

**DORNOCH HERITAGE SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
(DHSCIO)**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HELD ON 20TH
FEBRUARY 2017**

PRESENT ~ John Barnes (Chairman), Elizabeth Oakes and Tony Rundle. Jerry Bishop and Alison Davies in attendance.

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30TH AUGUST 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 30th August 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. ACCOUNTS 2016/17

A summary of the Museum and Heritage Society sub-committees' income and expenditure position for the current financial year, to date, was circulated and approved.

3. CO-OPTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In accordance with clause 55 of the SCIO constitution, the Board appointed Alison Davies and Jerry Bishop to be Trustees of the Charity. They duly completed the necessary registration.

4. HiSEZ BUSINESS PLAN

The Board considered an initial report by HiSEZ, arising from a preliminary meeting with representatives of the Museum. JBi stated that the anticipated end-product of the liaison between the SCIO and HiSEZ would be the production of a business plan, and a more streamlined decision-making process. The report was substantially about the governance of the SCIO and, in this connection, reference was made to ~

- The relationship between the sub-committees and the Charity Trustees,
- The need for the constitution to be an enabling document, rather than restrictive (e.g. Board members can only serve on one sub-committee),
- The desirability of certain strategic priorities and targets to be dealt with at Board level,
- The merits, or otherwise, of continuing compliance with the Accreditation process, when it was pointed out that lack of accreditation would adversely affect the availability of grants,
- Agreement that the Board should meet more frequently, and undertake a more critical oversight of the sub-committees' activities,
- The desirability of the Heritage Society expanding its fund-raising activities, together with the Board taking a more active role in exploring potential fund-raising opportunities.

It was **agreed** that the existing remit of HiSEZ should be widened to look at the overall operation of the SCIO, and that JBi arrange with HiSEZ representatives for an open "brain-storming" meeting to be held, to include representatives of the Museum and Heritage Society sub-committee.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.