

**Motherwell, 25 February 2004 at 10 am.**

**A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

**PRESENT**

Provost Connelly, Convener; Councillors Holloway, Lyle, Pentland and Saunders.

**CHAIR**

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Burrows and McCabe.

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

1. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2004 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 9 December 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 FUNCTIONS ARRANGED SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE GROUP**

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that (1) the Appeals Director, St. Andrew's Hospice, had invited the Council to participate in their annual St. Andrew's Sportsman Dinner which was to be held in the Strathclyde Hilton on 21 February 2004; (2) the Trustees, Jimmy Knapp Cancer Fund, had invited the Council to participate in their 3rd annual charity dinner which was to be held in Colville Park Country Club on 27 February 2004, and (3) the Executive Administrator, Scottish Women's Football, had invited the Council to participate in their annual fundraising dinner which is to be held in Firhill Stadium, Glasgow on 29 February 2004 and that in view of the timescales, the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, had exercised delegated powers in accepting the invitations.

**Decided:** that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, in accepting the invitations to participate in (1) the St. Andrew's Hospice Sportsman Dinner, (2) the Jimmy Knapp Cancer Fund 3rd annual charity dinner, and (3) the Scottish Women's Football annual fundraising dinner be homologated.

**CIVIC HOSPITALITY - REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION**

3. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of (1) a twinning visit from Schweinfurt Swimming club; (2) the 50th anniversary of Orbiston Parish Church; (3) the Scottish Open Challenger Championships; (4) the Scottish Senior Boxing Championship Finals; (5) an international
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youth challenge match between the Scottish Youth Football Association and North Wales Football Association, and (6) the centenary of Bellshill Golf Club.

**Decided:** that the requests for Civic hospitality for events 1 to 6 be noted and in each case appropriate civic hospitality be authorised.

### **SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS**

4. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that (1) the Chairman, Crimestoppers Scotland, had invited the Council to participate in their Gala Dinner and Ball to be held in the Glasgow Moat House on 26 March 2004, and (2) Patrick Rawling, Value Sports Entertainment, had invited the Council to participate in their Joe Baker Memorial Golf Day to be held at Drumpellier Golf Club, Coatbridge on 29 April 2004.

**Decided:** that the Council participate in the Crimestoppers Scotland Gala Dinner and Ball and the Joe Baker Memorial Golf Day.

### **CUMBERNAULD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EXCHANGE**

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that (1) correspondence had been received from the Head Teacher, Cumbernauld High School, advising *inter alia* that a group of 16 pupils and two leaders will be travelling from Granville, Normandy, France during April this year and seeking civic hospitality in this respect.

**Decided:** that the visit to North Lanarkshire by pupils and leaders from Granville, Normandy be recognised by the provision of civic hospitality.

### **SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL SPORTS COUNCILS (SALSC)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2004 by the Director of Administration advising of an approach to the Council by the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils (SALSC) requesting that the Council provide civic hospitality for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils on Tuesday, 9 March 2004.

**Decided:** that it be agreed that civic hospitality be provided to host the first meeting of the newly elected Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils executive due to be held on 9 March 2004.

**The Chair being of the opinion that the following item of business was of an urgent nature, authorised its consideration to enable the Council to progress the item timeously.**

### **BROOMKNOLL PARISH CHURCH, AIRDRIE: BICENTENARY**

7. The Head of Central Services advised orally that Councillor Peter Sullivan had brought to the attention of the Council the forthcoming bicentenary of Broomknoll Parish Church, Airdrie and indicated that contact was being made with the Session Clerk whereafter a further report would be submitted to the Group.

**Decided:** that it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Group on the forthcoming bicentenary of Broomknoll Parish Church, Airdrie.

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