

**REPORT ON KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE CHURCHES PRESERVATION
INITIATIVE ASSOCIATION**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A local community group – the Killean and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Initiative Association has been formed with the specific intention of securing the conservation of the remains of the two chapels in west Kintyre which are Scheduled Ancient Monuments.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members note the content of this report and agree to allow the community group and their professional advisers access to both monuments for the purpose of preparing Conservation Plans.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The community group has been in discussion with Council Officers, the Local Member and officials from Historic Scotland with a view to securing the long-term conservation of the two chapels at Killean and Kilchenzie.
- 3.2 In order to obtain funding from Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out the conservation works proper, the first stage of the process involves the preparation of conservation plans for each of the monuments. The conservation plans will provide a platform for undertaking the detailed conservation works and are a prerequisite of any application for the funding required.
- 3.3 The community group have been successful in securing funding from Historic Scotland (£4000), Leader (£4,500), Windfarm Trust (£500) and a private donation of £500. This funding package will be used to employ a qualified Conservation Architect who will draw up the conservation plan and begin the process of making applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland for the conservation work to the remains of the chapels.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The efforts of the community group represent a good opportunity to secure and enhance these heritage assets and will build on the work undertaken at Saddell Abbey.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: Corporate Plan Strategic Objectives –
Environmental, Forward Looking,
Economy, Organisational Development
Single Outcome Agreement -
National Outcome 12 – we value and enjoy
our built and natural environment and
protect it and enhance it for future
generations – OE1, OE 2, VC6, FL2

Financial: None

Personnel: Officer time

Community: This is a community driven project.

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