



REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 25 APRIL 2001

SUBJECT: MEMORIAL SERVICE AT DALLACHY WAR MEMORIAL

BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 An approach has been made to The Moray Council for assistance in staging a Memorial Service at Dallachy. The report is urgent in view of the lateness of the request for assistance.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Dallachy War Memorial was built in 1992 by Lennox Community Council and overlooks the site of the former Dallachy Airfield. The Memorial was unveiled by ex-Group Captain Peter Ilbery, RAAF, who flew as a pilot of 455 Squadron for the last eight months of the Second World War.
- 2.2 He visited Dallachy again in 1997 when a second service was held on Anzac Day in front of a large turnout of RAF and civilian personnel. Group Captain Ilbery will again be travelling from Australia to take part in the ceremony though in view of his age this is likely to be his last opportunity to visit Dallachy.
- 2.3 It is now proposed that a service be held at 10.00am on V.E. Day (8 May, 2001) which will include representatives from the Commonwealth, with the RAF, RAAF, RCAF and RNZAF, all of whom formed part of the Dallachy Strike Wing being represented.
- 2.4 For the Service in 1997, the Council ensured that the area around the War Memorial was neat and tidy and provided seating and provided general support and assistance to ensure the success of the event.
- 2.5 The Council has been requested to provide :-
- General tidy-up of the site
 - A lectern and radio microphone
 - Thirty chairs
 - Two portable flagpoles
 - A musician and an electronic keyboard
 - Electrical cabling and trunking

- 2.6 It is envisaged that the local Member, Councillor Coutts will lay a wreath on behalf of the Council at the ceremony.

3. The Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the level of assistance to be provided in the organisation of a Memorial Service at Dallachy War Memorial on 8 May, 2001.

4. Financial, Staffing and Environmental Implications

- 4.1 An approach has been made to the Environmental Services Department who provided the support for the Memorial Service in 1997. Environmental Services have indicated that they would be willing to undertake the general tidy up of the site.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Ian Bruce, Environmental Protection Manager, Environmental Services Department was consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 **The Committee is asked to consider the request for assistance with the organisation of a Memorial Service at Dallachy War Memorial on 8 May, 2001.**

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