

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

ROSS AND CROMARTY AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE -
6 APRIL 1999

PICTISH STONE REPLICA PROJECT
HILTON OF CADBOLL CHAPEL SITE
PROPOSED TRANSFER OF LAND

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Report by the Director of Planning & Development

Summary

This report provides an outline of the Pictish Stone Replica Project at Hilton of Cadboll and the work carried out by Officers, Agencies and Local Groups. Committee are requested to agree the transfer of land at Hilton of Cadboll from the Housing Service to the Planning and Development Service to facilitate the project.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Area Committee considered three areas of surplus land at Balintore and Hilton in February 1997 for possible environmental action projects. The land adjoining Hilton of Cadboll House shown on the attached plan is currently held on Housing Service account.

2.0 CADBOLL PROJECT: INITIAL PHASE

2.1 The Council Archaeologist within the Planning and Development Service is lead officer for the Hilton of Cadboll Chapel Site Pictish Stone Replica Project and has recently commissioned the purchase, carving and erection of a replica stone at the chapel site which is in the Guardianship of Historic Scotland. Other partners in the project include RACE, LEADER II, Tain and Easter Ross Civic Society, Historic Scotland, National Museum of Scotland and Glenmorangie Distillery, who own the site. It is intended to have the finished stone erected on site by this Autumn.

2.2 The Council is contributing to this initial phase of development through the Community Development Projects Initiative.

3.0 CADBOLL PROJECT: SUBSEQUENT PHASES

3.1 The second and third phases of the Pictish Stone Replica Project involve the provision of roadside parking for visitors on the Balintore to Balmuchy road and the construction of a footpath across the site to provide improved visitor access to the scheduled monument site. The cost of this work is likely to be around £10,000. It would be intended to seek funding for this phase from RACE, LEADER II and the Area Discretionary budget.

3.2 Subsequent to the second phase of work being completed, it would be intended to proceed with the third phase with the involvement of the local Hilton community and the Seaboard Development Group. It is proposed to develop on the wet area in the centre of the site several wildlife ponds which would include tree planting, landscaping, fencing and the construction of a network of paths around the site. The likely cost of this phase of work is estimated at £20,000.

PROJECT: MILTON OF CADBOLL	JOB NO: 89
COSTED BY: JW	DATE:

Budget heading	Budget	Actual	Notes
002 - HC staff @ £25/hour			
074/6 - HC staff: travel / subsistence			
EA - TOTAL HC STAFF COSTS			
134 - insurance			
136 - photocopying			
137 - postage			
138 - printing			
140 - stationery			
141 - telephones			
160 - miscellaneous admin costs			
EC - TOTAL ADMIN COSTS			
163 - vehicle hire			
190 - miscellaneous (inc.fuel)			
ED - TOTAL TRANSPORT COSTS			
358 - materials (inc. maps)			
361 - meals & hospitality			
362 - medical equipment			
380 - computer equipment (inc. hire)			
386 - payments to contractors			
416 - photographic materials			
440 - technical equipment (inc. hire)			
449 - contractors: travel/subsistence			
500 - misc. costs (specify)			
EG - TOTAL SUPPLIES/SERVICES			
E - TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
699 - Archaeology Service (in-kind)			
699 - project income (specify source)			
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I - TOTAL INCOME			
TS - TOTAL SUBJECTIVE			

£1000 from Jim Paterson