

Motherwell, 9 December 2003 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager and Members Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Lyle and McCabe.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

1. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 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 8 October 2003.

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

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTION ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2003 by the Director of Administration (1) advising that an invitation had been received inviting the Council to participate in the Children in Scotland's 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner which was to be held on 14 November 2003 in Edinburgh, and (2) indicating that, as the Gala Dinner was scheduled to be held before the next meeting of the Group, the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, had exercised delegated powers in accepting the invitation.

Decided: that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, in accepting the invitation to participate in the Children in Scotland's 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner be homologated.

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION - SAMARITANS - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2003 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from the Branch Publicity Co-ordinator, the Samaritans, advising that they will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year and seeking recognition for this event.
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Decided: that it be delegated to the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, and, if appropriate in liaison with South Lanarkshire Council to arrange appropriate civic recognition.

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION - SHOTTS HIGHLAND GAMES

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 2003 by the Director of Administration (1) advising that correspondence has been received from the Shotts Highland Games Association advising that Shotts Highland Games 2004 will take place on Saturday, 5 June 2004 in Hannah Park, Shotts; (2) reporting that the Council's Chief Executive, has accepted an invitation by the Association to take up the role of Chieftain for this event, and (3) indicating that civic hospitality for this event is sought.

Decided: that civic hospitality, in line with that provided in previous years, be provided to mark Shotts Highland Games 2004.

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

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION - LAWRENCE MURPHY

5. The Provost advised orally that correspondence had been received from Councillor J. McCabe, Leader of the Council, advising that Lawrence Murphy had recently won the World Middleweight Boxing Title and seeking recognition for this achievement.

Decided: that appropriate hospitality be provided to mark the achievements of Lawrence Murphy in winning the World Middleweight Boxing Title.
