

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

#### **HOSPITALITE DE NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES UK – 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

#### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Committee to consider an application received from Notre Dame De Lourdes UK for a contribution towards their 150<sup>th</sup> Annual AGM and Reunion to be held in Kilmarnock on 4 November 2006.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Notre Dame De Lourdes UK is the UK based branch of an international organisation set up to facilitate voluntary service in aid of sick pilgrims in Lourdes, France.
- 2.2 The UK branch meets every year in a different locations. Previous venues have been in Cambridge, Manchester, London, Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- 2.3 The Galloway Diocese, which includes East Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway, has approximately 100 members of which approximately 25 are from East Ayrshire.
- 2.4 The group propose to host an event in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock on 3-4 November 2006, involving approximately 300 members from the UK and Europe.
- 2.5 On Saturday 4 November 2006, the group will begin the day with Mass at St Joseph's Church, then they will have the AGM at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, followed by hopefully, a Civic Welcome by the Provost and an evening Dinner and Dance.

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The group has advised that the total cost of the event will be approximately £12,000. This includes accommodation, meals and meeting venues.
- 3.2 The group has requested a contribution of £2,000.

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Council Policy for dealing with applications for recognition of anniversary celebrations from local groups, establishments etc approved by this Sub-Committee on 31 January 2001, recommends that 125<sup>th</sup> – 175<sup>th</sup> anniversaries should be awarded £3 per year up to and including 100<sup>th</sup> year and £1.50 per

year thereafter. Therefore, the recommended contribution for a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary would be £375.

**5. LEGAL/COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES – Nil**

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6.1** The Committee is asked:-

- (i) consider the request from Notre Dame De Lourdes UK for a contribution of £2,000 towards the event; and
- (ii) to remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support in consultation with the Chair.

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Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

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25 May 2006

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Application for Civic Hospitality from Notre Dame De Lourdes UK.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers in respect of this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576129.

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