



Bushmills 2020 Village Plan Steering Group Request for Minor Works Bushmills Visitor Information Centre	7th June 2017
Land and Property Sub-Committee For decision	

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On 20th February 2015 with the permission of the legacy council of Moyle the Brighter Bushmills Project Group undertook a community engagement project through community arts with residents of Bushmills, to improve the environment of the area around the Bushmills Visitor Information Centre and also the Dundarave Community 'Alphabet Angel' sculpture, an enhancement project for both local residents and international visitors using the facilities of the VIC and the National Trusts Park and Ride facility.
- 1.2 The project was successful through grant funding with council contribution of removing the security fencing at the side of VIC to give the overall feeling of a more welcoming environment. (See below before and after the removal of the security fencing)

2.0 Request

- 2.1 Following on from this successful environmental project carried out by the Brighter Bushmills Project Group the Bushmills 2020 Village Plan Steering Group are now requesting permission from the Council to further enhance the vicinity of the Bushmills VIC through;
1. Securing to the gable wall of the Visitor Information on Centre one 200cm x 90cm x 2.5cm and one 150cm x 90cm c 2.5cm non corrosive street display panel with black mount and Perspex for the purpose of displaying community artworks.
 2. Securing cut out portraiture above the artwork display panels on the gable end of the Visitor Information Centre. 160cm x 160cm x 2.5cm. This will be in high density Foamex, sprayed and heat sealed with zero maintenance. Similar to the 'Welcome to Dundarave' sign near the Park and Ride.
 3. Placement of a free standing street display panel adjacent to the gable wall of the Masonic Hall, 250cm x 90cm x 2.5cm mounted on two black poles into the ground for the purpose of displaying heritage content.

4. Replacement of current Perspex in three windows in the gable end of the Visitor Information on Centre. These will be in the same material but with relevant text relating to the art project.
5. Installation of two granite benches: One central to the artwork at the gable of the Visitor Information Centre and one at the area adjacent to the telephone box and council bin.

2.2 Before the Bushmills 2020 Village Plan Steering Group progress the project they would request that Council grants permission for the project which would then be fully developed with council officers at every stage and that Council adopts the items listed 1-5 above on its property. All items will be of the highest quality with the low to zero maintenance, meet required specifications and be installed by professional fitters.
Items 1 – 4 would have no cost to Council.
Item 5 would require installation to the ground and assistance from Council.

2.3 Further information will be presented to members at the meeting.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council grants permission for Bushmills 2020 Village Plan Steering Group to proceed with the project to enhance Bushmills Visitor Information Centre as detailed numbers 1-5 in Section 2 of the report and adopts the items on its property.



view after removal and re-alignment, plus wall painted prior to artwork installation.