



Update 17: March 2010



The Directors have been following up the many issues reported in our January 2010 Update and wish to provide you with further information on them.

1. We have received professional advice that the cost of developing a new project by moving the Centre to the 'cave field' beside Fladda would be £20k for which we could not obtain public funding.
2. Because we could not complete this development work in time we would be likely to lose the £457,220 European funding which has been allocated to build the Centre and would not obtain future funding for this purpose.
3. This means that our only option is to build the Centre on the Engine Shed site.
4. Our architect is finalising new plans for the Engine Shed site which are in accordance with the Luing History Group's requirements for a dedicated Museum, Store and Office.
5. The new building will be shorter and lower than in the previous plan and will be lower at the front than at the back.
6. There will be more space for parking beside it and Trust land in the village can also be allocated for this purpose if more parking is required by the planners.
7. The sewage treatment system will utilise a 'biodisc' septic tank which will not discharge into the quarry.
8. The Centre will provide much needed facilities on Luing including a café restaurant, a museum, a flexible exhibition/events space, enterprise space and several jobs.
9. **There will be a General Meeting of Trust members in Cullipool Hall on Wednesday 17 March at 7.30pm to discuss the options for the Centre and the motion: "That the Members of the Isle of Luing Community Trust support the recommendation of the Directors to proceed with the Atlantic Islands Centre project by submitting plans for Planning Consent and proceeding to build the Centre once this has been obtained".**
10. Trust members as at 1 March 2010 who cannot attend this meeting are being asked to complete and return their voting papers to the Secretary, Pete Hooper, Swallows, South Cuan, Oban PA34 4TU **to arrive not later than 17 March 2010.**

Isle of Luing Community Trust directors

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