

# Colony house proposal gets a new site



Plans afoot: Discussing the possibility of a Colony House at Archaeolink are (from left) Jennifer Fagen, Colin Shepherd and Jackie Cumberbirch. Photograph by Ellice Milton

## Parent conference

**T**HE BAILIES of Bennachie held a meeting at Archaeolink with manager Donald Fraser and education officer Karen Hudson on Tuesday, October 13 to discuss the possibility of a Colony House being built at the prehistory park.

The Bailies have had work parties involved in clearing scrub from around the Colony houses on Bennachie for several years now and have had the services of archaeologist Colin

Shepherd doing a twice yearly survey of the site with the work parties and he now has an accurate map of what they have found.

Two years ago this work led former Senior Bailie James Mackay to propose that a Colony House be reconstructed as a historical site/monument and the Bailies were agreed that it would be a worthwhile project.

However, there were so many problems due to planning, health and safety and worries about vandalism that Forest Enterprise who own the ground

were not in a position to grant permission for the project.

Since then the management at Archaeolink heard about this idea and thought that it could be a project more suitable on a site such as theirs.

The discussion proved to be fruitful and there was a general agreement that Archaeolink may be the correct site for the project, especially since they have recently become the home for artefacts from a Deeside house of Colony vintage.

It was also agreed that the project should have a timescale of five years for it to be built.