

A Summary of the Chisholme Institute Board Meeting at Chisholme House 9th and 10th January 2016

All elements discussed resulted in actions that were accepted by individual board members. These actions are to be reviewed at the next Institute meeting.

- All course and visitor fees are to be reviewed and the results made known. Agreed that minimum numbers need to have given a deposit by an agreed date before a course runs – e.g. five applicants for the modular course, eight for a six month course.
- Various ideas for courses were discussed e.g. further study weeks and a cooking skills week.
- Albion Conservation gave a presentation on help they could offer to Chisholme to gain funding for the preservation of existing structures and the building of new accommodation.
- Building needs were discussed e.g. the cleaning of gutters in the main house and the ongoing improvements in the Steading.
- Staffing needs were discussed: – specifically for the summer period, The need for a summer coordinator and the idea of alumni staying at Chisholme for a period of circa. two weeks were agreed to.
- It was agreed that all staff who are at Chisholme for more than 6 months should have their NI paid.
- The importance of the Institute working in a transparent way was highlighted – thus examining the possibilities for an AGM and asking alumni for ideas on who might be suitable to become a Director.
- It was agreed that the Institute needs to let it be known that a new Principal will be needed from September 2017 when Khaliq's term in office comes to an end.
- All felt that the presence of a Trust member at some Institute meetings was

to be welcomed – Christina Finegan had planned to attend this w/e's meeting but was unable to. The reinstatement of the Beshara magazine was a thought to be an excellent idea.