

Appendix 1

MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust

Fact finding Project Proposal Autumn 2012

The purpose of the project is to aid future development of the resources at Dunollie

We plan to take our team on two fact finding trips to learn from established successful organisations whose work is relevant to various aspects of future development at Dunollie.

We have chosen a variety of establishments to visit which we consider will be useful and plan to visit them before they close for the season at the end of October.

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre (GMRC)

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre (GMRC) is the store for the museums collections when they're not on display. The centre was custom built and has 17 environmentally controlled storage 'pods' which house 1.4 million objects.

Glasgow Museums are well established, successful providers of educational material and visits to schools and community groups and a visit to any of their properties would be beneficial to the Learning and events team. The reason that we are specifically interested in a visit to the Glasgow Museums Resource Centre is due to their usage of objects not normally on display in interesting and exciting ways in their educational provision.

At Dunollie we have a long-term plan to build a store for the extremely important collections we have here; this will therefore also be a useful practical visit in terms of design and planning for our proposed building project.

Crookston Castle

Crookston Castle is a medieval castle looked after by Historic Scotland.

This castle is also 15th century as Dunollie Castle and will be of great interest in relation to the work currently being carried out in improving public access to Dunollie Castle.

National Museum of Costume, Shambellie House, New Abbey, Dumfries

Shambellie House was built in 1856 for the Stewart family and is a superb example of a Victorian country house. Charles Stewart, the great grandson of the original owner, donated his superb costume collection to National Museums Scotland in 1977. He also loaned Shambellie House to be used as a Museum of Costume.

Dunollie has a vast costume collection with over 1000 pieces kept and displayed within a historic house setting and in that respect it has some obvious resonances with the National Museum of Costume in Dumfries. A visit would be useful from the learning and events point of view to see how they:

1. use costume in their educational provision to investigate wider issues
2. deal with the challenges inherent with using a historic house for school visits etc

This visit will also be useful for all aspects of development at Dunollie including care of and access to the costume collection, educational activities and events planning and general visitor resources.

Clan Donald Skye, Armadale, Sleat, Isle of Skye

Clan Donald Skye is a highland estate on the Sleat peninsula in south Skye. The estate, which was once part of the traditional lands of Clan Donald, was purchased by the Clan Donald Lands Trust just over 40 years ago. The trust was set up specifically to promote an understanding of the history and traditions of Clan Donald and the Lordship of the Isles.

The Trust has worked hard to save and develop it as a resource for the benefit of visitors to Skye and, importantly, for the local community and as such has established the Clan Donald Centre.

We envisage that visiting Clan Donald Skye will be an inspiring learning experience for our team particularly in relation to telling the story of Clan MacDougall and the development of Dunollie as the home of the Clan.

In relation to development of education it will be interesting to learn from the Clan Donald award winning museum, children's trails and poetry trails.

The visit will also be useful as it regards accessibility as vitally important, be it those with mobility problems, those who are visually impaired or those who don't have English as a first language.

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Projected costs

	Item	Number	Unit	Cost	Total
TRIP 1	Glasgow Museums Resource Centre and Crookstone Castle (Glasgow)	7 seater car hire	1 day	79.00	79.00
	National Museum of Costume	Fuel	356 miles	0.15	53.40
		Meals, teas & coffees (2 days)	6 each	24.00	144.00
		B & B	6 each	30.00	180.00
		Entry fees (Costume Museum)	6 each	4.50	27.00
TOTAL COST OF TRIP					483.40
TRIP 2	Clan Donald Centre (Skye)	7 seater car hire	1 day	79.00	79.00
		Fuel	308 miles	0.15	46.20
		Meals, teas & coffees	6 each	12.00	72.00
		Entry fees (Clan Donald)	6 each	6.95	41.70
TOTAL COST OF TRIP					238.90
					722.30
Useful resources such as guidebooks etc					<u>13.62</u>
TOTAL PROJECT COST					735.92
* Clan Donald Centre closes 26th October					
** Costume museum closes					