

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KILMARNOCK

Report by 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 the Rotary Club of Kilmarnock seeking a contribution towards a Rotary Club of Kilmarnock Centenary Dinner for Rotary International to take place in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock on 18 February 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Rotary Club of Kilmarnock is a member of Rotary International, a world fellowship of business and professional people, united in the ideal of service both within the local community and internationally.
- 2.2** The principal international project over the past few years has been the eradication of polio, while locally a number of organisations such as Hansel Village, CHAS and the Ayrshire Hospice have received contributions from members. In addition, annually, the club has involvement with senior pupils of Secondary Schools within the Kilmarnock area.
- 2.3** Rotary International was founded in February 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. To commemorate the event the Rotary Club of Kilmarnock has organised a Centenary Dinner to take place in the Park Hotel, Rugby Park, Kilmarnock.
- 2.4** Given the town's association with Robert Burns and the time of year, the club's governing body decided that a dinner in the form of a Burns Supper would be appropriate.
- 2.5** It is hoped that 150 plus will attend the dinner. In addition to members of the Kilmarnock Club, invitations have been extended to the Rotary Clubs of Cumnock and of Loudoun and to the Constituency Member of Parliament and Member of the Scottish Parliament. Provost Darnbrough, the Chief Executive and partners have also been invited.

3. PREVIOUS ASSISTANCE

- 3.1** The group received a contribution of £225, awarded by this Sub-Committee on 11 September 2002, towards the cost of their 75th Anniversary Dinner.

4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

4.1 The total cost of the event is estimated by the Club as being £3,750. The group are requesting a contribution of £300.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The 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 25th to 100th anniversaries equals £3 per year, so therefore, for a centenary celebration the recommended amount would be £3 x 100 = £300.

6. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the Rotary Club of Kilmarnock for a contribution of £300 towards their Centenary celebrations for Rotary International; and
- (ii) remit the necessary arrangements, including Council representation, 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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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for Civic Hospitality from the Rotary Club of Kilmarnock.

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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