

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(c)
CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 11 August 2004

Motherwell, 11 August 2004 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the **CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Members' Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Curley, Lyle and McCabe.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY – FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

1. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 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 5 May 2004.

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 noted.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS ARRANGED SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE GROUP

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from (1) the Director, Colville Park Country Club inviting the Council to participate in its charity golf classic which was to be held on 10 August 2004; (2) the Organising Committee Secretary of Airdrie Golf Club inviting the Council to participate in its Pro-Am which was to be held on 23 June 2004, and (3) the Captain, Palacerigg Golf Club inviting the Council to participate in its charity day which was to be held on 25 July 2004, and that, in view of the timescales, the Director of Administration had, following consultation with the Provost, exercised his delegated powers in accepting these invitations.

Decided: that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, in accepting these invitations be homologated.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - REQUESTS FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of (1) the centenary of the Star of the East Juvenile Loyal Orange Lodge; (2) a Pistoia Twinning Programme visit of 60 Italian students and their teachers; (3) the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships; (4) the centenary of the Marguerite No. 9 Order of Eastern Star; (5) the Cumbernauld Gymnastics Club's Thirteenth Goodwill Classique; (6) the centenary of Stepps Bowling Club, and (7) the 50th anniversary of the Gartcosh Branch of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute.
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Decided: that the requests for civic hospitality for the above events be noted and in each case appropriate civic hospitality be organised, with the exception of the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships where, having regard to the guidelines adopted by the Civic Functions Group whereby civic recognition is given to events in North Lanarkshire Council only, the request for civic recognition be not granted.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

4. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that the Director of DoSolutions Limited had invited the Council to participate in the Big Hearted Scot of the Year Award Ceremony to be held in the Holiday Inn, Glasgow on 11 September 2004.

Decided: that the Council participate in the Big Hearted Scot of the Year Award Ceremony by sponsoring a table.

TRADING STANDARDS INSTITUTE - SCOTTISH BRANCH CONFERENCE

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that the Trading Standards Institute's Scottish Annual Branch Conference was being held in the Strathclyde Hilton, Bellshill on 28-29 October 2004.

Decided: that the Council agree to accord civic hospitality for the Trading Standards Institute's Scottish Annual Branch Conference.

The Chair being of the opinion that the following items of business were relevant, competent and urgent, authorised their consideration to enable the appropriate arrangements to be made as expediently as possible.

REQUESTS FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

(1) VISITORS FROM CZECH REPUBLIC

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of a visit to North Lanarkshire by a delegation from the Czech Republic.

Decided: that the request for civic hospitality for the above event be noted and appropriate civic hospitality be authorised.

(2) COALFIELDS COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN - NATIONAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of the Coalfields Communities Campaign Ordinary General Meeting being held in the Civic Centre on 3 December 2004.

Decided: that the request for civic hospitality for the above event be noted and appropriate civic hospitality be authorised.

(3) VISIT FROM BAVARIAN JUNIOR RED CROSS

8. The Head of Central Services orally advised that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of a visit from a group of eight junior Red Cross members from Bavaria.

Decided: that the request for civic hospitality for the above event be noted and appropriate civic hospitality be authorised.
