

Hilton of Cadboll Chapel Site  
Pictish Stone Replica Project

A Meeting of the Group will be held in Glenmorangie Highland Home on  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2000 at 11:00am

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Note of Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1999 (Copy enclosed)
3. Note of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1999 (Copy enclosed)
4. Matters arising and not on the Agenda
5. Update on Progress
6. Update on Funding
7. Report by J. Wood on Professor Martin Carvers Archaeological Assessment and Project Design – Hilton of Cadboll – Request for reimbursement of costs.
8. AOCB

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**Note of Meeting held in Glenmorangie  
Highland Home on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
October 1999 at 11:30 am.**

**Present**

J. Paterson (in the Chair)	S. Watt
R. Easson	W. Aitken
M. Ross	J. Calder
B. Groves	

- 1. Apologies**  
P. Hamilton, R. Durham, J. Wood, R. Murchison
- 2. Note of Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1999**  
Approved.
- 3. Work on Wall**  
It was reported and noted that work on the wall had been completed, albeit no cairns had been provided but they could be butted on at a later date and following a brief discussion it was agreed that cairns be provided in due course.
- 4. Wording of Plaque**  
It was reported and noted that this matter was being attended to.
- 5. Sponsorship of Seats**  
Following a discussion it was agreed that R. Easson should pursue possible sponsorship therefor.
- 6. Fencing**  
It was noted that the removal of fencing was as stated in the note of meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> August 1999.

Arising therefrom S. Watt informed the Group of the current position regarding discussions with Bidwells as to provision of fencing which was going through the tendering process. The estimated cost was £20,000. A plan showing the proposed line of fence etc. was displayed with indicated that fencing was to be provided on the boundary of the "Guardianship" area, albeit only along two of the boundary lines.

There was in excess of 500 metres of fencing which would be "lamb safe" and to a high standard as required by Historic Scotland.

Following a discussion S. Watt undertook to let H. Boyd have a copy of the fencing plan and would approach DAFS who had a database on fencing and indicative costs therefor.

It was noted that costs for provision of fencing would be in Historic Scotland's next year budget.

7. **Access to Stone**

Following a discussion it was agreed as already indicated in note of previous meeting that the whole question of funding for access path etc. be investigated and clarified by R. Murchison prior to any further work being authorised.

8. **Funding**

R. Easson reported that he had sent in an application form to the Lottery but it had been returned as it had been received too late for consideration in the recent round of allocations.

He had however resubmitted the application to the Small Lotteries "Awards for All" - £5,000 maximum and would keep the Group informed of progress. He furthermore informed the meeting of a contribution of £500 received from R. Macnamara and hoped to get further donations.

J. Paterson reported that he had not as yet received a response from Barmac or Talisman regarding possible contributions.

Arising therefrom reference was made to the excellent dinner held recently at Glenmorangie Highland Home to raise funds for the project and H. Boyd indicated that a cheque for £450 had been handed over as a contribution.

It was agreed by all present that their sincere thanks and gratitude should be expressed to H. Boyd and M. Ross for all the work they had done to make the dinner a success.

9. **Rent/Rates**

It was reported that W. Paterson was happy with the arrangements in terms of use of his property up until December 1999 and J. Calder updated the Group in relation to discussions he had with N. Morrison of the Assessors on the rates for W. Paterson's property.

The meeting noted the position.

10. **Phase I**

R. Easson informed the Group that the current sum held in the account was £1,350. He required to see P. Hamilton regarding a further and final payment from RACE.

It was suggested that if possible £1,000 be drawn down now and £500 later if this was possible.

Following a discussion it was agreed that R. Easson discuss the foregoing with P. Hamilton to ascertain whether this was possible.

As a result of the foregoing it was noted that there was funding of about £4,000, including RACE's, currently in situ and if Lottery application approved would give a total of £9,000.

Arising therefrom it was once again stressed that all efforts and funds be concentrated on Phase I i.e. completion of work on Stone prior to any further expenditure being committed.

**11. Moving of Stone**

S. Watt updated the Group on the arrangements for the movement of the Stone from where it is being worked on, onto the site. He was confident Historic Scotland would undertake this and discussion as to the details would be held with the Group in due course. He was aware of the assistance Barmac may be able to give but had tried to contact them to no avail. Historic Scotland's Works Department would undertake the moving however irrespective of whether Barmac would assist.

The position was noted.

**12. Work on the Stone**

R. Easson suggested that if there was any surplus funds remaining after completion of phase I this could be utilised for any work required on the other side of the stone.

The Group agreed to consider this again once the final costs for phase I was known.

**13. Additional Excavation Work**

J. Paterson suggested that as some 48 fragments of the stone had been found perhaps it would be worth writing the Chairman of Historic Scotland regarding possible further excavation of the site for the stone and that this could be done prior to the erection thereof.

S. Watt indicated that if a further study and excavation were to be undertaken this should cover the whole site and this could be very expensive and possibly delay matters. There was furthermore no budget for this. Historic Scotland would however have a watching brief during excavation of the site for the base. He also informed the Group there was no proposal to provide a footpath within the immediate site at present but this would be reviewed and any decision thereon would be made taking into account the amount of pressure and visitor numbers to view the Stone.

Arising therefrom reference was made to the area of raised ground at the original site. A large crane may be required to site the Stone and this could make matters very difficult. If the Stone were located on a flatter area of land a smaller crane could be utilised and this could be fairly close to the proposed site. M. Ross concurred whilst stating that the site originally proposed was fairly boggy and an alternative should be identified, this would involve placing the Stone outwith the scheduled monument area to non-scheduled area i.e. out of the Chapel Site.

The Group agreed after some discussion that the Stone be located on the alternative site proposed and that any watching brief was a matter between Historic Scotland and Glenmorangie.

14. **Funding**

The Group noted that the project's finances appeared reasonably solvent into the New Year and hopefully further funding would be procured to enable completion.

15. **Footpath**

S. Watt referred to the proposed provision of a footpath up to the Guardianship area and stated that he had requested details from R. Murchison who was to inform Historic Scotland of the proposed works as they had to approve the proposals.

It was agreed that R. Murchison provide the necessary information to Historic Scotland.

16. **Original Site**

M. Ross enquired whether B. Groves had any information on what was on the site originally and was told that he had such information. This information containing a chronological interpretation and re-iteration of the history of the original Stone would be on any interpretative boards/plaques that would be provided.

Arising therefrom the Group were informed that there would be no preservatives on the Stone and it would remain in its natural state. A layer of gravel would be placed round the edges of the Stone to assist water dispersal.

The Group noted this with interest.

17. **Publicity**

It was reported and noted that Glenmorangie were proposing to establish a Web Site on the Stone and that articles and photographs would be included albeit this still required doing.

Arising therefrom R. Easson referred to publicity to the Stone given in the Scotsman and Herald and it was agreed that Glenmorangie's Press Officer liaise with Historic Scotland's Press Officer to discuss and where required liaise on PR matters relating to the Stone.

18. **Raffle**

It was agreed that considerably more work was required and that an appropriate time might be closer to when the Stone was being erected.

It was noted in this respect that S. Watt now had information on the "Friends of Historic Scotland Scheme".

19. **Glenmorangie Donation**

H. Boyd enquired as to whether the donation of £1,000 promised by Glenmorangie had been received and it was agreed that this be confirmed or otherwise by R. Murchison who was dealing with this matter.

20. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held in the New Year on a date to be decided unless any of the partners in the Group required one at an earlier date.

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**Note of Meeting held in Glenmorangie  
Highland Home on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December 1999 at 2:00pm.**

**PRESENT**

J. Paterson (in the Chair)	W. Paterson
R. Durham	W. Aitken
P. Hamilton	M. Ross
J. Calder	

**1. Apologies**

J. Wood, R. Murchison, S. Watt, M. Hind, B. Groves.

**2. Footpath**

Having inspected the footpath on site it was agreed as follows:

- a. Work on the footpath be completed as per the original plan.
- b. Immediately on completion all accounts for this work be submitted to G. Robson.
- c. Coping stones not turf should be used for the top of the wall.

**3. Phase I**

J. Paterson reported that it appeared funding for the completion of this phase was virtually secured. The meeting noted the position.

Arising therefrom R. Durham referred to various cracks in the stone which would require sensitive treatment when working thereon. Once the stone was erected it would require to be reduced in width by about one-half and this would require to be done on site, after which B. Groves would complete work thereon.

**4. Fencing**

It was reported and noted that the estimated cost for fencing as reported at the last meeting by S. Watt as being £20,000 should have been £2,000.

**5. Access Road**

W. Aitken queried whether the Group envisaged provision of an access road to be part of the project and was informed that this was regarded as part of Phase III and was therefor not a matter for the Group but rather a community or private orientated project.

**6. AOCB**

- a. R. Durham raised the question of correspondence he had received from Professor Carver and copy of the Hilton of Cadboll Archaeological

Assessment and Project Design undertaken by Dr. Carver, who it appeared from said correspondence was seeking some payment therefor. As he had no background or knowledge of this matter he handed the correspondence to J. Calder with a request that a report thereon be prepared by J. Wood and submitted to the next meeting of the Group.

**b. Progress**

It was noted that whilst it had been hoped work on the Stone would be completed by October it was now likely to be April or May. Mr. Ross stated that if work on the Stone was completed by May then some sort of function would be necessary to mark the event. Glenmorangie would very much like to arrange something in this respect but would require adequate advance notice.

Arising therefrom the Group were informed that it was hoped HRH Prince Charles would perform the official opening and it was agreed that Glenmorangie be kept fully informed as to developments in this respect.

**c. Corner Stones**

R. Easson enquired whether B. Groves should undertake work on the two stones one to commemorate Mrs. Durham and the original initiation of the Stone by her and one giving a brief history of the Stone.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that B. Grove should undertake this work.

On the question being raised as to whether copper plates or cornered stones where to be utilised for this purpose, R. Easson explained that the proposal was to use stones which could be incorporated into the two round stone pillars proposed for the entrance to the site.

The meeting noted the position.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed not to fix a date for the next meeting at present.