

Motherwell, 8 August 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 Stocks.

CHAIR

Provost Robertson (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services and Chief Administrative Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Johnston 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 10 July 2013 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of action taken, in terms of delegated powers, in respect of a request for civic recognition which had been received since the last meeting of the Civic Functions Group.

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

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS – DELEGATED POWERS

3. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2013 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services (1) advising of an invitation received inviting the Council to participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice Sportsman's Dinner, and (2) indicating that, in view of the timescales, and following consultation with the Provost, that the Council support the event by sponsoring an advertisement in the event programme.

Decided: that the action taken, following consultation with the Provost, be homologated.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY – REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

4. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2013 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of correspondence received requesting civic recognition in respect of (1) the Scottish Women's Football Association in respect of the SWFA Senior Scottish Cup Final to be held at Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld and the semi-finals for Youth and Seniors age group being held at Ravenscraig both on 10 November 2013, and (2) the Chief Executive, North Lanarkshire Leisure in respect of Wishaw Games to be held on 17 and 18 August 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that appropriate hospitality for the Senior Scottish Cup Final at Broadwood and Wishaw Games be approved, and
- (2) otherwise no action to be taken.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

5. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2013 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of invitations received from (1) the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland inviting the Council to their James Watt Dinner 2013 to be held in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow on Friday, 4 October 2013; (2) Lanarkshire Noel Charity Lunch inviting the Council to their annual charity lunch to be held in the Crutherland House Hotel, East Kilbride on Friday, 13 December 2013; (3) St. Andrew's Hospice inviting the Council to their Annual Ball to be held in the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow on Saturday, 30 November 2013, and (4) Yorkhill Children's Charity inviting the Council to their Annual Yorkhill Dinner to be held at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow on Friday, 1 November 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that the Lanarkshire Noel Charity Lunch, St. Andrew's Hospice Ball and Yorkhill Children's Charity be supported by the placing of an advert in the event programme, and
- (2) otherwise no action to be taken.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS: LANARKSHIRE DEAF CLUB

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 July 2013 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising of an invitation received inviting the Council to participate in the 10th Anniversary Commemoration of Lanarkshire Deaf Club, and (2) indicating that, in view of the timescales, and following consultation with the Provost, that action was taken to support the event by sponsoring an advertisement in the event programme.

Decided: that the action taken following consultation with the Provost be homologated.

COMMONWEALTH DAY: FLYING OF FLAG

7. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2013 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising of communication from the President of COSLA, Councillor David O'Neill, requesting that the Council give consideration to flying the Commonwealth Flag on Commonwealth Day on the second Monday in March of each year; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating that, the Council currently observes Commonwealth Day by the flying of the Union Flag and that, if the Council were to register to fly on Commonwealth Day the Commonwealth Flag, that Flag would be provided free of charge; (4) proposing that, also, that the Commonwealth Flag be raised at a ceremony at 10 am on