
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

OBAN LORN & THE ISLES

CUSTOMER SERVICES

BUSINESS MEETING

15th November 2012

LORN MEDALS

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report outlines the wish of the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee to present Lorn Achievement Medals and considers matters of procedure for consideration in progressing this matter.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are asked to consider the process by which recognition of local achievement may be made by the Area Committee, the potential for awarding a Lorn Medal to individuals and groups who are in receipt of such recognition, and the costs and funding sources associated with same.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 At the first meeting of the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held after the Local Government elections in May 2012, the Committee agreed that a standing agenda item would be recognition of local achievements by individuals or group in the Lorn area, and further agreed that persons recognised in this way by the Area Committee would be presented with a Lorn Medal in recognition of their achievements or commitment to the local community.

3.2 The Oban Common Good Fund was asked to consider funding the costs of producing the Lorn Medals for recipients, and agreed to the principle of the proposal, and agreed to seek more information on the proposed criteria and costs associated with this from the Area Committee.

3.3 In taking this matter forward the Area Committee must consider the mechanism by which potential recipients of these Medals will be identified. In order to make this process something in which the local

Community can participate Members may wish to consider running the nomination process with the assistance of the local press, whereby residents are asked to make nominations via the press, and all nominations received are forward onto the Area Committee after a prescribed cut off date. The Area Committee would then consider all of the submitted information and come to a determination of those to whom they would present medals. Members must consider if there will be a set of criteria which must be met before a Medal is awarded, there will need to be a process of vetting of those nominations, and who will carry out that vetting process? There will also need to be clear procedures and timescales agreed, and communicated to appropriate persons regarding when submissions for consideration must be made, timelines for vetting, and detail on when actual presentation of medals will take place, eg Members may wish to present medals at the April Area Committee each year, recognising local achievement during the previous calendar year .

- 3.4 The further point which the Area Committee must consider is the costs associated with production of the Lorn Medal. The Oban Common Good Fund has agreed to the principle of the proposal, but the Fund is the Oban Common Good Fund, and use of the fund must benefit the people of Oban. The determining factor therefore on use of the Common Good Fund to provide Lorn Medals will be whether the potential recipient of the medal has provided a service or benefit to the people of Oban. If the potential recipient has provided something which has been to the benefit of the wider Lorn community rather than the town of Oban, funding for a medal in that instance could not be provide by the Common Good Fund, and an alternative source of funding for those circumstances would have to be identified. Finalised costs of production of medals are awaited, but if a standard design is used will be in the region of £7.50 per medal provided in a presentation box. If a new, individualised design is incorporated onto the medal there will be a set up fee of approximately £350- £600 per side for this work to be carried out.

In regard to groups of people whom the Area Committee wishes to recognise it may be more appropriate to present a Quaich; again the conditions regarding presentation to groups who have benefitted the wider Lorn community, rather than the town of Oban, will have to be borne in mind, and costs associated with presenting quaichs to such groups, were the Committee so minded, would require to be funded from outwith the Common Good Fund.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

In considering the matter of local achievement in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area, Members are asked to consider the scope by which they would wish nominations to be made, any criteria which they would wish to be met for such recognition to take place, the process for receipt of nominations and consideration and “vetting of them”, how often they

would wish awarding of medals to take place, and to how many recipients, and the costs associated with production of medals, and quaichs, most specifically when the benefit being recognised is for the wider Lorn community rather than the town of Oban.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None
Financial: Finalised costs will be submitted to a future meeting as appropriate
Personnel: None
Equal Opportunities: None

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