

Motherwell, 23 February 2005 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the **CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor McCabe.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

1. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 2005 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 December 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 homologated.

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

2. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 2005 by the Director of Administration advising that (1) the Trustee, Jimmy Knapp Cancer Fund, had invited the Council to participate in their Fourth Annual Charity Dinner which is to be held on 25 February 2005; (2) the Appeals Director, St. Andrew's Hospice, had invited the Council to participate in their Sportsman Dinner which is to be held on 26 February 2005, and (3) in view of the timescales and following consultation with the Provost, the invitations had been accepted.

Decided: that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, in accepting the invitation to participate in (1) the Jimmy Knapp Cancer Fund Fourth Annual Charity Dinner, and (2) the St. Andrew's Hospice Sportsman Dinner, be homologated.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - REQUESTS FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

3. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 2005 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of (1) the Amateur Boxing Scotland Limited - Scottish Senior Boxing Championships; (2) the 150th Anniversary of Airdrie Advertiser; (3) Shotts Highland Games 2005; (4) a Twinning Visit by EMS Bron Rugby Club; (5) the achievements of Ms. Hamill competing in the Deaf Olympics in Australia; (6) hosting of the EQUAL Conference, and (7) hosting of Annual Conference of the Scottish School Boards Association (SSBA).
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Decided: that the requests for civic hospitality for events (1) to (7) be noted and in each case appropriate civic hospitality be authorised.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

4. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 2005 by the Director of Administration advising that (1) the Secretary of South Lanarkshire Disability Sport had invited the Council to participate in the Special Olympics South Lanarkshire Fundraising Dinner to be held in the Cambuslang Institute on 27 February 2005; (2) the Marie Curie Cancer Care had invited the Council to participate in the Great Daffodil Ball to be held in the Hilton, Glasgow on 12 March 2005, and (3) Frank Roy MP had invited the Council to participate in the Standing Up for Africa Dinner to be held in the Civic Centre, Motherwell on 19 March 2005.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council participate in the South Lanarkshire Disability Sport event and the Standing Up for Africa event, and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Director of Administration to obtain further information regarding the function planned by the Marie Curie Cancer Care and, fully consult with the Provost, to determine appropriate support.

VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY - 60TH ANNIVERSARY

5. There was submitted a report by the Director of Administration dated 17 February 2005 advising the Council of proposals to mark the 60th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

Decided: that the Group agree in principle that the Council support arrangements to mark the 60th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

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.

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION - BROOMKNOLL PARISH CHURCH 200TH ANNIVERSARY

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Civic Functions Group held on 25 February 2004, the Head of Central Services referred orally to the initiative by Councillor Peter Sullivan in bringing to the attention of the Council the forthcoming bicentenary of Broomknoll Parish Church, Airdrie and advised of subsequent development.

Decided: that civic hospitality be authorised to mark the 200th Anniversary of Broomknoll Parish Church.
