

Report on	VE Events 2020
Date of Meeting	14 November 2019
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Propose a series of events to commemorate the 75 th anniversary of VE Day, 8 th May 2020.
2.0	Background
2.1	Next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days to coincide with the 75 th anniversary of VE Day. The May Day Bank holiday is traditionally held on a Monday, but will be put back to Friday 8 May 2020 to allow for commemorative events to be held over the holiday weekend.
2.2	VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	To commemorate the 75 th anniversary of VE Day a proposed series of events are being planned.
3.2	1. Memorial Project - Ft Lt Fred Barton USAF – was killed in an Air Crash at Eskragh, Killeeshil, 1 July 1945 – With the Killeeshil & Clonaneese Historical Society are planning a memorial event with the group and the family of Ft Lt Fred Barton to take place on the 75 th anniversary on the 1 st July 2020.
3.2	2. Hidden Heritage Tour, Saturday 2 nd May 2020 to include: Dungannon Park - a prisoner of war camp during the WWII. Killymoon Castle – Bring alive and tell the stories of the A and B Companies, 505 th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82 nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army who were based at Killymoon Castle. Benburb Library and Museum - will showcase this particular era of hidden history of the Priory when it served as a hospital to the American troops during WWII

3.4	3. Develop a self-guided district wide tour app, outlining and detailing all the significant sites with Mid Ulster District Council.
3.5	4. A touring VE Day Film/Photo exhibition with a series of talks on the US Airfields in Mid Ulster District Council. 3 Venues TBC
3.6	5. VE Day musical events in the Burnavon Arts Centre and or The Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House.
3.7	Killymoon Castle are organising an event in association with a WWII re-enactment group on the 8 th and 9 th May 2020.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within existing budget.
	Human: Tourism & Arts and Culture staff required to deliver events. .
	Risk Management: Risk assessment will be carried at the stand.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Recommend that the Council delivers a series of events as detailed in the report to commemorate VE Day.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A