

Motherwell, 12 February 2003 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP

PRESENT

Provost McCulloch, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Connelly, Holloway, Lyle and Mathieson.

CHAIR

Provost McCulloch (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Assistant Members' Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McCabe and Pentland.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY: FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWER

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 February 2003 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 4 December 2002.

Decided: that the action taken, after consultation with the Provost in dealing with requests for civic hospitality since the last meeting of the Group, be homologated.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that requests had been received for civic recognition in respect of the undernoted events:-

- (1) Scottish Senior Boxing Championships;
- (2) Twinning Visit: Bron Crescendo Choir;
- (3) Shotts Highland Games;
- (4) Lanarkshire Referees Association: Hugh Dallas - Contribution to Football;
- (5) Scottish Open Challengers Sailing Championships;
- (6) Spinal Injuries Home Countries Indoor Bowling Championships;
- (7) Newarthill Bowling Club Golden Jubilee;
- (8) Shotts St. Patrick's Boys' Guild - Centenary;
- (9) Holy Cross Primary School - Centenary.

With regard to request (4) above, the Head of Central Services advised orally that the Lanarkshire Referees Association themselves proposed to host a dinner to mark Mr. Dallas' achievements and that the Association had further indicated that the Golden Jubilee of the Association had occurred in 2000 and had requested that it be accorded civic recognition, possibly in conjunction with civic recognition of Mr. Dallas' achievements.

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Decided:

- (1) that the finals of the Scottish Senior Boxing Championships be recognised by the provision of a buffet reception;
- (2) that the visit from the Crescendo Choir from Bron, France be recognised by the provision of civic hospitality;
- (3) that the Shotts Highland Games be recognised by the provision of civic hospitality;
- (4) having regard to the passage of time since the Golden Jubilee of the Lanarkshire Referees Association, no action be taken in that regard but that in recognition of Hugh Dallas' contribution to football it be agreed to match fund the contribution from South Lanarkshire Council to host a pre-drinks reception at the dinner provided by the Lanarkshire Referees Association;
- (5) that the Sailability Scotland Scottish Open Challenger Championships be recognised by the provision of civic hospitality;
- (6) that the Spinal Injuries Scotland Home Countries Indoor Bowling Championships be recognised by the provision of civic hospitality;
- (7) that the Golden Jubilee of Newarthill Bowling Club be recognised by the provision of civic hospitality;
- (8) that the centenary of Shotts St. Patrick's Boys' Guild be recognised by the provision of civic hospitality, and
- (9) that the centenary of Holy Cross Primary School be recognised by the presentation of a civic gift to augment the arrangements put in place by the Director of Education.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS (A) JIMMY KNAPP CANCER FUND AND (B) STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND

3. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received inviting the Council to be represented at (a) the Jimmy Knapp Cancer Fund Second Annual Charity Dinner to be held in the Colville Park Country Club, Motherwell on 28 February 2003, and (b) Strathclyde Fire Brigade Widows and Orphans Fund Charity Dinner 2003 to be held in the Moat House Hotel on 4 April 2003.

Decided: that the Council participate in the Jimmy Knapp Cancer Fund Charity Dinner and the Strathclyde Fire Brigade Widows and Orphans Fund Charity Dinner in each case by taking a table for both events.

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.

TOWN TWINNING - CUMBERNAULD RUGBY CLUB

4. There was submitted a report dated 7 November 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from Cumbernauld Rugby Club advising that Bron Rugby Club, France, will be travelling to Cumbernauld from 18 to 21 April 2003 to participate in an Annual Rugby Match with the Cumbernauld Rugby Club and seeking civic hospitality in this respect.
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Decided: that civic hospitality be provided to the Bron Rugby Club during their visit to Cumbernauld from 18 to 21 April 2003.

SHOTTS ST. PATRICK'S BRASS BAND

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 February 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from the President, Shotts St. Patrick's Brass Band advising that they will be celebrating their 125th anniversary in 2003 and seeking recognition for this event.

Decided: that the 125th anniversary of Shotts St. Patrick's Brass Band be recognised by a letter of congratulation together with a civic gift.
