

How Argyll and Bute Remembered – World War 1 1914-18 Centenary

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since 2014 the World War 1 Commemoration Steering Group has been central to Argyll and Bute Council's preparations for the national centenary commemoration of World War 1.
- 1.2 The Group has successfully promoted local and community engagement with its work through the inclusion of representatives of community groups and local elected members, and by the establishment of local Sub-Groups which have been tasked with delivering one of a series commemoration events.
- 1.3 To ensure that the contributions from the aforementioned groups and other individuals and groups are recorded for posterity, a commemorative booklet has been compiled which illustrates a range of events that have been held to mark the 100 year commemoration of World War 1.
- 1.4 The Council is invited to consider the booklet *Argyll and Bute Remembers* which will be made publically available thereafter.
- 1.5 The Council is invited to record their appreciation to all the communities across Argyll and Bute for their commitment and strong partnership working in delivering many of these events as well as often undertaking additional local commemorative activities. Council is also invited to formally record their appreciation to all the Members of the World War 1 Commemoration Steering Group for their commitment, inspiration and hard work in leading the commemorative centenary programme and ensuring Argyll and Bute remembered in a way that leaves a lasting legacy for future generations.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is invited to:
 - a) Consider the proposed booklet *Argyll and Bute Remembers* and if required suggest additional events/activities for inclusion within the booklet.

- b) Agree to make the booklet publically available to mark the 100 year commemoration of World War 1.
- c) Record its appreciation to all the communities across Argyll and Bute for their commitment and strong partnership working in delivering many of these events and their contribution in undertaking additional local commemorative activities.
- d) Record its appreciation to all the Members of the World War 1 Commemoration Steering Group for their commitment, inspiration and hard work in leading the commemorative centenary programme and ensuring Argyll and Bute remembered in a way that leaves a lasting legacy for future generations.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The co-ordination and delivery of activities to commemorate the centenary of World War 1 across Argyll and Bute has been undertaken on a strong partnership basis through the World War 1 Commemoration Steering Group, established in 2013. Chaired by the Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart, the group brought together councillors from all four corners of Argyll and Bute, alongside community representatives, members of the Royal British Legion, regimental contacts, and officers from a range of council services including museums and libraries. The group quickly established an approach that encouraged community participation in a programme that would recognise, archive and commemorate the contribution of the people of Argyll and Bute in World War 1, and thereby leave a continuing legacy for future generations.
- 3.2 The *Argyll and Bute Remembers* booklet seeks to capture a wide range of the events held within Argyll and Bute during the centenary period and acknowledges the commitment, dedication and sheer hard work undertaken by communities and individuals to ensure the centenary was marked in a spirit of respectful remembrance and in a way that would encourage young people to take an interest with the principal aim of understanding the wars place in our history and its effect on our communities. The commemorative activities leave a legacy of updated archive and learning material, enhanced and improved memorial infrastructure and strong community partnerships.
- 3.3 The booklet cannot capture all the activity that has taken place during the centenary period or indeed the contributions made by so many but it seeks to provide a sense of how Argyll and Bute remembered and capture that in one place.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Argyll and Bute Remembers booklet seeks to capture the various events undertaken to mark the centenary of World War 1 and the contribution made by the people of Argyll and Bute within a single source. It acknowledges and values the time and effort that the residents of Argyll and Bute have contributed to commemorate the sacrifices of their forebears and to leave a legacy for future generations. The Council is invited to consider the proposed booklet and if required suggest additional events/activities for inclusion within the booklet and thereafter agree to make the booklet publically available to mark the 100 year commemoration of World War 1.
- 4.2 The Council is invited to formally record its appreciation to all the communities across Argyll and Bute for their commitment and strong partnership working in delivering many of these events and their contribution in undertaking additional local commemorative activities. The Council is further invited to formally record its appreciation to all the Members of the World War 1 Commemoration Steering Group for their commitment, inspiration and hard work in leading the commemorative centenary programme.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy	None
5.2 Financial	Costs of publication will be contained within existing budget.
5.3 Legal	None
5.4 HR	None
5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:	None
5.5.1 Equalities	
5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty	
5.5.3 Islands	
5.6 Risk	None
5.7 Customer Service	None

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Appendix 1: Argyll and Bute Remembers booklet