

Museum set to expand space

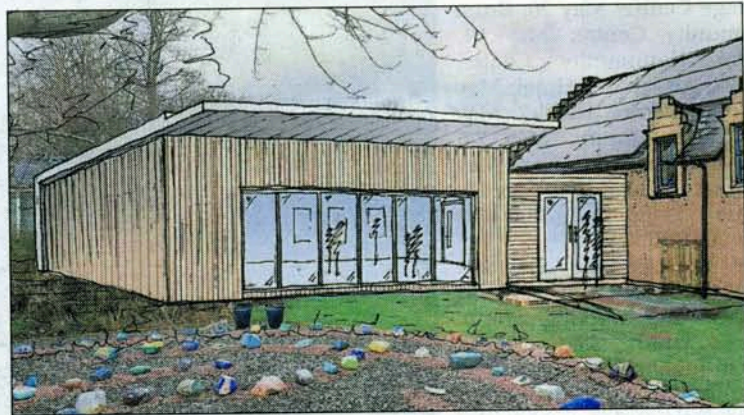
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WITH the 20th anniversary of the opening of Dornoch's five-star Historylinks Museum coming up in July, the trustees are setting the wheels in motion to extend the building because it is unable to show the majority of the artefacts in the archives.

Recently the annual revenue grant received from Highlife Highland has been halved and with this in mind, the trustees are committed to moving towards financial sustainability, free from dependence on the grant.

Additional space would not only allow more items to be put



A visual of the proposed exterior.

on show, but would also allow the museum to generate income from functions, classes and workshops

and for the building to become more multi-purpose.

Initial designs have been



Plans include a bright, open interior.

produced by local architect Catriona Hill. These will be on display within the museum over an Open Weekend to be held tomorrow and Sunday when admission will be free.

Local people are encouraged to come to see both the new displays for 2019, and the plans for the potential future development.

They will also be encouraged to give their feedback. Children can try the quizzes and dress up in period costumes.

Members of the newly formed Historylinks Young Curators Club will be playing an important part on the Saturday afternoon.

Clipboards in hand, they will be asking Dornoch residents and visitors what they think of the plans.

Lack of space at the museum means that the Young Curators Club meets every Wednesday in Dornoch Social Club, but the young people are especially looking forward to eventually having space within the museum to work on projects and create displays.

In addition there will be a fund-raising coffee morning tomorrow in the Dornoch Social Club where information regarding the proposed extension will also be available.