

Colvend & Southwick Community Council

Project Report March 2021

1. Borean Crannog Interpretation Board Project
 - Cheque for £2000 received from SWEAT. Any money not spent & confirmed by invoices will need to be repaid to SWEAT. Project must be completed within 6 months.
 - Order placed for the photographing of the Borean Crannog cooking pot with National Museum of Scotland. Currently there is a 9-week queue for photography which is suspended until the Museum can re-open for business.
2. Southwick Bus Shelter Project
 - Order placed with F. Gourlay for the construction of the replacement shelter. Swestrans notified of progress & may be willing to provide the "Bus Stop" sign at no cost.
3. Coastal Path Interpretation Boards grant application
 - Response still awaited from the D&G Regionwide Coastal Benefit Fund
 - May be some issues with 2 of the interpretation boards (Gutcher's Isle & the Monument) It may be necessary to locate the Gutcher's Isle board on the building.
 - 2 further quotations received from Alba Printers & Landmark at much lower prices.
4. D&G Regionwide Community Fund grant (applications of £500 -£5000 closes 23rd April 2021)
 - a) Kippford Flood prevention measures to prevent a repeat of the 2014 floods

Discussions with D&G Roads Dept (Charlotte Carson) indicate that they are not able to do the work.

Work would involve:

- installation of 10 tidal flaps
- rebuilding of damaged sea wall
- installation of flood gate at the "Wee Pier"

Internet searches show that there is no immediately available tidal flap to fit the existing drain discharge pipes (existing are imperial sizes & all relevant flaps are now metric)

One suitably sized flap has been suggested by one supplier but it is not strictly for tidal duty and looks a bit lightweight. The delivered price from the suppliers (SVR) for one valve is £62-50p



End non-return valve (110-160mm)

Decision Required: It is recommended that a trial be run for 18 months – 2 years using a single valve from SVR to test how the valve responds to the tidal conditions. The cost of this trial is too small to justify applying to the D&G Regionwide Community Fund. However, we have just received £980 as the second payment from the D&G Council Covid Hardship fund which has to be used for Resilience purposes or be repaid. It is suggested that some of this money be put towards the trial.

5. Colvend War Memorial renovation.

A suggestion has been received for the renovation of the Colvend War Memorial at Colvend Church. Grants are available from the War Memorials Trust for 25%-75% of eligible expenditure up to £5000 for non-free standing memorials.

Decision Required: Should the C&SCC pursue this or is it the role of the Church?

6. Future Projects

We should consider applying to the D&G Regionwide Community Fund before 23/4/21 for funding for a project. This fund would probably only fund 50% of the costs of a project. Time will not allow for the development of a complex costing exercise, but it might be possible to get 3 quotations for the purchase of a piece of equipment (e.g. commercial grade strimmer for footpath work?) in time.

We will also need to send a monitoring report to D&G Council at the end of march 2021 indicating how we have spent the Covid Hardship Funding. Anything that is unspent of the £980 must be returned.

Please give some urgent thought as to what we might usefully spend this money on.

Decision required: Should we be making an application for grant aid to the D&G Regionwide Community Fund, and if so, what for?

Decision required: What are we going to spend the balance of the 2nd Payment of the Covid Hardship Fund on?

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