

## **Meeting of Kilmoluag Liosmor held in the Church House, Lismore on 07.08.25**

### **Present**

Sebastian Tombs (ST) chair, Rosemary Barry (RB) notetaker, Douglas Breingan (DB), Stephen Green (SG), Archie MacGillivray (AM).

### **Apologies**

Mandie Currie (MC) Secretary

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 9.07.25 had been circulated and were agreed as a true and accurate record. **RB to forward for placement on the island website.**

### **Matters arising**

DB queried as to the position of AM on the board as it had been originally noted that he was representing the Community Trust. This was confirmed to be still the case. It was also confirmed that MC was representing the Lismore Community Council and DB Lismore Gaelic Heritage Centre (CELM). It was also noted that SG was an Appin and Lismore Parish elder. RB and ST represented members of the congregation of this parish.

There was discussion about the desirability of a Patron for the SCIO and various names were put forward as possibilities.

### **Treasurer**

ST had received notice of the resignation of Brona MacDougall as Treasurer and there was therefore a need to find a replacement. Several possible candidates were discussed. **RB to follow up on one of these.** There was a suggestion that suitable people could be approached to help out with certain activities such as the business plan without becoming Trustees or necessitating a long term commitment. There was a query with respect to a potential conflict of interest which was dealt with. ST explained that HES needed a contact for the funding to pay for the business plan revamp. **In the absence of a treasurer ST to satisfy this requirement.** Directors' insurance had apparently been organised and paid for. **ST to confirm this.** There was also a need for the Gift Aid forms to be collected. **DB to talk to Mike Robertson of CELM re buildings insurance.**

### **Drawings**

DB passed round examples of the historic plans produced by Mr Lindsey in the 1950s of the potential alterations to the church which had not been carried out. He explained that CELM had agreed to fund the obtaining of copies of these which could be held for 10years. There was a discussion re sizes to be laminated and placed in the church. **DB agreed to deal with this.**

### **Scheduled Monument Consent**

DB reported that he was continuing to deal with this and that although more than one quote was required in respect to the archaeology it did not necessarily have to be the lowest that was accepted.

## **Funding**

DB reported that he had been in contact with the Scottish Churches Trust and there was a possibility of obtaining between 10 and 20 thousand pounds. They seemed enthusiastic and there were various funding rounds available for applications.

## **Pre Planning Application**

ST reported that he was pressing on with this. He had written a letter to the Council's Conservation Officer and was awaiting a reply. **ST to chase if necessary.** He noted that elevations for the proposed facilities block were required. **ST to action this.** There was a need for consultants for the bigger project. **ST to find six from his original list to approach to see if they were interested in being considered going forward.**

## **Business Plan**

DB reported that he had spoken to Sarah MacDonald re catering for proposed events and also to Iris Smith with respect to her island tours. DB left the meeting at this point. There was a discussion as to how such community involvement could be combined with income for the church. There was also a consideration of whether the church would be locked. **RB to see remaining 'creative' island folk and pull together ideas ready for consideration for insertion in the business plan once they had been monetised.**

## **Website**

MC and SG had been looking into this and SG described some of the possible options. He explained he had had conversations with several people who were connected with the island website and there was a query as to whether a separate website was necessary. The problem remained however, as to how donations could be obtained unless the SCIO had its own site. QR codes, bank details and Crowd Funding were all discussed. There was a query as to how business like we needed to be. SG brought up the potential need for a booking system for activities in the church. There was also a query as to whether there needed to be a record of e mails. **SG to speak to Pauline Dowling and MC and report back to the next meeting.**

## **Logo**

RB reported that she and DB had liaised on this and showed a sketch she had made based on a photograph of the church and also some sketches of the Grass of Parnassus flower. **RB to contact Murdo Calver in order to follow up on this.**

## **Vision Statement**

MC and DB had agreed to work on this. **SG to follow this up with MC.**

## **Maintenance**

SG brought up the problem of the need for some urgent roof repairs to the church. However, the Church of Scotland was still responsible for the building which made it difficult to proceed on this issue. There was also an issue with the septic tank at the Church House. The Minister had rung the septic tank company but it was not likely that they would be able to come before the choir concert practices began the week beginning the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. Portaloos had been organised to cover this eventuality.

**AOB**

AM mentioned that it was possible to have too many tourists and he queried that bringing more people in to make use of the church might add to the congestion that there already was on the roads and the ferries. It was felt that this was a valid point to be discussed at a later date but that in general the ideas being considered would be low key and often involve events not taking place at peak times of the year.

**Dates of next meetings**

These had been suggested as Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Church House and also Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.