

## ALPS update for Management Group 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012

- **Claims:** The last HIE claim has provided £5791.54, a HLF claim has been made for £76,809.93 and the ninth ERDF claim will be made as soon as the Notification of Change for an extension of the grant period is approved.
- **Events and festivals** an autumn herbal workshop took place on 15<sup>th</sup> October and was attended by 9 local people. The Historical Society has also had well attended events (see separate update from Gordon)
- **Guided Walks programme** the walks programme ended up on 1<sup>st</sup> October, walks leader have been asked to provide a brief report on the results of the season and feedback forms are currently being analysed.
- **South Coast Deer Fence** Works have started on the lay-by in Milton and Duncan Fraser is to liaise with the Council and Archie MacLellan to obtain a better timescale. CCAGS claims are now being prepared to recover some of the costs for the SCDF.
- **Accounts** Quickbooks has been updated and modified to show the income per project as opposed to global income, which will help with calculating shortfalls.
- **Newsletter** Articles are now being collected with the 5<sup>th</sup> Issue of the newsletter to come out in December
- **Access** An access survey on 27<sup>th</sup> September was performed by Philip Waite, access officer for the Council, in view to include the Applecross Paths in an all abilities access booklet by Ross & Cromarty Disability Access Group. Philip has provided additional feedback to the access survey made by the Fieldfare Trust.
- **ERDF Audit** The first capital claim place with ERDF was audited on 11<sup>th</sup> October by the Scottish Government. Invoices were reviewed, procurement process was explained, and sites were visited, all to the satisfaction of the auditors. Another audit on further claims was due to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October but has been rescheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**Graveyard Mapping**

The website for this project is now done and the searchable database is working, but has not gone live yet. There are some coding tweaks to be made, photos to be added, etc. There is still work to be done on the searchable map, but progress is good.

**Digitisation**

Ongoing, adding information to temporary online inventory. This is a 'year three delivery' project, so on schedule. The organisation developing the package (Museum of the Moving Image, New York) is still working on the front end (the public user interface) so this has delayed us putting things live.

**Placenames Project**

Further collection and verification has been ongoing. There are currently 900 names in the database, each one with Gaelic/Norse/English names and derivations as appropriate, a topographic biography, associated lore where it exists and decimal degree co-ordinates. A project-specific Google map has been tested through Google Tables and it works. There will be some testing and further tidying up to do before it goes live.

The School project element is at the stage of authoring the final product, and a launch event will be planned with the local primary school in due course.