

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 17 SEPTEMBER 2003

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 9 NOVEMBER 2003

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the arrangements made in respect of Remembrance Day Services held in East Ayrshire in 2002 and to propose the arrangements to be made for this year's Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Remembrance Day Services throughout East Ayrshire are organised by local organisations and individuals within the community, with the exception of the Service at the War Memorial in Kilmarnock which is organised by the Council's Community Services Department on behalf of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.
- 2.2 The Service in Kilmarnock last year was taken jointly by the Reverend Janet Mathieson and Major T Frost, Salvation Army. Flight Lieutenant McCall of the Air Training Corps acted as Parade Commander and music was provided by the Salvation Army Band and Kilmarnock Pipe Band. Mrs G Cairns represented the Royal British Legion. Provost Boyd, on behalf of the Council, commenced the laying of wreaths at Kilmarnock War Memorial.
- 2.3 In relation to Services held in towns and villages outwith Kilmarnock the appropriate staff liaised with elected members who were provided with a wreath to lay on behalf of the Council.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 In relation to Services outwith Kilmarnock it is proposed that staff of the Community Services Department again liaise with elected members and local organisations regarding the attendance of the former at those Services.
- 3.2 Wreaths will be purchased for those members who attend Services outwith Kilmarnock. The cards on the wreaths will be left blank to allow elected members to write their own personal message of remembrance on behalf of the Council. In previous years wreaths have been purchased with the Council's logo as an insert. It is suggested that similar wreaths be purchased this year.

- 3.3 It is proposed that the Kilmarnock Service again be of an ecumenical nature, subject to availability of clergy, and that the details of the Order of Service be agreed with those who participate this year.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the Order of Wreath Laying be as it was last year and a draft Order is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Based on last year's costs it is anticipated that the costs of wreaths (with insert) for elected members, one advertisement in the Kilmarnock Standard and a public address system will total approximately £1,000 to be met from the Democratic Process budget.
- 4.2 There will be staffing and other costs which cannot be quantified at present. These include inspection and, if necessary, cleaning of war memorials and the making available of suitable accommodation in the Dick Institute immediately prior to the Service, and during the Service in the event of inclement weather.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Staff of the Community Services Department could continue to make arrangements for elected members who wish to attend Remembrance Day Services within their own wards or in Kilmarnock.
- 7.2 Community Services staff could liaise with the appropriate organisations and elected members to organise the Remembrance Day Service to be held at the War Memorial in Kilmarnock.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to make the necessary arrangements, as detailed in this report, in relation to the Kilmarnock Service and for elected members' attendance at Remembrance Services throughout East Ayrshire.

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Director of Community Services

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Licensing and Community Safety file nos. R/02/02 to 06 - Remembrance Day 1996 to 2002.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for Mr John Crawford, Head of Protective Services.

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KILMARNOCK SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

9 NOVEMBER 2003

DRAFT ORDER OF WREATH LAYING

1. EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
 - ❖ PROVOST DARNBROUGH
 - ❖ LEADERSHIP OF ADMINISTRATION
 - ❖ LEADERSHIP OF OPPOSITION
2. DES BROWNE, MP
3. MARGARET JAMIESON, MSP
4. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
5. BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION
6. STRATHCLYDE POLICE
7. STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE
8. ARMY CADET FORCE
9. AIR TRAINING CORPS
10. SALVATION ARMY
11. BRITISH RED CROSS
12. THE BOYS' BRIGADE - KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN DISTRICT BATTALION
13. KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION
14. KILMARNOCK PIPE BAND
15. AYRSHIRE MASONIC ORDER
16. KILMARNOCK MASONIC LODGES
17. OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS PRESENT WISHING TO LAY WREATHS