

Vernon Mount House Report 25th July 2016

Most unfortunately, it has been reported that there was a fire at Vernon Mount House on the evening of 24th July 2016 and the site is being treated as a crime scene (presumably arson).

Over many years Cork County Council has been assisting the owners through their local agent to make structural repairs to the roof of the house. Below is a summary of the work carried out to date on behalf of the owners by Cork County Council.

- In 2012, part of the roof was repaired at a total cost of €106,000 (including security, supervision, slates and main contractors invoice). Part of this amount was off set against funds allocated from the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht.
- In 2014, there was further damage to the roof as a result of the winter gales. Cork County Council engaged the services of consultants to assist in the repairs to the roof and this was carried out during October – November 2014 at a total cost of €63,100 (including contractors invoice, security, slates and consultants fees). Part of this amount was off set against funds allocated from the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht of €44,850.
- In early July this year following reports of damage to the wall by vandals, County Council alerted the owner's representative to the damage and they subsequently advised the Council that repairs were carried out by them on 10th July 2016.

The County Council were recently engaging with consultants to make a further assessment of the house.