

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2006

ST THOMAS' CHURCH – CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Sub-Committee to consider an application received from St Thomas' Centenary Committee for a contribution towards a civic dinner to celebrate the centenary of the Church being opened.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 St Thomas' Church, Muirkirk celebrates the centenary of the current Church being opened in July 1906. The Centenary Committee has been formed to organise various events to mark this centenary.
- 2.2 On Monday 3 July 2006, a Centenary Mass will take place attended by Bishop Cunningham. It is then planned to hold a civic reception in St Thomas' Church Hall, Muirkirk.
- 2.3 The local parishioners and ex-parishioners will be invited to attend together with representatives from East Ayrshire Council and the anticipated number is in the region of 100.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the event, as estimated by the group, will be approximately £824 and the group has requested a contribution of £300.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Council policy for dealing with applications for recognition of anniversary celebrations from local groups, establishments etc, approved by the Sub Committee on 31 January 2001 recommends that 25th – 100th anniversary celebrations equals £3 per year so, therefore, for 100th anniversary the recommended amount would be £3 multiplied by 100 = £300.

5. LEGAL/COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES - Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:

- (i) consider the request from St Thomas' Centenary Committee for a contribution worth £300 towards the event; 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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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for Civic Hospitality from St Thomas' Centenary Committee dated 18 January 2006

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

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