

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 4 OCTOBER 2001

DARVEL IMPROVEMENT GROUP HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to request that the Committee consider an application from Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Committee for a financial contribution towards a reception and buffet to be held on Saturday 27 October 2001 to mark the unveiling of a memorial cairn to the SAS, a regiment which trained in Darvel in 1944.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Darvel Improvement Group (DIG) was established in January 2001 as a direct follow-up to the highly successful Millennium Committee. DIG's aim is to improve the quality of life in the town. DIG has three sub-groups which are the Social Committee, the Environment Committee and the Heritage Committee, all working towards these common aims.
- 2.2** The memorial cairn is to be erected on the town green in Burn Road, Darvel and the reception and buffet will be held in Darvel Town Hall immediately afterwards.
- 2.3** The reception will be attended by approximately 60 people comprising of members of the original SAS regiment who settled in Darvel, members of the Heritage Committee, local Councillors and Officials from East Ayrshire Council, members of the Community Council and members of DIG.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** Darvel and District Community Council/Darvel Improvement Group applied for, and were awarded, £400 for a Civic Reception to mark the opening of their heritage garden in Darvel by the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 23 May 2001 (Item 4.5, Page 1909, 99/02).
- 3.2** An event of that scale is not sought on this occasion but rather a financial contribution of £180 with the group making its own arrangements. The cost would be met from the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial budget.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 To consider the request from Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Committee.

5.2 In the event the request is granted:

- (i) to consider Council representation at the event; and
- (ii) to remit the necessary arrangements to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for Civic hospitality from Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Committee.

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 Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer on 01563 576147.

AGENDA