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Newsletter July 2017

Tullich Church and Carved
Stones Collection

Following agreement by Marr Area Committee on 22nd November 2016 to pursue a project to apply for grant funding for the restoration of Tullich Church the conservation of the Tullich Carved Symbol Stones Collection and the building of a shelter at the Tullich Church site, things are now progressing.

Progress on applying for funding.....

The project team, with the assistance of Paul Higson (NESPT), is aiming to apply for grant funding from Historic Environment Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund, Leader and various other grant funding bodies, to supplement the funding supplied by Aberdeenshire Council, Landscape Services and the Historic Asset Management Project (HAMP).

We have completed an expression of interest to Cairngorm LEADER who have advised our Stage 1 bid has been approved and we are in a position to put forward a full Stage 2 application. We are next planning to submit our first round bids to The Wolfson Foundation and Heritage Lottery Fund.

We are also putting together an activity plan of training and events for local residents to get involved, once the project is on site. Stone carving, lime pointing and dry stone walling are some of the activities currently under consideration.

Community Involvement.....

One of our external partners, Robert Gordon University (RGU), have been carrying out digital laser scanning at the Tullich Church Site. Which we hope to use in a display at Ballater Station.



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As part of this, they went along to Ballater School and carried out a demonstration session with P5/P6. You can read more about this on their class room blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/ballater56/2017/04/26/p56-visitors/>

RGU also plan to carry out an adult's session which we are in the process of organising through our community group led by Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd.

Other Significant Updates.....

We now have a scheme of consolidation and repair for the historic church and hope to submit a Schedule Monument Consent to Historic Environment Scotland in July.

Following a competitive tendering process we are delighted to have appointed LDN architects to design a shelter to house the carved symbol stones on site. This will be no easy feat with design input from a stone conservator, archaeologists, built heritage specialists, interested community members and some of our funders, not to mention Historic Environment Scotland. We hope to have an outline sketch scheme soon. We are also still working with the Ballater Station team to design a display on Tullich Church and Carved Symbol Stones Collection for the new exhibition space.

We hope to provide regular updates on the project as it moves forward but any queries or questions please contact cheryl.roberts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Kindest Regards

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