

KILLEAN and KILCHENZIE BURIAL GROUNDS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The burial grounds at Killean and Kilchenzie have many years of history and are very popular visitor's sites. Both of these locations hold buildings of great heritage dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries. It is the intention of the Killean and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association (KKCPA) in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council to restore the buildings and to provide further information for residents and visitors on both burial grounds. The report sets out the details of the potential partnership and also the scope of works that the KKCPA and SBPT are seeking to obtain funding to achieve the necessary works.

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2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report asks Members to approve a partnership agreement being established between Argyll and Bute Council and the Killean and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association (KKCPA).

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and Island area committee agrees to a partnership agreement being established between Argyll and Bute Council and the Killean and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association (KKCPA) and supports the Killean and Kilchenzie restoration project.

4.0 DETAILS

- 4.1 This project was initiated through contact from Mr G. Caskie and Mr G. Thomson of the Killean and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association (KKCPA) and Ms K. Kirkpatrick from the Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust (SBPT). With a meeting taking place on the 9th October 2014 with the Area Chair of the MAKI area committee and the Roads and Amenity Services policy lead member present.
- 4.2 The members of the trust brought an extremely positive business case to the meeting and made it very clear that the trust and SBPT would be raising all the necessary funds required, and that Council assistance in relation to approval and support was an essential requirement to allow them to activate funding streams.
- 4.3 The churchyard buildings are currently under severe threat from overgrown vegetation and the weather, the groups are looking to restore these buildings and this will involve sympathetic repairs and conservation techniques and the group have been in contact with conservation accredited professionals. Additional works within the scope of the project include the group improving access to both of the sites and it is also the intention of the partnership to create digital searchable

records for gravestones, making information available to interested persons locally, nationally and internationally.

- 4.4 KKCPA, who are a registered charity are now in the process of seeking funding from the Wind Farm Trust and Heritage Lottery Fund. The Heritage Lottery Fund has advised that KKCPA should be in charge of the project in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council. The group have also been encouraged by Historic Scotland to apply for funding over the next two years.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The group have a vision to consolidate the ruins and make both sites more accessible, with the estimated project cost being £300,000. The KKCPA's partnership with Argyll and Bute Council will also ensure that records are accessible to all parties as stated in 4.3 and that consideration will be given to re-erecting fallen headstones, through the best conservation advice available and using the approved system adopted by Argyll and Bute Council.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	None
6.2	Financial	None
6.3	Legal	Approval for SLA and volunteer approval for necessary works.
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities	None
6.6	Risk	Funding is not achieved and the project does not deliver leaving the buildings in their current condition.
6.7	Customer Services	None

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure

Policy Lead Councillor Ellen Morton

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