

## **Minutes of the meeting of Kilmoluag Liosmor on 2.10.25 held in the Church House, Lismore**

### **Present**

**Rosemary Barry (RB) notetaker, Douglas Breingan (DB), Catherine Forgive (CF) Treasurer, Stephen Green (SG), Mary MacDougall (MM), Sebastian Tombs (ST)** chair.

### **Apologies**

Mandy Currie (MC) Secretary

### **Minutes of meeting held on 8.9.25**

Proposed by ST and seconded by SG these were passed as a true and accurate record with the proviso that the misspelling of Murdo Culver's name would be corrected.

### **Matters arising**

RB noted that the letter to the solicitor had been sent by ST and a helpful reply received concerning the time scale of the church purchase. MM queried whether this would need to be paid for and ST affirmed that this was so.

### **Accounts**

CF suggested the use of Ainsley and Co in Oban. ST handed over to CF the docket he had received from his deposit of funds in the bank in Stirling. RB passed on to ST the donation she had received from a member of the community from the sale of tiles. MM queried what had happened to the donations made after the August concert and ST explained that that had now been satisfactorily sorted out with Ann Campbell. It was noted that CF needed access to the account which MC was currently administering. It was agreed that MC, CF, SG and ST would be the named persons for the account. ***ST to enquire at the bank in Edinburgh as to how to make the necessary changes. RB to enquire in the shop as to whether it was possible to pay cash in at the Post Office.***

### **Community engagement**

ST had previously circulated a four point plan with options for the ongoing project once the building had been purchased ranging from essentially leaving it much as it was doing just what was required to keep it going to a major refurbishment and there was a lengthy discussion with respect to these ideas. Matters considered included potential archaeology requirements and the difficulty of the various levels inside and outside the building. There was a suggestion that 'little bits' could be done before ownership. DB mentioned the Cherish Project which could provide funds but the closing date for applications was 16<sup>th</sup> December. ***DB to put in an application for funding and brief Clare Ellis in respect of the archaeology.*** It was suggested that the Community could be involved in any dig which would be helpful when applying for other funding.

There was a discussion about the need for an access ramp and the possibility of one at the current front of the church as a temporary measure which could potentially be a model for something more permanent. Permission would be required from Argyll and Bute Council who own the car park. It was noted that the Church Authorities were already considering such a scheme.

It was suggested that the options under consideration from no or little change, to partial change to radical change needed further discussion and it was decided to keep talking amongst the Board members and park the Community engagement process for the time being.

### **Website**

SG had been looking into the website possibilities and it was agreed **SG would go ahead with initiating this**. He noted however that although he could start the site off it would need updating and he felt a younger person would be necessary going forward. It was suggested that there be coordination with Jane Hough who ran the island website and the need for images was also noted. SG also mentioned the requirement for a QR code or a donate button to enable donations to be made through the website. ST mentioned that Kilmoluag Liosmor e mail addresses for the Board members would be useful and it was suggested this be considered at the next meeting.

### **Logo**

RB passed round copies of the 5 coloured images she had received from the Oban printers which she had also printed off in black and white. A version was agreed on and MM supplied the wording for a Gaelic version. **RB to liaise with the printer.**

### **Vision statement**

RB read out the Vision statement that she had previously circulated and this wording was agreed.

### **Pre planning application update**

ST reported that a site plan had been requested and he had asked Mike Hyatt to undertake this. He also reported that he had been in touch privately with a long standing SEPA staff member who had reviewed the current information on the drainage proposals and had both responded positively and also provided helpful advice on direct application procedures,

### **Conference updates**

DB reported on the SPAB conference that he had attended. He highlighted the importance of a maintenance schedule and gave the example of Cromarty East Church where the external plaster was taken off and the floor dropped where the funders had required that it be undertaken within one year. He also reported on the Churches' Trust meeting where he had made useful contacts and recommended the booklet 'Your Church Your Community'.

### **Business plan**

It was reported by RB, DB and ST that the actions that has been specified from the useful Zoom meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> with Rob Robinson had all been undertaken. The face to face discussion meeting with Rob was scheduled for 2. 30 on Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Church and the Church House.

### **Action list review**

This item was held over to the next meeting.

**AOB**

There was a mention of Hazel MacCormick having produced special candles for sale for Kilmoluag Liosmor funds in the past and a query as to whether she might do so again. Also the possibility of a KL presence in some form at the island Christmas Craft Fair.

SG reported that the Membership list needed updating and he enquired whether anyone had Dot and Bob Hay's address so this could be achieved.

There was a suggestion that site visits to other locations for comparison with the situation on Lismore might be useful and Kilmartin and Govan were given as possibilities.

**Date of next meeting**

This was scheduled for 7pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Church House.