

Report To: Policy & Resources Committee **Date:** 2 February 2010

Report By: Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources **Report No:** RMcG/JC/LA/487/10

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Subject: The Scottish Korean War Memorial Trust - Request by Councillor McCabe

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a request received from Councillor McCabe that consideration be given to the attached letter from the Scottish Korean War Memorial Trust seeking a contribution towards the cost of a new memorial.

2.0 FINANCIAL POSITION

- 2.1 The Chief Financial Officer advises that, should the Committee be minded to support the request, it would be appropriate to make a contribution from the Common Good Fund. With regard to the level of any contribution, Members may wish to consider a donation of £1,000.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the request from Councillor McCabe.

Rona McGhee
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Dear Sir,

The Scottish Korean War Memorial

The Memorial was created by the members of the Lothians and West of Scotland Branch of the British Korean Veterans Association as a fitting tribute to their fallen comrades. It lies in the hills near Bathgate and consists of an arboretum of 1100 native Scottish trees and a pagoda which houses the eight panels listing all the names of the 1113 fallen set between two mounds in the shape of the Ying and Yang on the Korean flag, on which are planted 110 Korean firs. It was opened on 27th July 2000, the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean war. In order to meet the deadline of the anniversary and the impending death to cancer of Lt Col J.C.McQ.Johnston, a leading figure in getting the project off the ground, the pagoda was made of wood. This is both unimpressive and high in maintenance. The Trustees of the Memorial have therefore decided to rebuild it in stone with a proper Korean style pantile roof. A copy of the existing pagoda and our architects drawing of the proposed new one is attached.

It is estimated that the new pagoda will cost £70,000 to build and the Trustees can find £40,000 from our own funds and we are appealing to a wide range of Service and civilian organisations to raise the other £30,000.

Inverclyde Council very kindly gave us a donation towards the original creation of the Memorial and I ask if we can again trespass on your generosity and ask you for a contribution towards the rebuild.

Yours sincerely,

Major (Retd) A.M.Cameron
Chairman

