

Commemoration of World War One

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 National commemoration of World War One has been ongoing since 2014 and will continue to 2018. Within Argyll and Bute, the World War One Commemoration Steering Group has coordinated local commemoration events and taken a role in promoting knowledge and understanding of the First World War. The Group has promoted local and community engagement with its work through the inclusion of representatives of community groups and local elected members on the Group, and by the establishment of local Sub-Groups which have each been tasked with delivering one of a series of annual commemoration events with particular local and historical significance.
- 1.2 The Council has entered into a UK Government-led scheme to lay a commemorative paving stone for each recipient of the Victoria Cross medal for valour awarded for action during the First World War. Within the Argyll and Bute area there are four paving stones to be laid to mark the centenary of awards made in 1917 and 1918.

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British Legion in Argyll and Bute, representatives of each branch of the military as well as cadet forces, and representatives of 7 SCOTS, formerly the 51st Highlanders, and 5 SCOTS, formerly the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, both of the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Council agreed in August 2013 to delegate local area nominations to the relevant Area Committees.

- 4.3 Elected member membership of the Steering Group comprises Cllrs Corry, McCuish, MacMillan and McQueen, nominated from each of the Council's four Area Committees. Councillor Robertson is also engaged with the Group in her role with the Scottish National War Memorial.
- 4.4 The Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart, acts as Chairman of the Steering Group, and is supported by Cllr Corry acting as Vice Chairman.
- 4.5 The membership of the Steering Group has been populated throughout the life of the Group by representatives of local groups, community councils, and individuals and organisations who have brought particular skills, experience and knowledge to the Group which has complemented its ability carry out its function. This has included persons local to areas where particular commemorations have taken place locally, for example a particular focus on Oban-area membership during the period of the Meisat at Oban.

6.6 Risk – none

6.7 Customer Service - none

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APPENDICES – N/A