

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS SERVICES' AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 MAY 2004

VOLUNTEER CENTRE, EAST AYRSHIRE

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Sub-Committee of a request from the Volunteer Centre, East Ayrshire for the Council to host a civic reception on 4 June 2004 for volunteers.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Volunteer Centre was established in 2000 to promote and develop volunteering throughout East Ayrshire. They assist individuals by offering information on volunteer opportunities and assist groups by offering help and advice on volunteering issues including recruiting volunteers and volunteer policies.
- 2.2 In the year 2003/04 the centre recruited over 250 volunteers to local groups. They now have 250+ volunteer involving groups on their database and have worked with many of them to widen the range of volunteer tasks available and encourage diversity of volunteers.
- 2.3 This year is the 20th National Volunteers Week and is an opportunity to recognise, reward and also recruit volunteers. This event is designed to focus on the work of the Community Meals Volunteers.
- 2.4 The Volunteer Centre has advised that they have provisionally booked Cumnock Town Hall on Friday 4 June 2004 for the event. There will be approximately 80 attending consisting of 3 representatives of each of the lunch club services in East Ayrshire to receive an award plus 3 special awards for the youngest/oldest volunteers etc. There will also be 4 staff/volunteers from the Volunteer Centre and representatives from East Ayrshire Council.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of the event to include a finger buffet, tea and coffee, hall hire, administration and certificates would be approximately £500.
- 3.2 The group has requested a contribution of £415.70.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The work of the East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency supports the Councils partnership approach to working with voluntary organisations and the Councils commitment to social inclusion.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the Volunteer Centre, East Ayrshire for a contribution of £415.70 towards the civic reception to take place on 4 June 2004; and
- (ii) remit the necessary arrangements to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair.

Fiona Lees
Chief Executive

29 April 2004

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for civic hospitality from the Volunteer Centre, East Ayrshire.

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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