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HYBRID MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – REPORT TO FOLLOW

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet online and in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 13th June, 2023 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

6. Operational Issues

- (c) Request for use of Dundonald Cemetery - Apprentice Boys of Derry (Pages 1 - 4)

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Subject:	Request for the Use of Dundonald Cemetery for Somme Commemoration Parade
Date:	13 th June 2023
Reporting Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Darren Armstrong, Acting Bereavement Services Manager

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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. Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry have requested an event on 29th June 2023.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the use of Dundonald Cemetery on 29th June to facilitate the event subject to the event organisers resolving all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction. Note the approval by the Director of City Services' under delegated authority for the use in advance of the July council to allow the event to take place on the 29th June.

3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry has requested the use of Dundonald Cemetery to conduct a wreath laying ceremony on Thursday 29 th June 2023. The parade will start at 19:15hrs and will finish at 20:00hrs. The event is planned to take place outside normal operational hours for the cemetery. As of previous years, the Apprentice boys will be accompanied by Symington Memorial Silver Band and conduct a short 15 minute service in the grave yard. The Apprentice Boys have asked that the cemetery remain open until 8.15 pm to allow them to leave the site.
3.2	Members should note People and Communities Committee received a similar request from the Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry in 2019 for a wreath laying ceremony in Dundonald Cemetery, and approved the use of the Cemetery for this purpose on a yearly basis going forward, if required, subject to the Event Organisers resolving all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.2	As these events 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 these times. The cost of these requirements is minimal and will be covered within normal operating budgets.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.3	There are no known implications
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Request to use Dundonald Cemetery

APPRENTICE BOYS OF DERRY - DUNDONALD BROWNING CLUB

38 Willowfield Walk,
Belfast
BT6 9EH

Tel. 07740791127

Apprentice Boys of Derry
Browning Club
Dundonald Branch

Dear Sir /Madam

I write to you on behalf of the aforementioned club to seek permission to once again hold our annual Somme remembrance parade and service to the Cross of reflection in Dundonald cemetery.

As in previous years we will be accompanied on parade by the Symington Memorial Silver band and we will hold a short 15 minute service on the grave yard.

This is due to take place on Thursday 29th June with the parade starting at 7.15 and the service finishing no later than 8pm.

Obviously we would require the cemetery to be opened until 8.15
I eagerly await your response.

Yours faithfully

Yours in the Crimson Cause
David Anderson
Acting secretary



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