

Curator's Report

Grants

We received £3,000 from the Geologists' Association's Curry Fund for the Walk in Time project.

The NHLF application for 50 years 50 voices was not successful and we received a generic feedback email response. Ell and I discussed scaling back the project to still deliver some of the outcomes in-house, including a display in 2027.

CMHW fund confirmed that the 10K can be spent on the additional budget items we identified in the revised project plan (new items were added due to the whole project cost already being covered through the Age UK grant) – induction loop and acoustic improvements can now be implemented for the Activity Room.

After discussions with Steven Kellow, BnG confirmed that a full application would be required for CPD funding, rather than re-allocating the last extended pot of GDO funding, so we have opted not to do this for the time being.

MGS interim report submitted.

SSE Roundhouse project application submitted (see Roundhouse report).

HES Expression of Interest approved – we are allowed to progress to application stage and will submit a Small Grants application for £80,000 by end of August.

Exhibition Development

Maerl box installed. Two additional wooden display cases set up on upper landing and Post Office display area for regularly changing temporary displays. Currently featuring books from the archive. Anniversary OS map display planning underway with Nevis Hulme.

PixelStag quote for touch-screen kiosk received (5k excl VAT). Jeremy, Pauline and I will progress at the end of July.

Preventative Conservation

IPM and environmental conditions both fine.

Gaelic

SMO partnership meeting and site visit postponed to 23 July.

Gaelic integrated as firm part of roundhouse project.

Other

Archaeology dig week was completed successfully with good volunteer attendance and Gairloch Nursery and Primary visiting during the open day. An exciting find was a chert (type of flint) blade which will go through the Treasure Trove process.

We organised installing the new lid for the oven at Achtercairn, replacing the old disintegrating wooden lid. Thanks to Peter Buxton for building the lid and Jeremy, Jamie and Ally for carrying it up the hill!

We hosted Maree Todd's ministerial visit presenting on our dementia-friendly, inclusive programme. A case study was submitted to her department. See letter of acknowledgement below.



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Dear Corinna,

I am writing to express my thanks for the welcome I received on my visit to Gairloch Museum on Monday 13 May. Our meeting was a great opportunity during this year's Mental Health Awareness Week for me to see a local project supporting the mental health and wellbeing of those around them in a variety of ways.

I was very interested to hear more about the Wellbeing Wednesday project and the range of activities it includes, providing a safe and supportive environment for service users whether in person or digitally.

I am also grateful that you took the time to explain the financial challenges that the museum is experiencing, alongside many other third sector organisations. We spoke about the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults being included in the the Scottish Government's Third Sector Fairer Funding Pilot, with no less than £15 million per year being invested over the next two years. I also mentioned that the museum may wish to consider registration as part of the [Self-Directed Support Register](#), and to strengthen links with primary care through their local community link worker contact. You may already be aware of SCVO's [Funding Scotland service](#), which assists Third Sector organisations such as yourself with finding grants that they can apply to for funding. Museums Galleries Scotland also have various funds you can apply to, which includes a [Small Grants Fund](#) which may be able to assist you in improving the facilities for people with sensory loss or impairment.

Thank you again for your welcome, and I wish you the best of luck for the coming year.

With best wishes,

MAREE TODD MSP
Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport
Scottish Government

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