



## Update 8 – December 2006

### To Trust Members and Friends

We apologise for having to publish this issue of Update as a notice. Unfortunately the Animateur Scheme funding which paid for the editing, printing and publication has now run out. We hope to resume publication and circulation when finances allow. In the meantime issues of Update will appear on Luing notice boards and the Trust website.

The purpose of this issue of Update is to enable the Trust Directors to inform Members and Friends of the stage that negotiations for land purchase and the museum project have now reached, following lengthy delays due to circumstances outside the Trust's control.

- The purchase of the Engine Shed site was delayed when another claim for existing ownership of this land emerged. The issue was for some time left with the lawyers concerned to resolve.
- This delay resulted in the Trust requesting from the funders, and being granted, a two-month time extension for completion. The Trust officers were able to act as a catalyst to bring the two sides into negotiations which were successfully completed last Tuesday. The funders have this week now agreed a further time extension to the end of December.
- The Trust's lawyers are now pursuing the completion of the Engine Shed site purchase as a matter of urgency.
- The Natalie MacDonald land negotiations were delayed by a slow response to our lawyer's request for deeds and related documentation. The collection of documents has now been received by our lawyer. She is now working on these to determine what the deeds will allow the Trust to purchase with clear title, which is what the funders require.
- We hope that all this will lead to a successful conclusion of land purchase by the New Year. We anticipate calling an open meeting, hopefully to discuss the next stage – the actual building project – on a date to be notified in January 2007.

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Trust Secretary

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