



Update 9 – February 2007

GOOD NEWS AT LAST!

On Wednesday 31 January, the Trust became owners of:

- The old pump house and engine shed, with adjoining land, purchased from Richard and Sheila Demery
- The remnant of the McCowan estate within Cullipool conservation village purchased from Natalie McDonald – the village footprint with the exception of 94 exclusions of land already sold by the estate over the past 50 years
- The mineral rights in Cullipool village and to the north up to Stac na Morain, purchased from Natalie McDonald
- The mineral rights at Tir nan Oig, purchased from Natalie McDonald

The Trust's solicitor played a major role in this success, and we owe her a considerable debt of gratitude – as well as a lot of money! But it was money well earned. Our two principal funders, 75% Big Lottery Fund and 18.75% Scottish Community Land Fund, are also to be thanked, the latter particularly for their crucial practical support for the project through the final days of difficult negotiations.

The negotiations culminated in the Chairman and the Trust solicitor having to spend two full days in a Glasgow office, with a continual stream of emails, FAXes and telephone calls to several involved parties. Then a final dash up the motorway to Stirling to visit Natalie McDonald to enable the signing of the documents.

Come and see, and discuss, an exhibition of plans and other documents in Cullipool Village Hall on

Thursday 8 February 2007, 8.30 – 9.30 pm
(after JAM session finishes!)

All welcome

Heritage Interpretation Project

The Heritage Working Group is now making rapid progress on the Heritage Interpretation Project, and volunteer working parties can soon make a start on the slate plinths for the panels. Steve Pardue will visit the island again probably in late February.