

Motherwell, 2 October 2002 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP

PRESENT

Provost McCulloch, Convener; Councillors Holloway and Mathieson.

CHAIR

Provost McCulloch (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha, Connelly, Lyle, McCabe and Pentland.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWER

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 24 September 2002 by the Director of Administration detailing civic functions which had been arranged in terms of delegated powers since the last meeting of the Group held on 7 August 2002.

The Head of Central Services advised orally that the 105th birthday and the diamond wedding celebrations were erroneously reported as being recognised by way of a civic lunch.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken by the Director of Administration after consultation with the Provost or Depute Provost in dealing with requests for civic hospitality since the last meeting of the Group be homologated, and
- (2) that it be noted that the 105th birthday and the diamond wedding celebrations had erroneously been reported as being recognised by way of a civic lunch.

REQUESTS FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

2. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 2002 by the Director of Administration in connection with requests for civic recognition in respect of the undernoted events:-
 - (1) Official Opening - Stane Primary School, Shotts
 - (2) Official Opening - Cathedral Primary School Extension, Motherwell;
 - (3) 10th Anniversary - CCTV Launch in Airdrie;
 - (4) Centenary of Johnstone Memorial Loyal Orange Lodge 91,
 - (5) 60th Anniversary - Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau.

Decided:

- (1) that appropriate arrangements be made for the official opening of Stane Primary School, Shotts and Cathedral Primary School extension, Motherwell, by the Provost;
- (2) that the 10th anniversary of the CCTV Launch in Airdrie be recognised by provision of an appropriate civic gift;
- (3) that the centenary of the Johnstone Memorial Loyal Orange Lodge 91 be recognised in terms of Council policy, and
- (4) that the request for a civic reception to recognise the 60th Anniversary of Motherwell and Wishaw Citizen's Advice Bureau be not granted.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

(1) ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT CHARITY BALL 2002

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 September 2002 by the Director of Administration advising that an invitation had been received from the Firemaster, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, inviting the Council to participate in the St. Andrew's Night Charity Ball to be held in the Hilton Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel on Friday, 15 November 2002.

The Head of Central Services advised orally that the Firemaster had subsequently indicated to the Council that the Charity Ball had been postponed.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the Firemaster had indicated that the Charity Ball 2002 had been postponed, and
- (2) that should the event proceed in the near future the Council participate in the Ball by sponsoring a table.

(2) ST. ANDREW'S HOSPICE CHARITY BALL

4. There was submitted a report dated 12 September 2002 by the Director of Administration advising that an invitation had been received from St. Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie inviting the Council to participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice 10th Annual Ball to be held in the MacDonald Crutherland House Hotel on Saturday, 23 November 2002.

Decided: that the Council participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice 10th Annual Ball by sponsoring a table.

(3) CHILDREN IN SCOTLAND

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 2002 by the Director of Administration advising that an invitation had been received from Children in Scotland inviting the Council to participate in the fundraising dinner to be held in the Round Hall and Dining Room, Clydeport plc, Glasgow on Friday, 25 October 2002.
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Decided: that the Council decline the invitation from Children in Scotland inviting the Council to be represented at the fundraising dinner.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADES AND SERVICES 2002

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 2002 by the Director of Administration advising on proposals in respect of the Council's involvement in, and representation at Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremonies on Sunday, 10 November 2002.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Administration be authorised to organise Remembrance Sunday Parades and Services in Coatbridge at 11.00 and Motherwell at 15.00 on Sunday, 10 November 2002;
- (2) that approval be given to participate at the invitation of the Royal British Legion, Scotland in ceremonies in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, and
- (3) that the Council be represented at any other traditional Remembrance Day ceremonies held in North Lanarkshire.

The Provost being of the opinion that the following items of business were of an urgent nature authorised their consideration to enable the Council to progress the items timeously.

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(1) NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 September 2002 by the Director of Administration advising that an invitation had been received from Scottish Enterprise inviting the Council to participate in the National Training Awards Ceremony to be held in the Glasgow Hilton Hotel on Thursday, 14 November 2002.

Decided: that the Council decline the invitation from Scottish Enterprise inviting the Council to be represented at the National Training Awards ceremony.

(2) THE REHAB SCOTLAND GRAND CALEDONIAN BALL

8. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2002 by the Director of Administration advising that an invitation had been received from the Chief Executive of Re-hab Scotland inviting the Council to participate in the Re-hab Scotland Grand Caledonian Ball to be held in the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow on Saturday, 19 October 2002.

Decided: that the Council decline the invitation from Re-hab Scotland inviting the Council to be represented at the Re-hab Scotland Grand Caledonian Ball.

MASONIC HALLS, HOPE STREET, MOTHERWELL

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2002 by the Director of Administration (1) advising (a) that correspondence had been received advising of arrangements being made for a ceremony of rededication of the Masonic Halls, Hope Street, Motherwell, which are now 100 years old, and (b) that
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the correspondence referred to strong links between the three Masonic Lodges meeting in those premises and local government, including the presence of the then Provost at the laying of the foundation stone of those premises, and (2) requesting that a letter of recognition by the Council be read on the occasion of the rededication ceremony.

Decided: that the rededication ceremony of the Masonic Halls, Hope Street, Motherwell be recognised by the presentation of an appropriate civic gift.
