

## **CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 3 May 2006**

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**Motherwell, 3 May 2006 at 10 am.**

**A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

### **PRESENT**

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

### **CHAIR**

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services and Members' Services Manager.

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Holloway, Lyle and McCabe.

### **CIVIC HOSPITALITY – FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 24 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising of action taken in terms of delegated powers in respect of a request for civic hospitality which had been received since the last meeting of the Group held on 22 February 2006.

**Decided:** that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, in dealing with a request 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 24 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising Members that following the last meeting of the Group, correspondence had been received from the Chief Officer, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue inviting the Council to participate in their Sportsman's Dinner to be held in the County Buildings, Hamilton on 21 April 2006, and that, in view of the timescales, the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, had exercised delegated powers in accepting the invitation.

**Decided:** that the action taken, by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, in accepting the invitation from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to participate in this year's Sportsman's Dinner be homologated.

### **REQUESTS FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION**

3. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received requesting civic recognition in respect of (1) the 100th Anniversary of the Pride of Milnwood Lodge No. 186, Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland; (2) the 100th Anniversary of the 7th Motherwell Boys' Brigade; (3) the Kilsyth Swimming Gala; (4) the 50th Anniversary of St. Barbara's Church, Muirhead; (5) the 50th Anniversary of St. Teresa's Church, Newarthill; (6) the 50th Anniversary of Lodge Jura 1513, and (7) the Kilsyth Town Twinning Association twinning exchange from their Twin Town of Meulan.
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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 24 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from (1) the Events Fundraiser of the Scottish SPCA inviting the Council to participate in their Mid Summer Ball to be held in the Holiday Inn City West, Glasgow on 3 June 2006, and (2) the Vice President and Managing Director, Scotland of Capgemini inviting the Council to participate in their Charity Golf Day to be held in Balbirnie Park Golf Club, Fife on 1 June 2006.

**Decided:** that the Council decline both invitations.

### **4TH MOTHERWELL GIRLS' BRIGADE**

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising of action taken, under delegated powers, to recognise the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the 4th Motherwell Girls' Brigade, who proposed to plant a tree in the grounds of Crosshill Parish Church, in recognition of the Anniversary and that, in view of the timescales, the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, had exercised delegated powers to authorise the supply of the tree and that the Provost had attended the formal planting ceremony.

**Decided:** that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, be noted.

### **FLYING OF FLAGS - WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

6. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 2006 by the Director of Administration (1) advising of action taken, under delegated powers, to recognise Workers' Memorial Day on 28 April 2006, by flying The Council flag at half mast at the Council Headquarters; (2) indicating that, following consultation, consideration was being given to incorporating a permanent memorial within the proposals for Summerlee Heritage Park, and (3) proposing that the Council further mark Workers' Memorial Day by flying the Council flag at half mast at the Council Headquarters each year on Workers' Memorial Day.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the action taken by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, be homologated, and
- (2) that it be agreed that the Council, each year, fly the Council flag at half mast at the Council Headquarters to mark Workers' Memorial Day.

### **SCOTTISH PROVOSTS' ASSOCIATION**

7. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 December 2005, there was submitted a report dated 24 April 2006 by the Director of Administration (1) reminding members that, at their meeting on 16 December 2005, the Group had agreed to note the establishment of the Scottish Provosts' Association and had agreed that appropriate hospitality be provided for meetings of the Association and any sub-group thereof held in North Lanarkshire, and (2) advising of a request that had been received from the Scottish Provosts'
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Association for a donation of £200 to enable the Association to set up its structure and help with initial costs.

**Decided:** that arrangements be made for a payment of £200 to the Scottish Provosts' Association,.

### **SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 25 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from the Appeals Director, St. Andrews' Hospice, inviting the Council to participate in their Grand Summer Ball to be held in the Bothwell Bridge Hotel on 13 May 2006.

**Decided:** that the Council participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice Grand Summer Ball.

### **KIRKIN' OF THE COUNCIL**

9. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Group held on 21 February 1996 when it was agreed that the Kirkin' of the Council should take place annually, commencing with the Convener's area and Church, thereafter in different North Lanarkshire towns and in places of worship of different denominations to be decided by the Convener, there was submitted a report dated 26 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising (1) that having regard to the locations and denominations of the Churches in which the Kirkin' of the Council had taken place since 1996, the Provost had determined that the Kirkin' of the Council in 2006 should be held in St. Luke's Church, Motherwell, and (2) proposing, following consultation with Fr. Stephen Miller of St. Luke's Church, that the Kirkin' of the Council be held in June 2006.

**Decided:** that it be agreed that the Kirkin' of the Council in 2006 will take place in St. Luke's Church, Motherwell.

### **REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION - ALLANTON JOLLY BEGGARS**

10. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2006 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from the School's Convener, Allanton Jolly Beggars requesting civic recognition in respect of the 50th Anniversary in 2007 of the Allanton Jolly Beggars.

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

**The Convener, being of the opinion that the following two items of business were urgent, relevant and competent authorised their consideration as a matter of urgency to enable the reports to be considered timeously.**

### **CIVIC HOSPITALITY - BURNHEAD BOWLING CLUB**

11. There was submitted a report (tabled) dated 2 May 2006 by the Director of Administration advising that correspondence had been received from the Treasurer, Burnhead Bowling Club requesting civic recognition in respect of the 50th Anniversary of Burnhead Bowling Club.
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**Decided:** that the request for civic hospitality for this event be noted and appropriate Civic Hospitality be authorised.

### **CHILDREN IN SCOTLAND - ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

12. There was submitted a report (tabled) dated 3 May 2006 by the Director of Administration (1) advising that Children in Scotland was holding its Annual two day Conference in November this year in the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld; (2) informing that that this charitable organisation of which the Council was a member, and (3) proposing that the Council host a Conference pre-dinner reception on 2 November 2006.

**Decided:** that the Council provide civic hospitality in the form of a pre-dinner reception.

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