

**Motherwell, 8 October 2003 at 10 am.**

**A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

**PRESENT**

Provost Connelly, Convener; Councillors Curley, Holloway and Saunders.

**CHAIR**

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services, and Members' Services Officer.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Burrows, Lyle, McCabe and Pentland.

**CIVIC HOSPITALITY: FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

1. There was submitted a report dated 2 October 2003 by the Director of Administration detailing civic functions which had been approved in terms of powers delegated to him, in consultation with the Provost since the last meeting of the Group held on 13 August 2003.

**Decided:** that the action taken following consultation with the Provost, in approving a number of requests for civic hospitality since the last meeting of the Group, be noted.

**REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION - CUMBERNAULD THEATRE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received (1) indicating that Cumbernauld Theatre will celebrate their 25th Anniversary in 2004, and (2) seeking civic hospitality in this respect.

**Decided:** that the 25th Anniversary of Cumbernauld Theatre be recognised by the presentation of an appropriate civic gift.

**PIPER JAMES CLELAND RICHARDSON**

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Group held on 21 May 2003, there was submitted a report dated 2 October 2003 by the Director of Administration seeking homologation of arrangements made for the Provost to represent the Council at the unveiling of the statue to commemorate Piper James Cleland Richardson VC, a former resident of Bellshill, on Saturday, 11 October 2003.

**Decided:** that the action taken after consultation with the Provost in accepting the invitation to be represented at the unveiling of the statue to commemorate Piper James Cleland Richardson VC, be homologated.

**SHOTTS AND DYKEHEAD PIPE BAND**

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 October 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received (1) indicating that Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band won the 14th World Pipe Band Championship on 16 August 2003 held in Glasgow, and (2) seeking civic hospitality in this respect.

**Decided:** that the achievement of Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band be recognised by the provision of appropriate civic hospitality.

**SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS**

**(1) ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT CHARITY BALL 2003**

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2003 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, 14 November 2003.

**Decided:** that the Council participate in the St. Andrew's Night Charity Ball by sponsoring a table.

**(2) MOTHERWELL COLLEGE - ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER**

6. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that an invitation had been received from Motherwell College inviting the Council to participate in the Annual Sportsman's Dinner to be held in the Centenary Suite, Fir Park, Motherwell on Friday, 14 November 2003.

**Decided:** that the Council participate in Motherwell College's Annual Sportsman's Dinner by sponsoring a table.

**(3) THE SCOTTISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER**

7. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that an invitation had been received from the Scottish Chambers of Commerce inviting the Council to participate in their Annual Dinner to be held in the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow on 20 November 2003.

**Decided:** that the Council decline the invitation from the Scottish Chamber of Commerce inviting the Council to be present at their Annual Dinner.

**(4) QUALITY SCOTLAND'S 2003 SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE ANNUAL AWARDS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2003 advising that an invitation had been received from Quality Scotland inviting the Council to participate in their Quality Scotland's 2003 Scottish Awards for Business Excellence Annual Awards Lunch to be held at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow on Tuesday, 25 November 2003.

**Decided:** that the Council decline the invitation from Quality Scotland inviting the Council to be represented at the Quality Scotland's 2003 Scottish Awards for Business Excellence Annual Awards Lunch.

**(5) ST. ANDREW'S HOSPICE 11TH ANNUAL BALL**

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2003 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 11th Annual Ball to be held in the McDonald Crutherland House Hotel on Saturday, 29 November 2003.

**Decided:** that the Council participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice 11th Annual Ball by sponsoring a table.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADES AND SERVICES 2003**

10. There was submitted a report dated 2 October 2003 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, 9 November 2003.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Director of Administration be authorised to organise Remembrance Sunday Parades and Services in Coatbridge at 11 am and Motherwell at 3 pm on Sunday, 9 November 2003;
- (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 by Members and officers, as appropriate, at 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.**

**KILSYTH THISTLE PIPE BAND**

11. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received (1) informing of the recent achievements of the Kilsyth Thistle Pipe Band culminating in the award of the prestigious title of Champion of Champions (Grade 4B) awarded by the Scottish Pipe Bands Association, and (2) seeking civic recognition in this respect.

**Decided:** that the achievements of Kilsyth Thistle Pipe Band be recognised by the provision of a pipe banner.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT: 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

12. There was submitted a report dated 8 October 2003 by the Director of Administration advising of the plans being made by the Council to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Public Libraries (Scotland) Act and the 150th Anniversary of Airdrie Town Council becoming the first local authority to adopt that Act.

**Decided:** that it be delegated to the Director of Administration, after consultation with the Provost to liaise with the Director of Community Services to identify appropriate means of enhancing the celebrations already planned.

**GREENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, COATBRIDGE - CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY**

13. The Head of Central Services advised the Civic Functions Group of a late written representation from Councillor M. Clark (1) indicating that Greenhill Primary School, Coatbridge will celebrate their centenary anniversary on 24 October 2003, and (2) seeking civic recognition in this respect.

**Decided:** that the centenary anniversary of Greenhill Primary School, Coatbridge be recognised by the presentation of an appropriate civic gift.