



## **Press release from The Glendale Trust**

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### **The Glendale Trust receives community support to establish a permanent Heritage and Cultural Centre for Glendale**

The Glendale trust hosted as public meeting last night the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in front of an audience of over seventy members of the community. The Glendale Trust presented their business plan to establish a permanent heritage and cultural centre which was followed by a discussion on the plan.

At the end of the meeting the audience were asked whether they were for or against the proposal to host a permanent facility in the mothballed Borrodale School. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the plan.

The meeting was attended by local councillor, Ian Renwick with no less than five Highland MSPs noting their apologies, Rob Gibson, Rhoda Grant, Peter Peacock, David Stewart and Dave Thompson.

Speaking after the meeting, the chairman of The Glendale Trust, Ian Blackford said:

“We are delighted that those at the public meeting have given their backing to our plan. We will now continue with our process of consultation with the community and begin the effort to raise the funding necessary to establish the heritage and cultural centre.

This is an important development for Glendale and we are most excited about the potential of building a heritage and cultural centre we can all be proud of and of course one that will tell the story of Glendale and its people.

This initiative will encourage tourism to the north west of Skye and will create much needed jobs in a fragile community.

We believe we have a strong case to put to Highland Council to allow us to use the mothballed Borrodale School for the benefit of the community and sustaining the use of the building for an educational and social use.”

#### **Notes for editors**

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