30th May, 2019

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item(s) will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 4th June, 2019.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

(n) Request for use of Dundonald Cemetery  (Pages 1 - 4)
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1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request to use Dundonald Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the beginning of the Battle of the Somme and the outbreak of World War I. Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry have requested an event on 27th June 2019.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The committee is asked to
Approve the use of Dundonald Cemetery on a yearly basis, if required, to facilitate the event subject to the organiser resolving all operational issues to the Council’s satisfaction.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Key Issues
Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry has requested the use of Dundonald Cemetery to conduct a wreath laying ceremony on Thursday 27th June 19:00hrs – 20:00hrs. The event is planned to take place outside normal operating hours. The event organisers plan to parade from the Orange Hall on the Comber Road with either a Silver or a Pipe Band to the Cross of Sacrifice in Dundonald Cemetery to conduct a wreath laying ceremony, a short talk, benediction and walk back to the hall. Dundonald Apprentice Boys will seek permission from the Parades Commission for their parade. This event has taken place over the last three years since the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Due to the success of the event they have requested to hold it again.

3.2 Financial & Resource Implications
As this event at Dundonald Cemetery will take place outside normal operating hours, there will be a requirement for one member of staff to be on duty during this time. The cost of this requirement is minimal and will be covered within normal operating budgets.

3.3 Equality / Good Relations Implications or Rural Needs Assessment
There are no known implications.

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached
Letter from David Anderson dated 16th May 2019.
Apprentice Boys of Derry
Browning Club
Dundonald Branch

To: - Rose Crozier

Dear Madam,

As in previous years after consultation with our local community the above club would like to hold a parade in remembrance of all those who gave their lives in the two world wars and other conflicts.

It is our intention to hold the parade on Thursday 27th June at 7.15 and parade to the cross of reflection in Dundonald cemetery.

We recognise this may cause an issue as the cemetery usually closes before this.

We would ask that if the cemetery could be kept open until 8pm at the latest on that night as the service will be short.

I have attached my contact details if needed. The parade route has been lodged on an 11/1 and forwarded to the parades commission.

Yours in the Crimson Cause,

Secretary,
Apprentice Boys of Derry,
Browning Club,
Dundonald Branch.
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