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Newsletter February 2018

Tullich Church and Carved
Stones Collection

Following agreement by the Marr Area Committee in 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), has applied to 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 received confirmation from one funder that our grant application has been accepted, so that's another £20,000 secured. We have further received confirmation from Historic Environment Scotland that our application for £20,000 is being looked upon favourably and are awaiting feedback from their district Architect. Once this is received we will be able to submit our application to Heritage Lottery Fund. Our application to LEADER has successfully passed the technical assessment and we are hoping to have a positive decision by March 2018.



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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.

Other Significant Updates.....

We now have a developed design for our shelter display to house the Carved Symbol Stones Collection, from LDN Architects, so we are starting to work on our landscaping plan. The aim of which is to ensure the shelter is well screened from the active graveyard and also to create bio-diversity enhancements. We are also starting to develop our Interpretation Plan with an aim to make the site as accessible to all as possible.

Our Community Steering Group will be consulted on both these elements for feedback on content and design.

We are currently working with the Ballater Station team to develop a display for two of the Pictish stones in Ballater Station and hope to have further news on this shortly.

The aim is 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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