

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee : 30 November 2009

Subject: Clydebank Town Hall War Memorial

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Sub-Committee of progress in the development of a memorial in Clydebank to commemorate service personnel who lost their lives during active service in World Wars I and II.

2. Background

- 2.1** A request was made at the Memorial Wall Working Group meeting of 18 August 2009 that members be kept updated on progress with the memorial works.
- 2.2** This report advises of progress with the project.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** On 31 August 2009 Officers placed an order with McIntyre Memorials for the supply, engraving and installation of the granite memorial slabs. It was recognised that the timescale was tight however the contractor indicated that it would be possible, although challenging, to meet the timescale.
- 3.2** During the production phase much dialogue took place between Officers and Historic Scotland particularly in relation to the granite fixings. A solution was approved by Historic Scotland however this required the monumental sculptor and design consultant to slightly alter the size and weight of the slabs. This had an impact on the layout/size of inscriptions and added to the final project costs.
- 3.3** It was agreed that the large black plinth on the existing memorial would not be replaced as removal of it could impact upon the integrity of the existing memorial. Discussions took place with the Monumental Sculptor and designer regarding polishing options to minimise the staining present. The plinth was subsequently cleaned and polished prior to the memorial event.
- 3.4** Work was also undertaken to add a wreath bar to the memorial, to repaint the memorial statue and to display the Blitz Memorial Castings within the Town Hall room of remembrance.

- 3.5** The remaining piece of work which has yet to be completed is the erection of etched glass panels within the room of remembrance to list the additional names of those from the area who died in service but who were from outwith the Clydebank boundary and those who died after 1945.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The cost for supplying inscribing and fitting the granite tablets to the town hall was budgeted at £19,000. There is however anticipated to be a further cost of approximately £4,000 for additional services required in relation to changes to the fixings, tablet size etc.
- 5.2** The cost of design fees and for additional works shown in paragraph 3.5 of this report is £3,500.
- 5.3** The cost of provision of Hospitality for the dedication service on Sunday 08 November 2009 was £650.
- 5.4** The cost of remaining works to engrave and install etched glass panels in the room of remembrance as outlined in paragraph 3.6 above is anticipated to be approx £1,000.
- 5.5** The total cost of development of the memorial is therefore summarised as:

Memorial Sculptor	£ 23,000 (approx – invoice yet to be received)
Design/Ancillary work	£ 3,500
Hospitality	<u>£ 650</u>
	£ 27,150

Further anticipated cost of £ 1,000 as per 5.4 above
£ 28,150

This sum falls within the budget allocation of £29,950 as approved by the Corporate Cultural Sub Committee on 18 August 2009.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** There are no risks associated with this report

7. Conclusions and Officers Recommendations

- 7.1** The Council was committed to completing the installation of this memorial in time for dedication on 08 November 2009. The monumental sculptor and design consultant worked tirelessly with Council Officers to ensure the deadline was met. The work of the design consultant and monumental sculptor was second to none and both individuals should be congratulated.
- 7.2** A dedication ceremony took place on 08 November 2009 which was attended by many national dignitaries.
- 7.2** Members of the Sub-Committee are requested to note the contents of this report.

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Appendix: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: Ward 6 – Clydebank Waterfront