

DORNOCH HERITAGE SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (DHSCIO)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON 17TH AUGUST 2021

PRESENT ~ Jerry Bishop (Chair), Tony Rundle (Secretary/Treasurer), Alison Davies, Brian Munro, Andrew Senior and Elizabeth Oakes. Peter Wild in attendance.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 22nd June were confirmed as a correct record.

2. FINANCE:

- a) The Board noted summaries of Income & Expenditure for the Museum and Heritage Society, together with an overview of current museum projects;
- b) TR reported that the Hampshire Trust Bank had been asked to open a further investment account in accordance with minute 5b of 23rd April 2021;
- c) Members were advised that discussions were taking place with various banks concerning the opening of an additional current account, to be used solely for future transactions connected with the Extension project;
- d) TR stated that, since the June meeting of the Board, one application had been received for full membership, and one for associate membership of the SCIO. It was **agreed** that these applications be approved;
- e) JBi submitted a cash-flow projection to the end of the current financial year. It was **agreed** that the Museum committee be recommended to approve the continued opening of the Museum until 31st December 2021, and the extension of Caroline Seymour's contract for the remainder of the financial year.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Historylinks Museum: AD referred to the Committee's meeting held on 3rd August, and made particular reference to ~
 - i) The current situation regarding funding for the construction/fitting-out stage of the Museum Extension project;
 - ii) The hope that the construction stage of the project might commence in September 2022;
 - iii) Arrangements being made for the display of facsimiles of the Spinningdale Cist contents;
 - iv) There being no further information about the Accreditation Process, other than no action needed to be taken until the new year.
- b) Dornoch Heritage Society: PW/EO reported on progress which had been made concerning the availability of accommodation at RDGC for the winter talks programme. It was intended to hold the first talk in October, and the committee would be discussing the programme of talks and social events at its imminent meeting on 19th August.

4. EXTENSION PROJECT UP-DATE: JBi stated that ~

- a) Despite a number of reminders, no information had been received from the architect concerning the progress of the Building Warrant application;
- b) Details had been received concerning the structural engineering aspect of the application;
- c) Taking into account anticipated external funding, and the use of ring-fenced Museum funds, it was estimated that £50,000 remained to be raised locally towards the construction and fitting-out costs of the extension. It was **agreed** that a sub-committee be formed with representatives from the Museum, Heritage Society, Young Curators' Club and possibly appropriate local businesses, with the specific purpose of organising and co-ordinating local fund-raising. It was suggested that the DHS' initial talk on 14th October might be an ideal occasion on which to launch the appeal, and that the matter be given advance publicity through the SCIO newsletter.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 28th September 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

