Council donates £4,321 to help veterans

South Ayrshire Provost Helen Moonie has donated a cheque for £4,321 to the Royal Highland Fusiliers Benevolent Fund. The cheque is thanks to the outstanding generosity of families who had allowed metal implants to be recovered following cremations at Masonhill crematorium.

The Council is a member of the UK Crematoria recycling metals scheme, which, with the knowledge and permission from members of a deceased person's family, recycles left over metals once a cremation has taken place. The process is undertaken with great respect and dignity and fully in line with the wishes of family members.

The Royal Highland Fusiliers has a long association with Ayrshire and its people which goes back to the 17th Century. The regiment was formed by combining The Royal Scots Fusiliers and The Highland Light Infantry in 1959.

The Royal Scots Fusiliers headquarters was at Churchill Barracks in Ayr, close to where the Citadel leisure facility now stands.

The funds will be used to support veterans and their families.

South Ayrshire Provost Helen Moonie said: “I am glad the money raised will be used to provide care and support to members of the armed services and their families. In many cases, long term support is required and we are honoured to help.

Councillor John McDowall, Sustainability and Environment Portfolio Holder for South Ayrshire Council said: “The generosity of the families is very much appreciated and we are thankful that even at a time of grief, they have thought about others.”

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Major General W E B Loudoun CBE, accepts the cheque from Provost Moonie. Also pictured is Council Cemetery Technician Stuart McCaw, a former Royal Highland Fusilier.

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