

Colvend & Southwick Community Council

Project Report February 2021

i. Replacement Defibrillator Project

Defib cabinets at Colvend Info Centre & Rockcliffe Toilet block are now electrically connected and heating is operational. The cost of the Colvend wiring was £70. The work at Rockcliffe was completed by D&G Council at no charge to us. Thanks to Cllr Davidson for his assistance in getting the D&G Council to undertake the Rockcliffe works. This project is now complete & recognition sign obtained & installed. Once the situation is back to normal after the Covid Crisis the First Responders are willing to run additional AED Training courses for us at Colvend.

ii. Borean Crannog Interpretation Board Project

Grant of £1375 confirmed from SWEAT. Please note that SWEAT will not pay the VAT element of any project. They have subsequently offered us £2000 because of some unknown issues relating to Forest & Land Scotland's unconfirmed requirements relating to their housestyle on the board. However, anything that we do not spend (& support with invoices) must be returned to them. SWEAT have notified us that there is a delay in issuing the grant cheque because of problems at SEPA who had a cyber attack on their computer system at Christmas. I have finally had a response from F&LS regarding the project. They have confirmed again their support for the project and have approved Border Signs & Graphics as an acceptable supplier. They have now prematurely submitted the draft design to their IT Dept for approval. The rate determining step for this project is the provision of the photo of the Borean cooking pot at the Nat Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. Prior to the lockdown, the delivery time on this photo was 9 weeks. It is likely that the board installation will be during summer 2021.

Decision required: As soon as the SWEAT cheque is cleared, approval to place an order for £130 to the Nat Museum of Scotland for the provision of a photo of the cooking pot & a licence to display.

Decision required: Letter of intent to be sent to Border Signs & Graphics in order to hold their quoted price. (£1458)

iii. Core Path 20 Cycle Repair Box Project

The D&G Outdoor Access team have given permission for the Cycle Emergency kit to be mounted on one of the new signposts at the Forest Gate. Halfords Ltd in Dumfries have donated equipment for the box. A sign for the box has been ordered. The total cost of the box & installation is £11.83p Installation of the box is imminent.

iv. Southwick Bus Shelter Grant application

Solway Firth Partnership have notified us that we have been successful with our application for grant aid of £1473 from the Robin Rigg Community Fund. The grant has been formally accepted and payment will be at the end of January 2021. The main part of the project was based on the quotation from F.Gourlay.

Decision required: Authority to place an order with F.Gourlay for the bus shelter main works. (There are other minor aspects to the project including a noticeboard and signage.)

v. Coastal Path Interpretation Board Grant Application

The option to use QR codes instead of full-size interpretation boards has been evaluated. Thanks to J.Rowland for arranging a mobile phone reception survey. The results of the survey showed that because of poor reception on most of the networks, the use of QR codes is not viable. An application has been submitted to the Dumfries & Galloway Regional Coastal Benefit Fund for a total of £6000. If we are successful it is normal to receive no more than 50% of the application. The budget cost of the project is £7212.

Decision required: Volunteers for pulling together the design / photos for each board

- Low Glenstoken at Bogle Hole (History of the ruin & associated granite mining)
- Smugglers and shipwrecks
- Animal & bird life
- Robin Rigg Windfarm

vi. Castle Point Footpath

During preparatory work for the Coastal Path Interpretation Board Project, Mr John Bigam mentioned about wanting to re-establish a footpath from Castle Point to the beach.

Decision required: Should we consider helping to do this project as part of a final grant aid application to the Robin Rigg Community Fund in December 2021?

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