

CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 7 August 2008

Motherwell, 7 August 2008 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP

PRESENT

Councillor Robertson, Vice-Convener; Councillors S. Coyle, Hogg, Pentland and Ross.

CHAIR

In the absence of Provost Curley, Councillor Robertson presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services.

APOLOGIES

Provost Curley and Councillors Lyle and McCabe.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. No declarations were made.

CIVIC RECOGNITION – EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS

2. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2008 by the Head of Central Services advising of civic recognition which had been agreed following consultation with the Provost, since the last meeting of the Group held on 24 April 2008.

Decided: that the action taken, after consultation with the Provost, in dealing with requests for civic recognition since the last meeting of the Group be noted.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY – REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

3. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2008 by the Head of Central Services advising that correspondence had been received seeking civic recognition from (1) 2nd Wishaw Boys Brigade who would be celebrating their centenary in October 2008, and (2) the Head of Community Information and Learning for the opening of the Summerlee Heritage Centre during September 2008.

Decided: that civic hospitality be approved in respect of the aforementioned requests.

SHOTTS GOLF CLUB: CENTENARY OF LADIES GOLF

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Group held on 24 April 2008, when it was agreed that an appropriate presentation be made to commemorate the centenary of ladies golf at Shotts, there was submitted a report dated 16 July 2008 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising that the proposals to celebrate the ladies golf includes a celebratory dinner for which would

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be eligible for a community grant, and (2) recommending that, as an alternative, civic hospitality be authorised.

Decided: that civic hospitality be authorised for the centenary of ladies golf at Shotts.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

5. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2008 by the Head of Central Services advising that correspondence had been received inviting the Council to be represented at functions of a social or charitable nature from (1) St. Francis Xavier Church to support their Carfin Grotto Fundraising Dinner to be held on Friday, 24 October 2008 in the Dalziel Park Country Club, Motherwell; (2) Yorkhill Children's Foundation, Royal Hospital for Sick Children to support their Yorkhill Charity Dinner to be held on Thursday, 13 November 2008 in the Radisson SAS Hotel, Glasgow; (3) Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to support their St. Andrew's Night Charity Ball 2008 to be held on Friday, 28 November 2008 in the Old Fruit Market at the City Halls, Candleriggs, Glasgow; (4) St. Andrew's Hospice to support their Annual Ball to be held on Saturday, 29 November 2008 in the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow; (5) Lanarkshire Noel Charity Lunch to support their Lanarkshire Noel Charity Lunch to be held on Friday, 12 December 2008 in the Crutherland House Hotel, East Kilbride, and (6) St. Patrick's Day Festival Week Committee, Coatbridge to support their Charity Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, 7 March 2009 in the Tudor Hotel, Airdrie.

Decided: that the Yorkhill Charity Dinner be supported through sponsorship of a programme advertisement or equivalent and that, otherwise, the invitations be accepted.

SCOTTISH PROVOSTS' ASSOCIATION

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Group held on 3 May 2006 when it was agreed that arrangements be made for a payment of £200 to the Scottish Provosts' Association, there was submitted a report dated 31 July by the Head of Central Services advising that a letter had been received from former Provost Ahmad, the President of the Scottish Provosts' Association, seeking an annual contribution of £200 to the funds of the Association for the administration costs and as use for charitable purposes.

Decided: that authority be given for an annual payment of £200 to the Scottish Provosts' Association.

ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE: VISIT OF NATIONAL CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

7. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2008 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising that (a) the Association for Public Service Excellence, to which the Council is affiliated, is committed to the improvement of public service through liaison and co-operation with local authorities within the United Kingdom, and (b) on 22 August 2008 the National Chair and the Chief Executive of that Association will pay a visit to North Lanarkshire, and (2) recommending that the Group approve the provision of civic hospitality in the form of a civic lunch.

Decided: that a civic lunch be agreed to recognise the visit to North Lanarkshire by the National Chair and the Chief Executive of the Association for Public Service Excellence.

CORUS ELITE SERIES TRIATHLON

8. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2008 by the Head of Central Services advising that (1) in 2007 the inaugural Corus Elite Series was staged in the UK with events being held in Strathclyde Park, Wales and London; (2) the Series proved to be a major success with Strathclyde Park being selected as the venue for the triathlon at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and (3) advice had been received that this event will be repeated in Strathclyde Park on 7 September 2008.

Decided: that it be agreed that civic hospitality be provided to mark the holding of the Corus Elite Series Triathlon in Strathclyde Park during September 2008.

The Convener being of the view that the following item of business was of an urgent nature authorised its consideration to enable the Council to progress the item timeously.

COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 2008 by the Head of Central Services advising that correspondence had been received intimating that the Network of Councils for Voluntary Service will hold their national conference in the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld on 1 and 2 October 2008 and seeking civic recognition in this respect.

Decided: that civic hospitality be approved in the form of a pre dinner drinks reception for the annual conference of the Network of Councils for Voluntary Service.