

Case information

Case ID	300018228
File Reference	AMH/309/16
Name of Site	Kennedy Monument

Local Authority	South Ayrshire		
National Grid Reference	NX 08379 82441		
Designation No. (if any)	SM309		
Designation Type	Scheduled Monument	Current Category of Listing	N/A
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	09/09/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove monument from the Schedule.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Kennedy Monument is scheduled monument SM309. The entry in the Schedule is dated 31/08/1953.

Remains of Former Church is also a category A listed building (LB869) and was listed on 14/04/1971. It is in Ballantrae Parish.

2.2 Development Proposals

Not checked as part of this project.

3. Assessment

3.1 Assessment information

The monument was considered for removal as part of the Dual Designation project. This is a nationwide project to review structures which are both listed as buildings of

special architectural or historic interest and scheduled as monuments of national importance. Where appropriate the 'dual designation' of structures is being removed and they are being listed or scheduled depending on their individual circumstances. Removing dual designations will help to provide clarity for the future management of sites.

The site was not visited and the present assessment is desk-based, using available information and has included reference to recent photographs.

The site consists of the remains of a memorial church to Gilbert Kennedy circa 1601-1605. It was erected into the parish church in 1617 and was abandoned and mostly demolished to provide building material for the new church in 1819. In 1827 it was proposed that the site of the old church should be cleared, trenched and sown with grass for use as a burial ground. Virtually the only part remaining is the original Kennedy burial aisle. Otherwise a baulk containing wall foundations is intermittently visible but it is impossible to determine precise dimensions. The Kennedy monument is roofed and the only element of the site scheduled; it is more appropriately designated as listed building rather than a scheduled monument.

3.2 Assessment against designation criteria

An assessment against the Scheduling criteria was not carried out as the importance of the structure will continue to be recognised through its designation as a listed building.

The designation criteria are published in the Historic Environment Scotland policy statement June 2016, Annex 1 (Scheduling), pp. 48-50 and Annex 2 (Listing), pp. 51-53. <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/historic-environment-scotland-policy-statement/>.

3.3 Other considerations

As part of the Dual Designation project, we have reviewed the structures at this site and concluded that listing is the most appropriate mechanism to secure the protection of this structure as a building of national importance.

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