

CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 1 October 2009

Motherwell, 1 October 2009 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the **CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Provost Curley (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Members' Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

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.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS - FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

2. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2009 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of actions taken, under delegated powers, in respect of two invitations of a social and charitable nature which had been received since the last meeting of the Group.

Decided: that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, in dealing with two requests of a social and charitable nature which had been received since the last meeting of the Group be homologated.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

3. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2009 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of correspondence received, inviting the Council to be represented at functions of a social and charitable nature, from (1) St. Francis Xavier and Carfin Lourdes Grotto inviting the Council to participate in the Carfin Grotto Fundraising Dinner to be held in Dalziel Park Country Club, Motherwell on Friday, 27 November 2009; (2) St. Andrew's Hospice inviting the Council to participate in their 17th Annual Ball to be held in the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow on Saturday, 28 November 2009, and (3) Lanarkshire Noel Charity Lunch inviting the Council to participate in their Charity Lunch to be held in the Crutherland House Hotel, East Kilbride on Friday, 11 December 2009.

Decided: that the three invitations be accepted.

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CIVIC HOSPITALITY - REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2009 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of correspondence received (1) from Glenboig Neighbourhood Centre advising that a group of five people from La Plaine, St. Denis, France would be travelling to Glenboig from 13 to 19 April for which a civic lunch was provided, and (2) in respect of the 50th Anniversary of Cumbernauld YMCA during 2009 and seeking civic recognition.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken, after consultation with the Provost, in providing a civic lunch for the visitors from La Plaine, St. Denis, France be homologated, and
- (2) that appropriate civic hospitality be provided in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Cumbernauld YMCA.

SPECIAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 2009 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services (1) advising of an invitation by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Devine, Bishop of Motherwell, inviting the Council to attend the special ecumenical service of remembrance being organised in honour of those in the armed forces who have been killed or injured in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and (2) indicating that the special service was planned for Thursday, 29 October 2009 at 7.30 pm in Motherwell Cathedral with representatives from all the principal public institutions in North Lanarkshire together with the armed forces.

Thereon the Head of Central Services advised that it would be appropriate to give consideration to provision of civic hospitality following this event.

Decided: that the Council be represented at the special ecumenical service of remembrance being organised in honour of those in the armed forces who have been killed or injured in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to be held on Thursday, 29 October 2009 at 7.30 pm in Motherwell Cathedral and that civic hospitality be approved.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADES AND SERVICES 2009

6. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2009 by the Head of Central Services seeking the approval of the Council to proceed with arrangements to acknowledge and commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

Decided:

- (1) that the Executive Director of Corporate Services be authorised to organise Remembrance Sunday parades in Airdrie at 11 am and in Motherwell at 3 pm on Sunday, 8 November 2009;
 - (2) that approval be given to participate at the invitation of the Royal British Legion, Scotland, in ceremonies in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and Wishaw, and
 - (3) that the Council be represented at other traditional Remembrance Day ceremonies held within the North Lanarkshire Council area.
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LENINGRAD ALBUM: RUSSIAN VISIT

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 September 2009 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising that, arising from the compilation during the Second World War of the Leningrad Album, links between the communities of Monklands and the Russian city of St. Petersburg have been established; (2) indicating that those links include (a) the commemoration of the Leningrad Album; (b) the establishment of a Burns Competition for school children in St. Petersburg, and (c) the publication, by the former Monklands District Council, of a book entitled "Dear Allies" which had been translated into Russian, and (3) further advising that as part of ongoing contact, a teacher from St. Petersburg together with the current recipient of the Burns Club Award will visit Airdrie during November 2009 and would seek to avail themselves of the opportunity to present to the Provost a ceremonial ribbon and a copy of the Russian version of the book "Dear Allies".

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that a teacher from St. Petersburg together with the current recipient of the Burns Club Award will visit Airdrie during November 2009, and
- (2) that a civic lunch be authorised for that visit.

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

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8. There was submitted a report dated 1 October 2009 by the Head of Central Services advising that St. Edward's Church, Airdrie would be celebrating its 50th anniversary during 2009.

Thereon, the Head of Central Services advised, orally, that Kildrum Parish Church, Cumbernauld would also be celebrating its 50th anniversary during 2009.

Decided: that appropriate civic hospitality be authorised in recognition of the 50th anniversaries of St. Edward's Church, Airdrie and Kildrum Parish Church, Cumbernauld.
