

Motherwell, 21 May 2003 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP

PRESENT

Provost Connelly, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curley, Holloway, Lyle, McCabe and Pentland.

CHAIR

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGY

Councillor Saunders.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWER

1. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 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 12 February 2003.

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.

KIRKIN' OF THE COUNCIL

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Group held on 21 February 1996 when it was agreed that the Kirkin' of the Council take place annually, commencing with the Convener's area and Church, thereafter in different North Lanarkshire towns and in places of worship of different denominations to be decided by the Convener, there was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 by the Director of Administration advising (1) that having regard to the locations and denominations of the Churches in which the Kirkin' of the Council has taken place since 1996, the Provost has determined that the Kirkin' of the Council in 2003 should be held in Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church, Motherwell, and (2) that following consultation with the Minister and Session of Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church, proposing that the Kirkin' of the Council be held on Sunday, 8 June 2003.

Decided: that it be agreed that the Kirkin' of the Council in 2003 will take place on 8 June in Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church, Motherwell.

The Convener being of the view that the following item of business was relevant and competent authorised its consideration to enable the Council to progress the items timeously.

TRYST OLYMPIC WRESTLING CLUB ANNUAL COMPETITION - REQUEST FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITY

3. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from the Secretary, Tryst Olympic Wrestling Club advising that they will be hosting their annual competition in the Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld on 13 September 2003 and seeking recognition for this event.

Decided: that civic hospitality be provided in recognition of the Tryst Olympic Wrestling Club annual competition to be held in the Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld on 13 September 2003.

CUMBERNAULD - NEW REGISTRATION/AREA OFFICE

4. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 21 August 2002 when it was agreed that the Cumbernauld Registration Office be transferred from its current location in Fleming House to adapted and refurbished accommodation within the Council Offices, Bron Way, Cumbernauld, there was submitted a report dated 20 May 2003 by the Director of Administration (1) recalling arrangements for the opening of new Council facilities, and (2) seeking appropriate civic hospitality to mark the occasion.

Decided: that it be agreed that civic hospitality be provided to mark the occasion of the official opening of the new Registration/Area Office in Cumbernauld.

BURGH OF CUMBERNAULD - ANNIVERSARY

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 2003 by the Director of Administration advising of the 35th anniversary of the first election to the Town Council of the Burgh of Cumbernauld, and of an approach seeking recognition of this anniversary.

Decided: that having regard to the guidelines adopted by the Civic Functions Group whereby civic recognition is given to anniversaries of only 50 years or multiples thereof consideration be given by the Director of Administration, after consultation with the Provost, to other ways of recognising this anniversary.

JAMES CLELAND RICHARDSON - CITY OF CHILLIWACK

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 2003 by the Director of Administration advising (1) that Councillor Harry McGuigan had passed to the Provost a letter received by him from the Mayor of the City of Chilliwack, British Columbia, advising of the intention to honour Piper James Cleland Richardson the Victoria Cross for his actions during the first world war; (2) that Piper Richardson was born in Bellshill and emigrated with his family to Canada; (3) that as Piper Richardson is the city's only recipient of this honour, funds had been received to erect a life sized bronze statue which will be unveiled on 8 October 2003, and (4) that having regard to the links between the two communities that the project be brought to the attention of the Council.

Decided: that consideration be continued to allow the Director of Administration an opportunity to liaise with the City of Chilliwack seeking further information.
