

CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 30 April 2009

Motherwell, 30 April 2009 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP

PRESENT

Provost Curley, Convener; Councillor Robertson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Hogg, Lyle, Pentland and Ross.

CHAIR

Provost Curley (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Members' Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillor 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 20 April 2009 by the Head of Central Services advising of action taken in terms of delegated powers in respect of requests for civic recognition which have been received since the last meeting of the Group.

Decided: that the action taken, following 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 21 April 2009 by the Head of Central Services advising of correspondence received requesting civic recognition from (1) Girl Guiding North Lanarkshire advising that Girl Guiding celebrate their centenary in 2010; (2) Councillor Jones advising that the Kirkintilloch and District Bowling Association will be celebrating their centenary this year; (3) Lodge Coltswood Glenboig No. 1067 advising that they will be celebrating their centenary in February 2010; (4) St. Ignatius Church, Wishaw advising that they would be celebrating their 150th anniversary of the founding of the Parish in May 2009; (5) the Royal British Legion, Scotland advising of the forthcoming 65th anniversary of the D-Day Landings; (6) the Council for Voluntary Service Networking Scotland advising of their joint conference with the Volunteer Network Centre taking place in the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld from 6-8 October 2009, and (7) Wishaw Bowling Club advising that they would be celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2010.

Decided:

- (1) that civic recognition be granted to Girl Guiding in North Lanarkshire involving also appropriate units of Girl Guiding in South Lanarkshire;
- (2) that civic recognition be approved for Kirkintilloch and District Bowling Club Association and that the Head of Central Services investigate the possibility of conjoining with East Dunbartonshire Council;
- (3) that the Council sponsor an advertisement in the Royal British Legion brochure to recognise the D-Day Landings, and
- (4) that otherwise civic hospitality be approved in respect of the aforementioned requests for civic recognition.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 2009 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) LP Corporate Events inviting the Council to participate in the Capgemini UK plc Black and White Ball 2009 to raise funds for the Prince's Trust (Scotland) to be held in the Glasgow Hilton Hotel on Friday, 1 May 2009 at a cost of £1,000 per table of 10 plus VAT; (2) the RAF Benevolent Fund inviting the Council to participate in their Charity Scottish Golf Classic at a cost of £750 entry fee for a team of four, due to take place at the Fairmont Hotel and Kittocks Golf Course, Fairmont, St. Andrews on 3 June 2009; (3) Waysiders Drumpellier Rugby Club inviting the Council to their Annual Player's Dinner on Friday, 8 May 2009 at the Waysiders, Drumpellier Clubhouse at a cost of £250 per table of 10; (4) Albion Rovers Football Club inviting the Council to attend their Annual Sportsman's Dinner taking place on 15 May 2009, and (5) St. Andrew's Hospice inviting the Council to attend their Annual Grand Summer Ball scheduled to take place in the Crutherland House Hotel, East Kilbride on Saturday, 13 June 2009 at a cost of £55 per ticket.

Decided:

- (1) that no action be taken in respect of the invitations from LP Corporate Events and the RAF Benevolent Fund, and
- (2) that otherwise, the invitations be accepted.

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5. There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2009 by the Head of Central Services advising that correspondence has been received advising that by virtue of the Criminal Proceedings Reform (Scotland) Act 2007 the responsibility for the administration of the District Courts within North Lanarkshire, which has been held by the local authority since 1975 will transfer to the Scottish Courts Service in June 2009 and requesting the provision of civic hospitality to recognise the work of Justices of the Peace with the North Lanarkshire District Courts.

Decided: that appropriate hospitality be authorised.

ARMED FORCES DAY

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 March 2009 by the Head of Central Services advising that correspondence has been received from (1) the Vice Admiral P.J. Wilkinson, Depute Chief of Defence Staff advising that the Government have announced that the first British Armed Forces Day will take place on 27 June 2009 and inviting the Council to support this event, and (2) Lieutenant Colonel D.C. Wren of the Royal Engineers in Scotland advising that on 22/23 May 2009 there will be a Raising Parade for 124 Field Squadron which will be based in Cumbernauld and inviting the Provost, together with the Lord Lieutenant to participate in this event.

Decided: that approval be given to participate in the commemoration of Armed Forces Day by the ceremonial raising, at 10.30 am on Monday, 22 June at the Council's Headquarters, Civic Centre, Motherwell of the specially commissioned Armed Forces Day Flag and the flying of that flag from that time until after the Armed Forces Day on 27 June 2009.

The Provost 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.

KIRKIN' OF THE COUNCIL

7. 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 Provost's area and Church, thereafter in different North Lanarkshire towns and places of worship of different denominations to be decided by the Provost, there was submitted a report dated 29 April 2009 by the Head of Central Services advising 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 2009 should be held in New Wellwynd Parish Church, Airdrie on 14 June 2009.

Decided: that it be agreed that the Kirkin' of the Council in 2009 will take place in New Wellwynd Parish Church, Airdrie.