

Meeting of Kilmoluag Liosmor 4.12.25 at 7pm in the Church House

Present

Rosemary Barry (RB) notetaker, Stephen Green (SG), Mary MacDougall (MM), Archie MacGillivray (AM), Sebastian Tombs (ST) Chair.

Apologies

Mandy Currie (MC) Secretary, Catherine Forgrieve (CF)

Proposal

RB proposed in view of the length of the agenda that the items with reference to the business plan be moved to a separate meeting. ST suggested that the agenda was continued without the business plan items and then depending when the other matters were dealt with, discussion could potentially take place then. He also commented that it would be useful to have the treasurer present.

Minutes of meetings on 06.11.25 and 10.11.25

These had previously been circulated and commented on and were proposed by ST and seconded by MM and passed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

RB mentioned Douglas Breingan's resignation which would need to be officially notified. ST reported that there had been a problem with the Pre ap as he had sent the site plan when requested as an addition to the original application but this had not been connected together so there was a need to resend the original information. **ST to deal with this.** ST mentioned the Scheduled Monument consent that had been sought and reported that there had been difficulties with progressing this causing an unfortunate delay but it was now progressing. He also mentioned that the funding date of 16th December for hoped for exploratory work could not now be met. ST reported that he had followed up on the Society of Antiquaries and sent information regarding the history of the church site.

Governance and Business matters

Bank

ST reported that he had sent in the necessary form to the bank and he was now able to deal with all banking matters. He had paid the fee for the accountants and also for the web site hosting. The treasurer would need to fill in a form to enable her to have access to the account and it was agreed that the address for correspondence would be changed to hers. Also the name on the account to be changed to Kilmoluag Liosmor (KL) for consistency with the SCIO format. ST passed round the most recent bank statements but there was a query concerning the current balance. SG agreed to also have bank access requiring him to submit a form. **ST to enable these matters.** ST also reported that the £80 search fee had been forwarded to the solicitor **ST to follow up if no response in two weeks.**

Insurance

There was no news on this in CF's absence but SG mentioned that the Church of Scotland (CoS) was now using Howdens.

Legal work

ST reported that he had been in touch with Callum Robertson of A&B re access for maintenance but had not received a reply. With respect to the glebe land Rob Lee of the CoS had intimated that this matter could advance when the sale of the Church had been completed. There was also a query with respect to the ownership of the forecourt.

Website

SG reported that he had put up a home page with the latest version of the logo and the necessary e mail account:

- Admin to SG
- Chair to ST
- Info to RB
- Accounts to CF

Donate would be via PayPal. Addresses all @kilmoluagliosmor.scot

There was a query about accounts for trustees and also an archive facility. **SG to discuss with Bob Davies.**

Logo

RB presented copies of the latest iteration of the logo in black and white and colour and this was unanimously appreciated and signed off. **RB to inform Printmhor of this decision.** St commented that he was unsure that the logo would work well in black and white at small scale. **RB to follow up on this query**

Fundraising

It had been suggested in the business plan that a small group of volunteers could take charge of this. SG suggested Liz Buckle as a possibility. **RB to make initial contact and invite to the January meeting.** ST suggested Ron Livingstone. **ST to deal.** SG queried the American connection. ST reported that he had as yet had no response. There was discussion as to the need for the ability to donate via smart phones. **SG to develop.**

Publicity and awareness raising

ST suggested the need for a brief update post on the island Facebook page and also a Newsletter for Members and Associate members. **ST to draft and send round for comments.** The possibility of the presence of KL at the Christmas Craft Fair on December 14th was discussed including the difficulty of it being on a Sunday and happening across church service time. It was suggested that CF might 'man' the stall with others taking over for the afternoon after the service had concluded. **RB to contact and liaise concerning the setting up of the stall.**

Temporary works

There was discussion on various possibilities for suitable **compost toilets** with SG providing examples including an accessible model which could potentially be sited where the facilities block was planned to be. The cost quoted was around £6,000. **SG and MM to follow up on this with recommendations for the next meeting. ST to add a note to Argyll and Bute Bute and HES with respect to this.** RB had a contact who provided funding of up to £5,000 for compost toilets for churches that were encouraging use by pilgrims.

There was a need for **urgent repairs** to the church roof as there was water ingress. A quote was required which could be forwarded to the CoS.

SG reported on the provision of a wooden **access ramp** at the front of the church. **SG to continue work on this and ST to add to note to HES and A&B council.**

AOB

RB reported on the benefit of joining the Scottish Pilgrims Routes Forum as this would provide access to resources and networking. Cost would be either £30 or £60 depending on income level. After some discussion it was decided that **RB to find out more information and present at the next meeting.** RB also reported that the outgoing secretary of the SPRF had passed her details on to the current secretary and also Professor Ian Bradley and

Wendy Lloyd who was involved with pilgrimages on Mull. RB mentioned that Prof. Bradley might be worth approaching as a patron.

Next meetings

As it was now 8.45 it was decided that a separate meeting needed to be arranged to review the business plan preferably in the next week. ***RB to liaise with CF and publicise a preferred time and date to trustees via e mail.***

It was not known for how much longer meetings could continue to be held in the Church House and the Church Vestry was suggested as an alternative venue.

The next meeting had previously been suggested for Thursday January 8th at 7pm and this was confirmed. An additional date for Thursday February 5th was also suggested and noted.