

CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 13 October 2011

Motherwell, 13 October 2011 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the **CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Provost Curley (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Members' Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McCabe and Stocks.

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

1. There were no declarations of interest.

FUNCTIONS ARRANGED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

2. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2011 by the Head of Central Services advising of action taken in terms of delegated powers in respect of requests for civic recognition which had been received since the last meeting of the Group.

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

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

3. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2011 by the Head of Central Services advising that correspondence had been received from (1) St. Francis Xavier Parish and Carfin Lourdes Grotto inviting the Council to participate in their Carfin Grotto Fundraising Dinner on 4 November 2011; (2) St. Andrew's Hospice inviting the Council to participate in their 25th anniversary ball to be held on 26 November 2011; (3) Strathclyde Fire and Rescue inviting the Council to participate in their Annual St. Andrew's Charity Ball on 2 December 2011, and (4) St. Patrick's Day Festival Week Committee inviting the Council to participate in their Annual Dinner Dance on 10 March 2012, and seeking that consideration be given to the invitations received.

Decided: that the Council sponsor an advertisement in each of the event programmes.

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.

TWINNING: SCHWEINFURT

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 October 2011 by the Head of Central Services (1) seeking views in relation to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the formal twinning with Schweinfurt; (2) reminding Members that the formal twinning agreement between the Burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw and the Municipality of Schweinfurt had been signed in 1962; (3) indicating the possibility that the Municipality of Schweinfurt may propose to commemorate the anniversary in early May 2012 and to issue an invitation to the Provost and a number of Members of the Council; (4) advising that, due to the Council elections to be held on 3 May 2012, and in terms of the Council's Standing Orders, the statutory meeting of the Council at which the Provost would be appointed would take place on 17 May 2012; (5) further advising, that at the time of the Schweinfurt commemoration, it would be likely that there would be no Provost in office, and (6) proposing that, in that event, the current Provost be authorised to attend, accompanied by such number of current elected Members of the Council as may be determined upon receipt of the invitation, provided that they are re-elected to Council Membership.

Decided: that, in the event of an invitation to a commemoration in early May 2012, the current Provost be authorised to attend, accompanied by such number of current Elected Members of the Council, to be determined upon receipt of the invitation, provided they are re-elected to Council membership.