

Minutes of the meeting of Kilmoluag Liosmor 06.11.25

Present

Rosemary Barry (RB) notetaker, Douglas Breingan (DB), Catherine Forgrieve (CF) treasurer, Stephen Green (SG), Mary Macdougall (MM), Sebastian Tombs (ST) chair.

Apologies

Mandie Currie (MC) Secretary, Archie MacGillivray (AM)

Special meeting

At a meeting on 30.10.25 it was agreed nem con by those trustees present – Rosemary Barry, Douglas Breingan, Catherine Forgrieve, Stephen Green, Mary MacDougall and Sebastian Tombs that the draft Annual Report previously circulated be submitted by the Treasurer.

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These had been circulated previously and were proposed by ST and seconded by SG and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising

RB reported that the membership list had been updated.

CF mentioned the need for trustees' dates of birth. There was a discussion about the potential impact on the need for directors to be verified in respect to Companies House but it was not considered to be currently relevant for Scottish Charities.

Legal matters

- ST passed round a form which he had obtained from the bank for Trustees who were willing to have access to the bank account to fill in. It was agreed that the correspondence address for the bank be changed to the Treasurer's address. **ST to liaise with MC with regard to this change and also to discuss whether she would like in her current circumstances to take a back seat for a while.**
- RB proposed thanks be recorded for CF for sorting the annual accounts and report so efficiently.
- It was agreed that a property search be carried out with respect to the church purchase at a cost of £80.
- ST reported that he had spoken with Argyll and Bute council with respect to the required access and he was awaiting a letter confirming what had been agreed verbally. **ST to circulate this letter when it was received.**
- CF queried how long the process might take but this was not known.
- There was a query regarding the movables in the church and the inventory. SG confirmed that the list had been completed and MM confirmed that although the items would technically belong to the Parish of Appin and Lismore they could in the main remain in the church.
- There was a query about the storm damage to the porch and whether it was covered by the Church of Scotland Insurance.
- ST queried whether we wanted to get on straight away with the missive exchange.

- There was a further discussion regarding the damage to the porch and other urgent repairs and it was agreed that **ST would draft a letter to the solicitor.**
- The question of who owned the car park and whether it mattered was discussed and it was agreed that **ST ask the solicitor to enquire of this with the Church of Scotland.** As there were no written deeds ST felt that there may be no need for a formal change.

Business plan

RB had circulated notes from the site meeting with Rob Robinson it was noted that it had been felt to be very useful. There had been a query about how long the walls might take to dry out. It was thought that 18 to 24 months would be reasonable. DB mentioned that after it had dried out then a lime harling could be applied so it could breathe. Every 10 years or so a new lime wash would be required which could be a useful community endeavour.

CF mentioned the need for scaffolding and agreed to **contact Strathclyde Scaffolding to see if they had any redundant stock they might donate.**

ST mentioned the possibility of the use of solar slates on the south side of the roof and various types were discussed with a query as to whether Historic Environment Scotland would approve. SG had previously proposed this as a useful option and carried out research. **SG to pursue further.**

Re insurance - CF **agreed to contact the NFU.**

There was a query concerning the location and condition of a concrete beam that might affect the work needed on the roof and it was decided to have a look at this once the church was owned by KL.

Website

SG showed the website mock up he had prepared utilizing the agreed vision statement and the draft logo. It was agreed that all trustees needed to have a KL e mail address. There needed to be an information button. It is also a requirement for the Donate button to be linked to a PayPal account linked to an e mail address at KL in order for it to function. **SG to pursue.**

ST queried the web site management and it was agreed that SG would carry on at present **and also liaise with Pauline Dowling.**

CF confirmed that the hosting charge of approximately £191.00 had been paid.

It was agreed that there was a need to finalize more content, including items such as the minutes which were currently on the island website and news bulletins. It was suggested that **CF might approach Ann White to see if she might be able to help with the web site project.**

Logo

RB passed round the latest version of the logo design including a black and white version she had printed from the colour design provided. The design which incorporated both Gaelic and English wording was generally much appreciated with a few amendments. It was agreed that there was need to delete one of the letters in one of the Gaelic words and it was also felt that the flower needed to be slightly simpler, whiter with indented petals and clearer veining. **RB to liaise with the printer in Oban.**

Newsletter

ST to draft a Facebook post for the island website to send round for agreement.

Publicity

There was a discussion about the publicity for when the sale had gone through and the Oban Times and the Press and Journal were suggested. There was also the thought to have a celebration event for the community, potentially in the church. The official community engagement proposals were left undecided.

Planning pre app

ST reported that Mike Hyatt had completed the required plan and the proposal had been sent in. **ST to enquire as to progress.**

Scheduled Monument consent

DB reported that Clare Ellis had been working on the proposal but the deadline of 16th December for the funding deadline was going to be hard to achieve.

DB suggested that a test dig in the church somewhere discreet such as behind the pulpit would be useful in the future and that he had links with a joiner who could ensure it was achieved without spoiling the look of the flooring. CF suggested the use of a camera to check on voids.

DB also suggested a survey for the condition of the window mountings might be an alternative project with respect to the grant application as it would be a suitably focused funding item. **DB to pursue**

Correspondence

ST reported that there had been information from Ron Livingstone re the Society of Antiquities programme on churches being disposed of and the usefulness of KL registering was considered. **DB to pursue.**

AOB

ST mentioned that there was a pub in Glasgow called the Lismore and he wondered about making contact to see if they would be interested in twinning and potentially fundraising for their namesake church. He also conjectured about the number of Lismore roads or streets that there were in the country and whether it would be possible to reach out to them in some way.

Dates of next meetings

These were agreed as Thursday 4th December 2025 and Thursday January 8th at 7pm - venues to be advised.

Special meeting of Kilmoluag Liosmor 10.11.25

Present

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Apology

Mandie Currie (MC) secretary

The meeting had been called to discuss the implications of unauthorised investigations carried out in the church the previous day.

SG announced that an email had just been received from Douglas Breingan announcing his resignation.

After an explanation and discussion, it was agreed that care needed to be taken by all trustees to keep within their agreed remit and ensure any potential activity not agreed at a meeting be circulated for approval before being actioned.

MM commented that when KL owned the church building, we would be able to decide what needed doing.

It was agreed that ST and SG would use a camera to investigate the cavity behind the panelling in the gallery.

It was agreed that a suitable formal response be sent to Douglas with respect to his resignation and appropriate wording to be included was discussed. ***RB to draft the precise wording and circulate for comment before sending.***