

CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 5 October 2005

Motherwell, 5 October 2005 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the **CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows, Lyle and McCabe.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE AND SERVICES AND NATIONWIDE TWO MINUTES SILENCE 2005

1. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 2005 by the Director of Administration advancing (1) proposals in respect of the Council's involvement in, and representation at, Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremonies on Sunday, 13 November 2005, and (2) of the Council's participation in the nationwide two minutes silence to observe the significance of the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Administration be authorised to organise Remembrance Sunday Parades and Services in Airdrie at 11 am and in Motherwell at 3 pm on Sunday, 13 November 2005;
- (2) that approval be given to participate at the invitation of the Royal British Legion Scotland, in ceremonies in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth organised by that organisation;
- (3) that the Council be represented at other traditional Remembrance Day ceremonies held in North Lanarkshire, and
- (4) that the Council support the nationwide two minutes silence at 11 am on Friday, 11 November 2005.

DUNBARTONSHIRE DEAF CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

2. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 2005 by the Director of Administration (1) advising of an approach from the Secretary, Dunbartonshire Deaf Children's Association seeking civic recognition for the 20th anniversary of this Group who befriend deaf children and their families residing in the areas of East and West Dunbartonshire and the North Lanarkshire area; (2) indicating that a similar request had been made to East Dunbartonshire Council, and (3) containing his observations thereon.

Decided: that the Council conjoining with East Dunbartonshire Council, provide civic hospitality.

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STRATHKELVIN BOYS' BRIGADE

3. There was submitted a report by the Director of Administration dated 27 September 2005 (1) advising of a request for civic recognition from Strathkelvin Boys' Brigade Battalion who were celebrating their 50th anniversary in March 2006; (2) indicating that a similar request had been made to East Dunbartonshire Council, and (3) containing his observations thereon.

Decided: that the Council, conjoining with East Dunbartonshire Council, provide civic recognition.

TWINNING - BRON

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 September 2005 by the Director of Administration advising (1) that 2005 marked the 30th anniversary of the final signing of the Twinning Agreement between the communities of Cumbernauld and Bron; that to mark this anniversary, the Municipality of Bron had proposed a formal signing of a fresh Protocol of Friendship; (3) that accordingly, the Provost and a party from the Council had been invited to visit Bron for this occasion between 30 September and 2 October 2005, and (4) that, in view of the timescale, action had been taken to accept the invitation.

Decided:

- (1) that the invitation by the Municipality of Bron for the Provost and a party from the Council to visit Bron between 30 September to 2 October 2005 be noted, and
- (2) that the action taken by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, in accepting the invitation be homologated.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

5. There was submitted a report dated 29 September 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 10 August 2005.

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

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 September 2005 by the Director of Administration advising (1) that St. Andrew's Hospice had invited the Council to participate in the Hospice's 13th Annual Ball to be held in the Crutherland House Hotel, East Kilbride on 26 November 2005. and (2) that Clyde Supporters' Trust had invited the Council to participate in their fundraising Annual Sports Dinner to be held in the Holiday Inn, Glasgow on 22 October 2005.

Decided: that the Council participate in both events.

The Chair being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent, authorised its consideration to enable the Committee to deal with the matter timeously.

SECOND WORLD WAR - ANNIVERSARY

7. There was submitted a report dated 30 September 2005 by the Director of Administration advising of proposals to commemorate those who served in the Far East during the Second World War.

Decided: that appropriate arrangements be made for the erection of an engraved stone memorial at the Civic Centre, Motherwell, and a civic event to mark its unveiling.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS - RECOGNITION

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 October 2005 by the Director of Administration advising of (1) the forthcoming demission, by Sister Catherine Egan, of her post of Matron at St. Andrew's Hospice, in December 2005; (2) the success of St. Aidan's High School, Wishaw in winning the Coca Cola 7s Football Championship, and (3) the success of Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band by again winning the World Pipe Band Championship.

Decided:

- (1) that Sister Catherine Egan's service be recognised by a civic reception conjoining with South Lanarkshire Council;
 - (2) the team from St. Aidan's High School Wishaw, receive appropriate civic recognition, and
 - (3) the Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band be invited to a civic lunch.
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