

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 16 MARCH 2005

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY, SCOTTISH NATIONAL COUNCIL

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 the Catholic Men's Society, Scottish National Council, for a contribution towards the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Catholic Men's Society in Scotland.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Catholic Men's Society was founded in Scotland at their branch in Kilmarnock (St Joseph's). It is a fraternal society to promote education, welfare and social amenities in the local community.
- 2.2** The Society has a long record of promoting charities at home and abroad and sporting and youth communities.
- 2.3** The 150th Anniversary will take place in Kilmarnock on 21 and 22 October 2005.
- 2.4** On 21 October 2005, an informal social evening will be held at St Joseph's RC Hall and on Saturday 22 October 2005 there will be a high mass at St Joseph's collaborated by Cardinal Keith O'Brien and Bishop Cunningham and Graeme followed by the reception at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, which will be attended by approximately 150 people including civic and church dignitaries followed by a dinner/dance in the hotel.
- 2.5** The reception will be attended by local MP's and Councillors, Cardinal O'Brien, Roman Catholic Bishops of Galloway, Catholic Men's Society Presidents of Great Britain, Ireland, Scotland and National Chaplains.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The group has requested that the Council provide a pre-dinner drinks reception at the Park Hotel and has requested a contribution of between £375.00 and £500.00 for this aspect of the event, which has been costed, by the Group, at approximately £600.00.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** 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 125th to 175th Anniversary equals £3.00 per year up to and including 100th year and £1.50 per year thereafter, so therefore, for a 150th Anniversary celebration, the recommended amount would be £375.00.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the Catholic Men's Society, Scottish National Council, for a contribution towards their 150th Anniversary celebration; and
- (ii) 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

2 March 2005

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for Civic Hospitality from the Catholic Men's Society, Scottish National Council.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number 01563 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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