Ms. Bridget Loughlin,

Heritage Officer,

Kildare County Council.

**Re: Passlands Graveyard Monasterevin, Heritage Grant Final Report.**

Dear Bridget,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for granting us a Heritage grant of €1200 towards the restoration and conservation of Passlands Graveyard.

Our Final Report is as follows:

**1.Heritage Event:**

An historical walk and talk by Barry Walsh (local historian) was held in Passlands Graveyard on Saturday 25th May from 2-4pm.

**2. Progress to Date:**

A major clean-up has been undertaken and continuous maintenance is now in place. We have received assistance under the Tús and Community Employment Schemes. Employees working with both schemes are assisted and mentored by Eamon Brereton a member of our graveyard committee. Our current focus is the restoration of the railings within the graveyard. These railings are extensive and many are broken and decayed. In many cases they have become detached from the original masonry. The loose railings are a health and safety hazard. We have consulted a local engineering company (Coole Engineering Ltd.) and they have carried out an extensive survey of the graveyard.

We have received a quotation for €9238.90 from Coole Engineering Ltd.to complete all remedial and replacement work on the railings. This quotation was received following a meeting between Tom Delaney (Coole Engineering), yourself and members of the graveyard committee.

The heritage grant has enabled us to begin the restoration of the railings.

Restoration includes replacement of mid cast iron stands, manufacture of new corner stands and replacement of horizontal bars. All ironwork will be galvanised, painted black and fitted to reconstructed kerbing.

A stone mason recommended by yourself will visit the graveyard to advise and assist

with all masonry needs when he becomes available.

We thank you for your assistance with our project.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Murphy.

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CC

Ms. Emma Behan (Planning and Heritage Section) Kildare County Council.

Ms Patricia Buckley, (Chairperson Passlands Graveyard Committee).

Mrs. Mary Sweeney, (Secretary Passlands Graveyard Committee).

Ms. Breda Connolly, (Treasurer Passlands Graveyard Committee).

Ms. Marian Walsh, (Passlands Graveyard Committee).

Mr. Eamon Brereton, (Passlands Graveyard Committee).