

**CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP – 24 January 2013**

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**Motherwell, 24 January 2013 at 11 am.**

**A Meeting of the CIVIC FUNCTIONS GROUP**

**PRESENT**

Provost Robertson, Convener; Councillor Jones, Vice-Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curley, W. Hogg and Johnston.

**CHAIR**

Provost Robertson (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Executive Director of Corporate 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. Councillor Robertson declared a non financial interest in respect of paragraph 2 below in relation to the request for civic recognition by Shotts Highland Games Association.

**Councillor Robertson declared a non financial interest in the following item of business in relation to the request for civic recognition by Shotts Highland Games Association as being a member of the Association, vacated the Chair and took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**Councillor Jones assumed the Chair.**

**CIVIC HOSPITALITY – REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION**

2. There was submitted a report dated 16 January 2013 by the Head of Central Services advising of correspondence received requesting civic recognition in respect of (1) the Shotts Highland Games Association advising that the Highland Games will take place on Saturday, 1 June 2013 at Hannah Park, Shotts, and (2) Strathkelvin Battalion Boys Brigade advising of the 5-a-side Football National Finals which will take place on Saturday 4 May 2013 at the Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld.

**Decided:**

- (1) that hospitality for the Shotts Highland Games be authorised, and
- (2) that appropriate hospitality be arranged for the Strathkelvin Battalion Boys Brigade in conjunction with East Dunbartonshire Council.

**Councillor Robertson resumed the Chair.**

**SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS**

3. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2013 by the Head of Central Services advising of invitations received from (1) Motherwell College inviting the Council to participate in their Annual Charity Showcase Dinner in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust to be held in Motherwell College on Friday, 19 April 2013; (2) St. Andrew's Hospice – Cheltenham Festival Preview Evening to be held in the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow on Tuesday, 26 February 2013, and (3) Yorkhill Children's Foundation – Annual Yorkhill Ball to be held in the Radisson Blue Hotel, Glasgow on Friday, 15 March 2013.

**Decided:** that the Council support the events by sponsoring an advertisement in the Event Programmes.

**HOMECOMING PARADE**

4. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2013 by the Head of Central Services seeking approval for the Council to conjoin with South Lanarkshire Council in extending hospitality to the 1st Battalion of The Royal Regiment of Scotland in Afghanistan following their Homecoming Parade.

**Decided:** that appropriate hospitality be arranged, in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Council following the Homecoming Parade.

**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.**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL WEEK COMMITTEE**

5. The Executive Director of Corporate Services orally advised of correspondence received from the organisers of St. Patrick's Day Festival Week Committee inviting the Council to participate in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival Dinner/Dance to be held in the Tudor Hotel, Airdrie on Saturday, 9 March 2013.

**Decided:** that the Council support the event by sponsoring an advertisement in the Event Programme.