



Chanonry Point Environmental Improvements

BACKGROUND

Chanonry Point has always been a popular destination for local visitors, but in recent years its resident dolphins have contributed to making it one of the ten most visited attractions in the Highlands.

The car park is owned by The Highland Council, but its growing popularity as a location for dolphin watching has meant that it is no longer keeping up with the demands of increased visitors and traffic. As such, it is often very congested during the summer months, and the site has generally become rather tired and scruffy with use. A feasibility study was carried out in 2010, which was funded by The Highland Council, the Scottish Government and the European Community Highland LEADER 2007-2013 Programme and the Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good Fund, and included much local consultation. This resulted in several early action improvements to the site, including some additional parking, the removal of unsightly overhead cables and the installation of an all abilities footpath to the viewing point.

THE EXHIBITION

The Highland Council recognises the need for further improvements to Chanonry Point. Money has been made available to carry out visitor management improvements to the car park and viewing point. We need to identify a suitable scope of works and may be able to apply for more funding, but at present £120K has been secured.

There is no space to make the car park any bigger, but we can still make things look better:

- upgrading the site's general appearance.
- improving the site's infrastructure.
- the creation of an informal visitor information point.

Today's exhibition shows ideas we've come up with so far. Let us know what you think.

MANY THANKS!!

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