

CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 8 December 2004

Motherwell, 8 December 2004 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the **CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

PRESENT

Depute Provost Curley; Councillors Holloway and Saunders.

CHAIR

Depute Provost Curley presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Provost Connelly, Councillors Burrows, Lyle, McCabe and Pentland.

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

(1) ST. ANDREW'S HOSPICE 12TH ANNUAL BALL

1. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2004 by the Director of Administration (1) advising that an invitation had been received inviting the Council to participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice 12th Annual Ball which was to be held on 27 November 2004 in the McDonald Crutherland Hotel, and (2) indicating that, as the Annual Ball 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: the action taken, following consultation with the Provost in accepting the invitation to participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice 12th Annual Ball be homologated.

(2) DAILY RECORD SCOTTISH FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME AWARD CEREMONY DINNER

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2004 by the Director of Administration (1) advising that an invitation had been received inviting the Council to participate in the Daily Record's Scottish Football Hall of Fame Award Ceremony Dinner which was to be held on 7 November 2004 in the Glasgow Thistle Hotel, and (2) indicating that, as the Scottish Football Hall of Fame Award Ceremony 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 to decline the invitation.

Decided: that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, in declining the invitation to participate in the Daily Record's Scottish Football Hall of Fame Award Ceremony Dinner be homologated.

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of (1) the Centenary of

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Gartcosh Boys Brigade; (2) the 50th Anniversary of Uddingston Burnhead Parish Church; (3) the 50th Anniversary of The Maranatha Centre; (4) Sailability Scotland Scottish Open Challenger Championships, and (5) the Boys Brigade National Five-A-Side Football Competition Finals.

Decided: that the requests for civic hospitality for the above events be noted and in each case appropriate civic hospitality be organised.

CIVIC RECOGNITION: ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCES

4. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2004 by the Director of Administration (1) indicating that correspondence has been received advising that (a) the Institute of Clerk of Works Annual Conference Weekend will be held in the Strathclyde Hilton, Bellshill from 15-17 April 2005, and (b) the Community Learning and Development Manager Scotland Annual Conference will be held in the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld from 17-19 May 2005; (2) reporting that it is the practice of the Institute of Clerk of Works to have an Annual Residential Conference Weekend and this year North Lanarkshire Council has been requested to provide a civic reception, and (3) advising that it is also the practice of the Community Learning and Development Managers from all of the 32 local authorities, together with senior colleagues from the Voluntary Sector to have an annual conference addressed by a senior member of the Scottish Executive with North Lanarkshire Council being requested to provide a civic reception for the first time.

Decided: that a civic reception be provided to mark (1) the Institute of Clerk of Works Annual Conference Weekend, and (2) the Community Learning and Development Manager Annual Conference.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTION - SCOTTISH WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 2004 by the Director of Administration (1) advising that the Executive Administrator, Scottish Women's Football, had invited the Council to participate in their Annual Fundraising Dinner to be held in Firhill Stadium, Glasgow on 27 February 2005, and (2) indicating that the cost of this event is £380 for a table of 10, with individual tickets priced at £38.

Decided: that the Council participate in the Scottish Women's Football Annual Fundraising Dinner by sponsoring a table.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 2004 by the Director of Administration (1) advising that an invitation had been received by the Provost to visit the European Parliament between 22 and 27 November 2004, and (2) reporting that in view of the timescale, the invitation had been accepted and the Provost had accompanied a party from the Volunteer Centre, North Lanarkshire.

The Head of Central Services orally advised that an invitation had been received by the Provost to attend on 11 December 2004 the final Council meeting of Patrick Braouezec, the Mayor of St. Dennis, prior to his demission of office and the election of a new mayor.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken in accepting the invitation for the Provost to accompany a party from the Volunteer Centre, North Lanarkshire to the European Parliament in November be homologated, and

- (2) that the attendance of the Provost on 11 December 2004 at the final Council meeting of the Mayor of St. Dennis prior to his demission of office be approved.

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION - MASONIC ORGANISATION OF KNIGHT TEMPLARS - THE PRECEPTORY OF HENRY DYER NO. 24

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 December 2004 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of the Centenary in April 2005 of the Preceptory of Henry Dyer No. 24.

Decided: that the Centenary of the Preceptory of Henry Dyer No. 24 be recognised by the provision of appropriate civic hospitality.