

Title of Report:	Andrew Bonar Law Memorial Project
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 December 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Leisure and Development

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the requests from the Andrew Bonar Law Memorial Project to the Committee for consideration.

2.0 Introduction

Council received the correspondence from the Secretary of the Andrew Bonar Law Memorial Project at **Annex A**, which was considered by the Leisure and Development Committee in November 2021. The Committee directed that a report be presented by officers at the December Committee to outline the options to support the project.

3.0 Background

The attached correspondence outlines the connection with the Council area.

In addition to the historical context in the correspondence, we have confirmed that Bonnar Law's father is buried in Portrush and his family are remembered in two stained glass memorial windows in Ballywillan Presbyterian Church, Portrush.

4.0 Fund Raising

The Andrew Bonar Law Memorial Project is a fully constituted group with the necessary articles to be eligible for Council funding. With an aim of raising £20k, the Group's fundraising efforts to date have raised £15k of monies necessary to form the bust by artist and sculpture Helen B Runciman.

The committed funds are subject to Council's support.

5.0 The Request to Council

The request to Council is for the following:

- An expression of support for the project.
- Permission to permanently display the bust in Coleraine Town Hall in a mutually agreed position.
- A contribution to the costs involved.

6.0 Funding Options

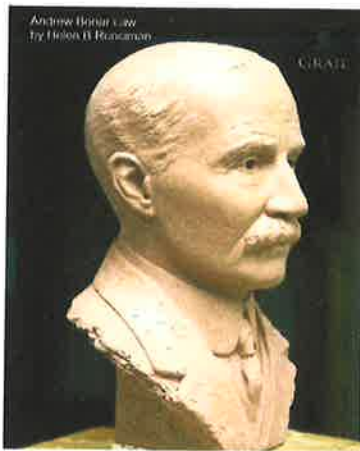
The relevant grant funding programme is the approved Culture Art and Heritage Grants Programme approved by Council in November 2021 for the 22/23 financial period.

With a maximum grant award of £1000, organisations have to demonstrate how their organisation contributes to any one of the following Culture, Arts and Heritage Aims identified in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy 2016-2021.

- Enhancing Our Cultural Venues and Assets.
- Investing in Creative learning and Skills Development.
- History, Heritage and Cultural Tourism.

7.0 Recommendation

Members are requested to consider the request to support the project, locate the bust of Andrew Bonar Law, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in the Town Hall and contribute funds accordingly through the Culture Art and Heritage Grants Programme subject to eligibility and assessment.



THE ANDREW BONAR LAW MEMORIAL PROJECT

Mr David Jackson

Chief Executive

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

20/10/2021

Dear 

As I believe you will be aware the centenary of Andrew Bonar Law becoming Prime Minister of the United Kingdom falls next year followed by the centenary of his death in 2023. The home of the Law family was at Maddybenny near Portrush which lies within the current Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. Andrew Bonar Law retained his very strong links to the local area throughout his life and was a very strong supporter of the people of Ulster. An indication of the strength of the ties the family have to the area is that his son, Richard, after a very distinguished political career of his own chose the title of Lord Coleraine on his elevation to the peerage.

In recognition of his contribution to the formation of Northern Ireland, his long and influential political career, and his close ties to Coleraine we have created a properly constituted group to create a memorial to Andrew Bonar Law in the form of a bust (as pictured above), this has been commissioned from well known Scottish artist and sculptor Helen B Runciman. We will also produce literature and hold public events explaining his life, work and the local context. The total budget is £20k of which we have a substantial amount committed based on the support of the Council for this project.

Our requests to the Council are:

1. An expression of support for the project
2. Permission to permanently display the bust in Coleraine Town Hall in a mutually agreeable position
3. A contribution to the costs involved.

Yours Sincerely

David Harding MBE 

Secretary

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