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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment and Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>31 August 2017</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ENV024/17/AMcC</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>The Toll Boys Monument, Port Glasgow</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authority from the Committee for the expenditure of £25,000 from the Port Glasgow Regeneration Fund for the manufacture and installation of the Toll Boys Memorial.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The memorial is in honour of twenty-nine young men belonging to the Old Toll district who fell during the war. It takes the form of a bronze tablet surrounded by grey granite and it had been placed on the wall of the building at 5 Glasgow Road immediately adjoining Caledonia Street, and where the Old Toll House formerly stood.
- 2.2 Due to major changes in Port Glasgow over the years, including the realignment of Glasgow Road, this building is now known as 5 Robert Street. Port Glasgow is going through a further transformation and the tenement hosting the memorial is scheduled for demolition. A new site for the memorial is required.
- 2.3 The site chosen is adjacent to 5 Robert Street and therefore adjacent to the site of the original Toll House. The proposal is to create a focal point featuring a Celtic cross in light grey polished granite set on a granite obelisk. The original bronze tablet with inscriptions will be reset into the obelisk.
- 2.4 The Kindred Clubs of Port Glasgow have been awarded a £5,000 contribution from Inverclyde Council which is being partly utilised for site investigation and memorial design. The funding is managed by the Council on behalf of The Kindred Clubs of Port Glasgow and regular updates are presented to the Port Glasgow Forum.
- 2.5 Further funding is required to progress to manufacture and installation.
- 2.6 The Council has £250,000 allocated to the regeneration of Port Glasgow as approved by the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 2 March 2017. This report is to request an allocation of no more than £25,000 from this fund for the delivery of this project. The funding will be managed by the Council on behalf of The Kindred Clubs.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That approval be given for an allocation of £25,000 from the sum allocated for regeneration of Port Glasgow at the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 2 March 2017.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The memorial is in honour of twenty-nine young men belonging to the Old Toll district who fell during the war. The young men, all of whom were unemployed, spent their days at the Toll House repairing furniture etc to help others in the local community and who laid down their lives for their country during the first world war.
- 4.2 The memorial takes the form of a bronze tablet surrounded by grey granite. It had been placed on the wall of the building at 5 Glasgow Road immediately adjoining Caledonia Street, and where the Old Toll House formerly stood. Due to major changes in Port Glasgow over the years, including the realignment of Glasgow Road, this building is now known as 5 Robert Street. Below the tablet was a floral tribute of variegated flowers. The inscription is; "Erected in grateful memory of the Toll boys who fell in the Great War. Their names liveth for ever."
- 4.3 Port Glasgow is going through a further transformation and the tenement hosting the memorial is scheduled for demolition. A new site for the memorial is required.
- 4.4 In March 2014 the Kindred Clubs of Port Glasgow contacted Inverclyde Council for financial assistance to relocate the Toll Boys' Memorial plaque. They were subsequently awarded £5,000 'seed corn funding' and the Council's Technical Services have been working with the Group to develop a proposal and an indicative cost.
- 4.5 The site chosen by the Group is adjacent to 5 Robert Street and therefore adjacent to the site of the original Toll House. Sketch designs from the Group have been developed into a firm proposal which includes landscaping around the memorial (Appendix).
- 4.6 A memorial ceremony takes place every year on Armistice Sunday.
- 4.7 The proposal is to create a focal point featuring a Celtic cross in light grey polished granite set on a granite obelisk. The original bronze tablet with inscriptions will be reset into the obelisk. The landscaping feature already exists and will be adapted to host the new memorial. The circular landscape feature will be paved in brick setts as will the approach path.
- 4.8 This project is a community based project with part funding from the Council of £5k to The Kindred Clubs of Port Glasgow and progress is reported through the Port Glasgow Forum. At the last Forum meeting it was reported that this project was difficult to cost due the specialist nature and Technical Services provided an estimated cost of £17,000.
- 4.9 The Forum agreed to proceed to tender to establish a more accurate cost. The tenders have now been returned and the lowest generates a project cost of £29,105.
- 4.10 Approval is sought to draw the outstanding funding from the £250,000 allocated for regeneration at the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 2 March 2017.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Financial

#### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report £000's	Virement From	Other Comments
Regeneration of Town & Village Centres	Toll Boys Monument	2017/18	25		£5k awarded from 2013/18 Revenue Contingency, balance of up to £25k from Port Glasgow element of Regeneration of Town & Village Centres

#### Annually Recurring Costs / Savings

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments

#### Legal

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### Human Resources

5.3 There are no Human Resources issues arising from this report.

#### Equalities

5.4 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

#### Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

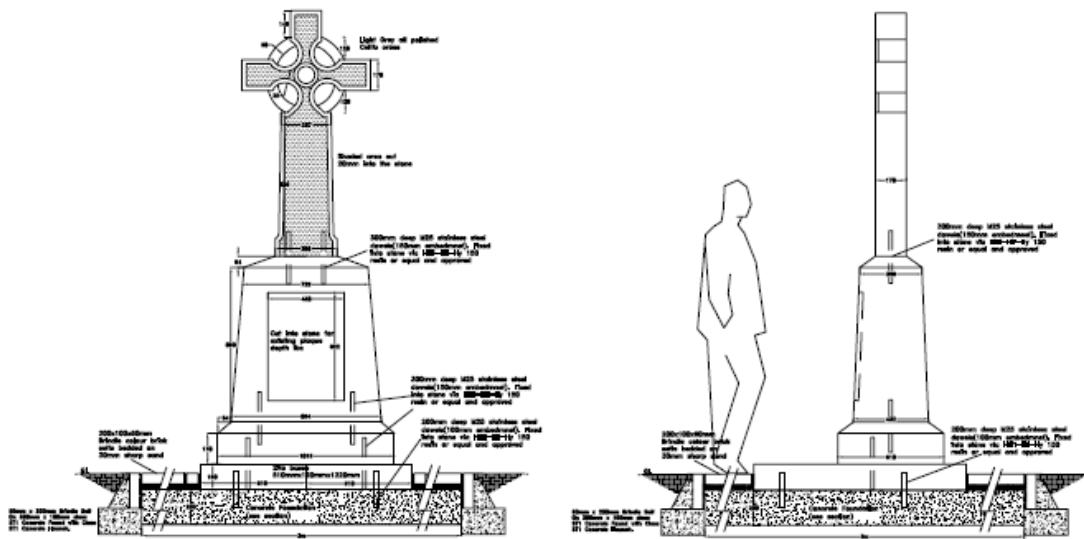
## 6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.

## 7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

# Appendix



## Toll Boys Memorial

