

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 6TH FEBRUARY 2002

QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the committee of the current situation in relation to Her Majesty The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Her Majesty The Queen has approved details of a programme of celebrations during 2002, the focal point of which will be the Jubilee Weekend period covering the 1st to 4th June. During May and July 2002, Her Majesty will pay visits to all parts of the UK. Monday 3rd June has also been designated as a public holiday.
- 2.2 To help local communities mark and celebrate the Jubilee, Lottery Funding will be available from the Arts Council, the Sports Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Community Fund and the New Opportunities Fund. Voluntary organisations and local groups in the community will be able to apply through the cross-distributor 'Awards for All' fund for grants of between £500 and £5000 for Jubilee related projects. Projects must meet existing criteria and involve one or more of the Lottery good causes. Undoubtedly, there will also be requests for financial assistance through the Community Grant scheme.
- 2.3 The Golden Jubilee Office has produced an extensive 'tool-kit' covering all aspects of running a minor to a major event. This 'tool-kit' will be invaluable to event organisers and has been issued to all Community Councils with further copies available in libraries.
- 2.4 Cumnock Community Council is the only community council to date who have indicated that they are planning events and arrangements have not yet been finalised.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Consideration is being given within Community Services to rebranding existing events to mark the Jubilee since no specific events are planned or budgeted for.
- 3.2 Community Services officers will to provide a link for Jubilee Events in East Ayrshire by:
- Supplying 'tool-kits' to interested parties;
 - Providing assistance / advice to organising groups; and

- Co-ordinating the hire of Community Services facilities and equipment.

3.3 The majority of Primary Schools in East Ayrshire are planning a variety of events to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. They range from “garden parties” to the Royal Yacht Britannia.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Community Services officers will act in a co-ordinating role for voluntary groups seeking assistance in the organisation of Jubilee Events.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that -

- (i) the Director of Community Services provides information and assistance where possible to external organisations wishing to celebrate the Queen’s Golden Jubilee; and
- (ii) the Committee note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA