

Loan agreements with Historylinks Museum for Provost's Chain of Office, Robes and other related ceremonial items

BACKGROUND

On 8/10/2020 Phil Tomalin (Ward Manager) signed two separate 10-year loan agreements with Historylinks Museum on behalf of the Dornoch Common Good for the following items:

E0783 – Provost's Robes:

- 1 no. Red robe with tassels & ermine collar (2022_025_01 = Provost);
- 4 no. Black & Red robes; (2022_025_02 = Dean, _04 = Treasurer, _05 = Senior Bailie, 06 = Junior Bailie);
- 1 no. Black & Burgundy robe (2022_025_03 = Town Clerk);
- 2 no. Black bicorn hats (2022_025_07 & _08)
- 1 no. Various accoutrements (2022_025_09)

E0784 – Provost's Chain of Office:

- a) Solid Gold (18ct) Chain with 12 no. Shields, 1 no. Enamelled Crest & 1 no. Gold Figure (2022_027_001-014)
- b) Gold with green enamelled Shield with Dornoch coat of arms (2022_026_01)

All the above contained in a custom leather box

Following correspondence instigated by the DACC Chair, an email from PT on 17/2/23 stated that:

'following an examination of Dornoch Burgh Council minutes from 19 February 1975, Highland Council has reviewed the ownership of the Provost Chain and Robes. **I am writing to confirm that the Council accepts that the Chain and Robes do not belong to Highland Council** but were gifted to Dornoch Area Community Council via an intermediate trust. Therefore, please cancel the loan agreement for the Chain and Robes between Highland Council and Dornoch Heritage Society/ Historylinks Museum. You will need make a new agreement with the office bearers of Dornoch Area Community Council, assuming they elect to keep the items in the Museum.'

PROPOSAL

DACC members agree to authorise their Chair (Patrick Murray) to enter into a similar loan agreement with Historylinks Museum for them to be custodians of the above noted articles for a period of 10 years.

n.b. such an agreement does NOT transfer ownership of the articles and does NOT preclude the items being removed from the Museum, either temporarily or permanently, upon written request from DACC.

Jerry Bishop
Treasurer – DACC

April 2023

HISTORYLINKS, DORNOCH
MUSEUM OBJECT ENTRY FORM

LOAN

2022-025-01

No: E 0783

Received from: DORNOCH COMMON GOOD
Address: C/O PHIL TOMALIN
HIGHLAND COUNCIL
DRUMMUIE OFFICE
GOLSPAIE KWID BUE
Tel No: 01349 88606

Owner (if different):
Address:
Tel No:

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT/COLLECTION (note obvious damage, & any related information eg. when, where, or how was it found or used; names, dates & details of the people who made or previously owned it, etc. Continue on a new sheet if necessary)

Provost Robes
4 Black and Red Robes
1 Black and burgundy Robe
1 Red Robe with tassels and ermine collar
2 Black bicorn hats
Accessories 09

02 Dean 04 Treasurer
03 Town Clerk 05 Senior Bailie
06 Junior Bailie
01-06

Review 01

Total no. of items: 8

REASON FOR ENTRY (tick as applicable, and sign)
 Donation - I offer to donate the object(s) listed above to the museum's governing body.
 Sale - I offer to sell the object(s) listed above to the museum's governing body (price sought £).
 Loan - I offer to loan the object(s) listed above for the use of the museum's governing body for a period of 10 YEARS months.
 Identification - I leave the object(s) listed above for identification & undertake to collect these no later than 4 weeks from today.

I confirm that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, & that I accept the terms and conditions described overleaf.
Signed: [Signature] Date: 8/10/20

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT (DONATIONS/SALES ONLY) (tick as applicable, and sign)
 I, the owner, confirm that I have undisputed title to the object(s) listed above, with full power to dispose of the items and transfer such title to the museum's governing body. OR
 I, the depositor acting on behalf of the owner(s), confirm that the owner(s) have undisputed title to the object(s) listed above, with full power to dispose of the items and transfer such title to the museum's governing body, & that I am authorised by the owner(s) to act on their behalf to that effect.

The title in the objects listed above, & subject to the conditions overleaf, is hereby transferred to the governing body of the museum.
Signed: X Date:

MUSEUM SIGNATORY
Receipt of the object(s) described above is hereby acknowledged.
Signed: [Signature] Date: 8/10/2020
on behalf of the museum's governing body

RETURN OF OBJECT TO OWNER (tick as applicable, and sign)
I, the depositor/owner, acknowledge the return of the object(s) described above in a satisfactory condition following:
 identification
 the end of the period of loan
 the museum's governing body declining to accept the donation, loan or purchase of the object(s)
Signed: Countersigned (for museum): Date:

E0783

2022_025_01 Images + a to e

Collection of Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Robes

A collection of Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Robes on loan to Historylinks Museum from the Highland Council for safe keeping, with an initial loan period of 10 years subject to renewal. The first in the collection is the red Ceremonial Robe of the Dornoch Provost with ermine collar and decorative tassels. [The linked pdf provides additional images of the robe.]

2022_025_02 Images + a to c

Second in the collection is the Dean's robe in black with red cuffs and collar yoke. The robe has the maker's label of Stark Brothers [Edin] Ltd, 7 to 9 South Bridge, Edinburgh.

2022_025_03 Images + a to d

Third in the collection is the Dean's robe in black with burgundy cuffs and collar yoke. The robe has decorative black tassels and a maker's label of Stark Brothers [Edin] Ltd, 7 to 9 South Bridge, Edinburgh.

2022_025_04 Images + a to c

Fourth in the collection is the Treasurer's robe in black with red facings. The rear collar yoke has pleating and a cord and ball tassel. The robe has a maker's label of Stark Brothers [Edin] Ltd, 7 to 9 South Bridge, Edinburgh.

2022_025_05 Images + a to c

Fifth in the collection is the Senior Bailie's robe in black with red facings, collar yoke and sleeve bands. The robe has a maker's label of Stark Brothers [Edin] Ltd, 7 to 9 South Bridge, Edinburgh.

2022_025_06 Images + a to c

Sixth in the collection is the Junior Bailie's robe in black with red facings, collar yoke and sleeve bands. The robe has a maker's label of Stark Brothers [Edin] Ltd, 7 to 9 South Bridge, Edinburgh.

2022_025_07 Image + r & c

Black bicorn hat with decorative side panel. Printed in gold on the inside top of the hat is a shield type maker's mark with wording: 'Extra Quality'; 'By Special Appointment'; Lincoln Bennett, Sackman? Street, Piccadilly, London.

2022_025_08 Image + r & c

Black bicorn hat with decorative side panel. Printed on the inside top of the hat is a maker's mark with wording: 'Lincoln Bennett, Hatters, Piccadilly, London.'

2022_025_09

Ceremonial accoutrements, a brown envelope with label 'Gloves and crepe for the Halberds'. The crepe is shown outside the envelope, which has a return address printed at top left 'Bryce(?) Jones Ltd, The Royal Welsh Warehouse, Newton, Montgomeryshire'

**HISTORYLINKS, DORNOCH
MUSEUM OBJECT ENTRY FORM**

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2022-026-01 + P
2022-027-01-01A

No: **E 0784**

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HIGHLAND COUNCIL
DRUMMIE OFFICE
GOLSPIE KW10 6UE**
Tel No: **01349 886606**

Owner (if different):
Address:
Tel No:

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT/COLLECTION (note obvious damage, & any related information eg. when, where, or how was it found or used; names, dates & details of the people who made or previously owned it, etc. Continue on a new sheet if necessary)

Chain of office
a) Solid gold chain with 12 shields 2022-027,001-01A
1 enamelled crest
1 gold figure
b) Gold with green enamel
Enamelled shield with Dornoch Coat of Arms 2022-026
01 + 01A
In leather box

Total no. of items: **2**

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Signed: *x Ruthie* Date: 8/10/20

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Signed: Date:

MUSEUM SIGNATORY

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Signed: *[Signature]* Date: 8/10/2020
on behalf of the museum's governing body

RETURN OF OBJECT TO OWNER (tick as applicable, and sign)

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 the museum's governing body declining to accept the donation, loan or purchase of the object(s)

Signed: Countersigned (for museum): Date:

E0784 text

2022_026-001 Images + r

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – Enamelled shield

An enamelled shield with the Dornoch Coat of Arms, part of the Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia. The shield is of gold with green enamel and held in a leather box.

2022_027_001

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia - Chain of Office

A solid gold chain of 12 shields, with a central front enamelled crest and at the central back position a gold figure, designed to be upright when the chain is worn. Two of the 12 shields, those either side of the enamelled crest, are blank with the remainder bearing inscriptions of those holding the Office of Provost with relevant dates. The chain is held in a leather box.

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Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia - Central enamelled crest

The gold and enamelled crest at the front central position of the Provost's Chain of Office. There is a small loop at the bottom of the shield, presumably for a means of securing the position of the shield on the robe of office.

2022_027_003 Images + r

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia - example of a blank shield

The shields to the right and left of the central enamelled crest are blank, the remainder being inscribed with Provosts' names and dates of Office.

2022_027_004

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia - 1st engraved shield of Chain of Office

Working anti-clockwise from the central enamelled crest, the first engraved shield bears the inscription 'James Grant MacDonald Provost 1846 - 1953' beneath which there is a second inscription 'Rev Wm MacLeod Provost 1853 - 1955'.

2022_027_005

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – 2nd engraved shield of Chain of Office

Working anti-clockwise from the central enamelled crest, the second engraved shield bears the inscription 'James MacLachlan Provost 1904 - 1913' beneath which there is a second inscription 'Rev William G Moore Provost 1913 – 1919'.

2022_027_006

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – 3rd engraved shield of Chain of Office

Working anti-clockwise from the central enamelled crest, the third engraved shield bears the inscription 'George Granville KG Provost 1833 - 1861' beneath which there is a second inscription 'George Granville William Duke & Earl of Sutherland Provost 1861 – 1888'.

2022_027_007

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – 4th engraved shield of Chain of Office

Working anti-clockwise from the central enamelled crest, the fourth engraved shield bears the inscription 'William 22nd Earl of Sutherland Provost 1750 - 52 56 - 66' beneath which there is a third inscription 'Lt Gen James St Clair of St Clair Provost 1752 - 55'.

2022_027_008

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – 5th engraved shield of Chain of Office

Working anti-clockwise from the central enamelled crest, the fifth engraved shield bears the inscription 'John 18th Earl of S 1625 - 1663.' beneath which there is a second inscription 'George 19th Earl of Suth 1663 - 1703'.

2022-027-009 Images + r

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – Rear facing central gold figure

This image shows the rear central gold figure in an upright position, which is how it would be viewed on the back of the person wearing the Chain of Office. The reverse of the gold figure is plain.

2022_027_010

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – 6th engraved shield of Chain of Office

Working anti-clockwise from the central enamelled crest, the sixth engraved shield bears the inscription 'John 20th Earl of Sutherland Provost 1703 - 1729.' beneath which there is a second inscription 'William 21st Earl of Sutherland Provost 1729 - 1753'.

2022_027_011

Dornoch Burgh Ceremonial Regalia – 7th engraved shield of Chain of Office

Working anti-clockwise from the central enamelled crest, the seventh engraved shield bears the inscription 'The Hon James Wemyss of Wemyss Provost 1766 - 1775.' beneath which there is a second inscription 'George Granville Duke of Sutherland Provost 1785 - 1833'.