures Update (MF)

MSG are interested in how the museum will look like – smaller room for ancient history of Lismore and larger room for cultural/heritage of Lismore. The museum needs to develop its stories around Neolithic Finds, St. Moluag, Medieval period, etc. Consultants may be needed to work up stories, images, oral history and objects into the design of displays. We need to use stories to link to changes on the island.

MF and Sebastian Tombs will be attending a briefing session in July for applying for National Lottery funding. Letters have been sent to local Councillors and the Fire Service on what is planned for the Heritage Centre in the future and to get support.

Mary has been asked to be the liaison between CELM and the Church group.

The login Access to Ehive for Board members is to be shared.

8. Dates for Diary and AGM

8th July – National Lottery briefing

5th August – archive training with Alison Diamond

21st August possible trip to Tobermory to look at archive training.

Mid August (17th onwards) – lunch for Mike and Elaine in Lismore

9. Taproot

Taproot programme complete with mostly islanders including Lismore Dance Band, Norrie Bissell, Amy, Shona, Julie, Ada – young musicians group and Lesley Riddoch.

10. AOCB and Date of next meeting

DB is currently doing some research on the island seminary.

CELM Board meeting 1st August in Library at 10.30am

CELM & TAIC AGM 1st August at 12.30pm in the Museum Room.