

Briefing Note

WW1 Centenary Project Fund

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 November 2018 marks the centenary of the end of World War One. The parish council has been approached by the Royal British Legion in Menheniot to contribute to the cost of refurbishing the war memorial located by the village green.

The Chair is proposing that the parish council should agree a budget to pay for a range of refurbishments on and around the village green that will improve facilities for the parish and provide a lasting tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in conflicts.

2.0 OUTLINE PROPOSALS

2.1 Over the last twelve months, councillors have discussed a range of improvements they would like to see on the village green, and have already agreed to fund additional repairs and refurbishments. To date, councillors have agreed to replace:

- Tree guards
- Flagpole
- Bollards to protect the flagpole

And in-principle decisions to support refurbishment of the war memorial by contributing to the cost of:

- Replacement lettering
- Low railing around the monument
- Replacement paving around the memorial

2.2 Suggestions may also include:

- New planting in the beds by the village green
- Small funding to support events on Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2018 (beacon lighting; bell ringing)
- Refreshments for people attending the 11am Remembrance event
- Plaque to mark the contribution made by the parish council to commemorate the event

3.0 NEXT STEPS

3.1 An outline budget is shown below with estimates of the costs involved. Councillors will be asked to support a resolution to allocate a budget of up to £3000 that will underwrite the cost of the project. We expect that the RBL and ward Councillor Phil Seeva will be able to make a contribution to the cost. The balance of funds will be made available from the council's reserves.

Item	Approximate Cost	Note
Tree Guards	£160	Already installed
Flagpole	£560	Already installed
Bollards	£50	Labour cost of installation only
Garden plants	£100	Plants only
War memorial lettering	£448	Quote from H Stacey
Railing	£885	Quote from Weldspray
Paving	£100	Quote from Lantoom Quarry
Paving installation	£100	Labour cost only
Remembrance tea	£100	Estimate for MOS
Memorial plaque	£50	Estimate
TOTAL	£2553	Will be reduced by other grants and contributions

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