

Motherwell, 9 August 2006 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Provost Connelly (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Administration and Members Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Lyle and McCabe.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY - FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

1. There was submitted a report dated 27 July 2006 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 3 May 2006.

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 27 July 2006 by the Director of Administration advising Members that following the last meeting of the Group, correspondence had been received from (1) Mr. Yuill of Palacerigg Golf Club inviting the Council to participate in their charity day which was held on Sunday, 23 July 2006, and (2) Desmond Quigley, Director of Finance of Colville Park Golf Club, inviting the Council to participate in their Charity Golf Classic to take place on Thursday, 17 August 2006, and that, in view of the timescales, the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, had accepted the invitations.

Decided: that the action taken, by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, in accepting the invitations from Palacerigg Golf Club and Colville Park Golf Club to participate in their charity days, be homologated.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION : SCOTLAND

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 July 2006 by the Director of Administration advising of action taken in terms of delegated powers in respect of a request for appropriate advertisement of the Royal British Legion's national commemoration of "Beat the Retreat" event on Saturday, 1 July 2006.
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Decided: that the action taken, by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, in dealing with the request for appropriate advertisement since the last meeting of the Group be noted.

MEMORIAL : WAR IN THE FAR EAST - INAUGURATION

4. There was submitted a report dated 27 July 2006 by the Director of Administration advising of action taken in terms of delegated powers in respect of a request for civic hospitality for the formal inauguration ceremony of the Memorial on 15 August 2006 to those who served in the Far East during the Second World War.

Decided: that the action taken, by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Provost, in dealing with the request for civic hospitality since the last meeting of the Group be noted.

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 July 2006 by the Director of Administration advising of correspondence received requesting Civic Recognition in respect of (1) Tryst Olympic Wrestling Club – 10th Annual Open on 2 September 2006; (2) Phew Group : Visit from Romania; (3) 25th Anniversary of Monklands Victim Support; (4) 21st Anniversary of Wishaw Victim Support; (5) Cumbernauld Gymnastics Club, 15th Good Will Classic; (6) 60th Anniversary of West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society; (7) Bellshill and Mossend YMCA Centenary, and (8) Lanarkshire Scout Area Centenary.

Decided:

- (1) that the request for civic hospitality for events 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 be noted, and in each case appropriate civic hospitality be authorised, and the Council conjoining with South Lanarkshire Council provide civic hospitality for event 8, and
- (2) that with regard to events 3, 4 and 6 the Director of Administration contact the organisations to ascertain their plans for marking the respective anniversaries.

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6. There was submitted a report dated 27 July 2006 by the Director of Administration advising of correspondence received from (1) Ally Johnston, Crimestopper Scotland, inviting the Council to participate in the Crimestopper Celeb/AM Golf Event to be held at Pumpherston Golf Course on 14 September 2006, and (2) Provost Betty Cunningham of East Renfrewshire Council inviting North Lanarkshire Council to participate in the Scottish Provost's Association Charity Ball to be held in the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow on 24 November 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council decline the invitation from Crimestopper Scotland, and
 - (2) that they accept the invitation to the Scottish Provosts' Association Charity Ball.
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FLYING OF FLAGS

7. There was submitted a report dated 26 July 2006 by the Director of Administration advising (1) of the general practice of preceding authorities in adhering to the rules for hoisting flags on Government buildings; (2) that the Union Flag is flown at the Council Headquarters on each of the days identified by the Scottish Executive for the flying of flags on public buildings, and (3) that further guidance had been received from the Scottish Executive following a revision of the flag flying policy that the Saltire is to be flown every day on each of the buildings of the Scottish Executive.

Thereon, the Director of Administration advised orally that enquiries were being made as to the practices adopted by other local Councils on Flying of the Flags on government buildings.

Decided: that the Council should adopt the additional guidance issued by the Scottish Executive and fly the Saltire at the Council Headquarters every day.
