



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held at Ionad Naomh Moluag.
28 January 2020

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB), Clare Haworth (CH), Memory McDonald (MM), Mike Robertson (MJR), Noelle Odling (NO)

Taic Director: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

Douglas Breingan (DB), Caroline Bath (CB)

1. Minutes of the Meeting 5 December 2019

The minutes were found to be a correct account of the meeting. Proposed MJR, Seconded MM. Unanimously agreed.

2. Matters Arising

2.2. The transfer of the Public Library to the Schoolhouse had now been approved by Argyll & Bute Libraries. Laura Gloag would continue to act as librarian at the new site. The final decision could not be made until the uncertainty about the possible need for accommodation by the new headmistress had been resolved.

2.8. It was agreed that new direction signs were required at each ferry terminal, the crossroads, the church and Stronacraoibh. A large replacement sign was needed at the entrance gate. It would be possible to simplify the signs, other than those at the ferries, using the CELM logo only.

NO would report on progress at the next meeting.

It was agreed that Directors would make it clear to “offenders” that driving up the slope to INM was unacceptable.

7. Recruitment Letter. This would be delayed in view of the current uncertainties on the island.

3. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for CELM stood at £11,515 (£6,665 unrestricted, £4,850 restricted).

NO reviewed the accounts for 2019, which were nearly ready to go for scrutiny by the accounts examiner.

NO noted that income from the 100 Club had fallen owing to the death of participants.

JB would contact Bord na Gaidhlig about the use of funds for bilingual signs. Directors thanked Laura Gloag for the income of £320 from genealogical activities.

4. Property Report

AL reported that repairs to the road at the entrance would start in February.

Other work in hand included improved slabbing round the Centre; servicing of the water supply and water softener; and repainting the café.

It was agreed that the gate to the site should normally be closed during the winter period (all Directors and users to note).

5. Taic Report

Current balance £7,147

Al reported that the Christmas shopping event had been successful.

Directors expressed their appreciation of the very important contributions made by Dan and Sarah as managers of the café.

MJR confirmed that the insurance and licences for the Centre and café were in order.

6. Heritage Report

BH reported that the draft Newsletter for 2019 was about to be circulated for completion by the relevant people.

7. Library/Conference Room

This issue to await confirmation of the removal of the Public Library.

8. Volunteers' Day and New Board Recruitment

No decision was made about a possible day or a recruitment drive.

In discussion, it was agreed that there was a pressing need for curation of the CELM image library.

BH would contact MGS about possible funding to train an image curator.

In the meantime, it was agreed to hold a "Photographic Image" evening at INM as part of the Saturday Night events on 21 March (subject to checking possible clashing activities on Lismore).

9. Holiday West Highland Advertisement.

Approved by the Board for 2020.

10. Projection

BH would consult Douglas Breingan about the possibility of acquiring second hand equipment.

11. AOCB

MJR updated the Companies House register of directors.

Date of Next Meeting

20 February