

Minutes of the meeting of Kilmoluag Liosmor 15.01.26

Present

Rosemary Barry (RB) notetaker and interim secretary, Catherine Forgiveve (CF) treasurer, Stephen Green (SG), Mary MacDougall (MM), Sebastian Tombs (ST) Chair.
In attendance by invitation Liz Buckle (LB) who was welcomed to the meeting.

Declarations of interest

As elders in the Church of Scotland SG and MM declared an interest in the item on post acquisition rental for the Co S and discussion for payment for specific services

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These had been circulated previously and with a few minor corrections were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising

The meeting to discuss the Business Plan was held on Friday December 19th 2025 with four trustees present. Their observations were incorporated into the final plan received on 22nd December 2025 and the full fee paid promptly.

Governance and membership update

There was a query about the correction for the name for banking purposes and also the address for correspondence for the bank and also for the SCIO. ***ST to follow up with bank and also to contact OSCR to see if we could use the church address for the SCIO registered address which would make it easier if trustees were to change.***

RB queried whether OSCR had been informed of the change in Board membership. ***CF to deal.***

SG affirmed that the membership list was up to date. RB confirmed that a membership form had been sent out as requested by ST.

MM and ST agreed to keep in touch with Mandie Currie re any correspondence that she may have received as Secretary.

Funding

LB had been invited to discuss funding opportunities.

ST reported that he had attended a Webinar which had covered useful examples of crowd funding. Democratic Finance Scotland were involved with helping with small amounts of money which could be useful. There was a discussion of using payment methods such as the Sum Up machine.

There was mention of Mairi Campbell and her American friend who we had had discussions with previously and it was suggested that ST and LB might meet up with them.

LB mentioned the importance of visuals and a clear idea of what the requested funds were intended to be for. ***SG to send LB a copy of the Business Plan with the list of small funders it contained. LB to report back at the next meeting.***

There was a discussion of people on the island who could potentially be approached and might be willing to help with PR. ***LB to follow up on this.***

CF suggested those who could help with drone footage and would follow up on this.

It would also be possible to use the drone footage from the survey of the Church House SG suggested,

LB elaborated on the need for there to be layers of where we were wanting to go first eg temporary repairs or the whole roof and the purchase of scaffolding etc. as suggested. There would need to be regular updates so someone would need to be responsible for this.

CF suggested the possibility of approaching Glensanda.

LB was thanked for her help and left the meeting at this point.

Finance

CF had previously circulated the recent bank statements and it was noted that there was currently £7987.49 in the bank account. CF mentioned that there were a few outstanding queries as to the origin of some deposits and MM who had already cleared up some of these ***agreed to liaise with CF regarding this.***

It was confirmed that there were no debts as everything that had been outstanding had been paid.

CF to obtain an insurance quote

Planning preapp' correspondence

ST reported that there had been some toing and froing of correspondence between himself and HES and Argyll and Bute council regarding planning, listed building consent and scheduled monument matters which had been helpful and he had sent the Business Plan to John Raven of HES.

He went on to float the possibility of a meeting with HES personnel in Edinburgh and MM suggested that she would like to go as well in reference to the inclusion of Gaelic in the deliberations. ***ST to draft exploratory letter.***

With reference to Argyll and Bute it seemed from ST's correspondence with Callum Robertson that they didn't think that they actually owned the forecourt. There was a discussion as to whether it belonged to them by default or would need to be adopted. The KL solicitor had been kept informed.

Correspondence re legal matters

There was a discussion as to whether we needed updates from the solicitor as to the progress of the purchase but it was decided to leave it for the time being and review at the February meeting due to potential cost of queries. MM mentioned that she needed to get in touch with the CoS re the electricity bill and would use the opportunity to enquire how the sale was getting on.

Urgent roof repairs

There was an expectation that these would be covered by the CoS and quotes were necessary. ***MM to follow this up.***

Post CoS acquisition rental and payment for services.

It was agreed that £40 per service be taken forward to the Appin and Lismore Kirk Session. There was a long discussion as to the appropriate payment level for Weddings and Funerals. Baptisms would not be charged for if they took place in a normal Sunday Service. ***SG and MM to enquire about charges for funerals. ST to relate to the Minister Dugald Cameron that this was still up for discussion.***

Website

SG reported that a first page of this was up and running for viewing. ST suggested that a part of the next meeting was devoted to navigating the associated e mail addresses.

Logo

RB reported that had cost less at £40 plus VAT instead of the £50 originally quoted. The invoice had been paid promptly. RB was thanked for the work she had put into achieving what was a well-received final version.

Leaflet

RB passed round a leaflet she had picked up in St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Suffolk whilst down south visiting friends and relations at Christmas. She felt that it would work well as a template for a leaflet to go in the church and provide helpful information for visitors and encourage donations. She was keen for this to be in place for Easter. **RB to liaise with Printmhor in Oban re possibilities and costs.**

Pilgrimages

RB reported that joining the Scottish Pilgrims' Routes Forum would cost £30 a year and would be beneficial. **It was agreed RB facilitate this.**

She also passed round a book giving an account of all the Saints associated with Scotland.

Ramp and compost toilets

SG reported that he was continuing to research these.

AoB

It was noted that there are missing skills with respect to the Business Plan

ST noted the need for there to be a look at the Business Plan in respect to the previously agreed Action Plan. **CF to undertake a review.**

ST reported on a reply he had had from the Society of Antiquaries and that he had touched base with the network who were doing something interesting.

RB mentioned the need for simple merchandise ready for Easter and agreed **to discuss this with Catherine Davies with whom she had previously had a conversation.**

ST had suggested the need for another island Facebook post and Members newsletter. **RB to draft these and circulate for comment.**

Consideration of the potential Community Engagement Session was moved to the next meeting owing to time constraints.

Date of next meeting

This was agreed as Thursday February 5th at 7pm in the Church House assuming it was still available and the next two were pencilled in as March 5th and April 2nd at the same time.