

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 26 JANUARY 2005

DARVEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING

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 that the Sub-Committee consider an application received from Darvel Community Council to provide support for an event to be held to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the death of Sir Alexander Fleming.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Darvel Community Council will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the death of Sir Alexander Fleming, a Darvel native, by hosting two events this year.
- 2.2** They will hold a memorial Church service on Sunday 6 March 2005 in Darvel Parish Church and a lecture and exhibition in Darvel Town Hall on Tuesday 8 March 2005.
- 2.3** The Community Council are applying for hospitality in the form of a finger buffet to be served at the lecture/exhibition and also the costs involved with the hire of the Town Hall.
- 2.4** The lecture/exhibition will be attended by 50-60 people which will include the Provost, local MP and MSP, local Elected Members, Council Officials and Community Council members.
- 2.5** The lecture/exhibition will also be open to senior biology students from East Ayrshire Schools and also members of the public.

3. PREVIOUS ASSISTANCE

- 3.1** Darvel and District Community Council/Darvel Improvement Group were awarded £400 by this Sub-Committee on 23 May 2001 for a civic reception to mark the opening of a heritage garden in Darvel in July 2001.
- 3.2** Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Committee were awarded £180 by the Policy and Resources Committee on 4 October 2001 towards a reception and buffet held on 27 October 2001 to mark the unveiling of Memorial Cairn to the SAS, a regiment which trained in Darvel in 1944.

4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 4.1 The cost of providing a finger buffet, tea/coffee, fruit juice and mineral water for 60 people and the hire of Darvel Town Hall for the lecture/exhibition would be approximately £400.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Council policy for dealing with applications for recognition of Anniversary Celebrations from local groups, establishments etc was approved by this Sub-Committee on 31 January 2001 and recommended 25th to 100th Anniversary celebrations equals £3.00 per year, so therefore, for a 50th Anniversary Celebration the recommended amount would be £3.00 x 50 = £150.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from Darvel Community Council for the provision of a finger buffet and hall hire costs; and
- (ii) remit the necessary arrangements to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for Civic Hospitality from Darvel Community Council.

Any person wishing to inspect background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on Tel No (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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