

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 28 April 2009 in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew, Councillors Gail Casey, Ronnie McColl, Marie McNair and Iain Robertson

Attending: Dave Clarke, Head of Service (Resources); Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Land and Environment; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning; Joe Traynor, Senior Officer, Museums; Billy McCabe, Section Head – Events and Halls; Janice Rainey, Section Head (Grants); and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor George Black.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 10 March 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

EXHIBITION/VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMME 2009/10

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising of the proposed Exhibitions and Visual Arts Programme for 2009/10.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Lifelong Learning and relevant officers in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) that the draft Exhibitions and Visual Arts Programme be brought forward in future years to enable consultation with Members of the Sub-Committee to take place;

- (2) that the Manager of Lifelong Learning be authorised to hold discussions with the Estates Section with a view to obtaining costs and suitability of premises for potential museum venues in Clydebank, Dumbarton and Alexandria;
- (3) that a representative of the Estates Section be invited to attend the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in order to answer any questions from Members; and
- (4) otherwise to note the proposed Exhibitions Programme for 2009/10 as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

CREATIVE APPRENTICESHIPS - SCOTTISH PILOT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services:-

- (a) advising of the Council's selection as one of three Creative Apprenticeship Pilots in Scotland, and the only museum placement nationally; and
- (b) advising of the background to the Scottish Creative Apprenticeship Pilot and funding awarded to the Council's Culture Section to enable provision of a Creative Apprenticeship.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Lifelong Learning and the Senior Officer, Museums, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) that with regard to the remaining £1,700 mentioned in the Financial Implications of the report, this figure be met from the Corporate Cultural Budget and not through the Culture Section's budget; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report and the aims and objectives of the West Dunbartonshire Council Creative Apprenticeship Pilot project.

OLD KILPATRICK GALA DAY

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of proposals for a Gala Day in Old Kilpatrick.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Land and Environment and the Section Head – Events and Halls in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the content of this report;
- (2) that funding of approximately £3,000 be allocated from the Cultural Budget to enable the event to proceed;

- (3) that the preferred date for this event, taking into account consultation with the local community, would be Saturday, 8 August 2009;
- (4) that Councillors Casey and McNair would liaise with Old Kilpatrick Community Council with a view to checking the suitability of the date of 8 August, and in the event that date was not suitable, a fall-back date of Saturday, 22 August 2009 could be proposed instead; and
- (5) that Councillors Casey and McNair be authorised to speak directly with officers once they were aware of the Community Council's preferred date for the Gala Day, which would ensure that there was no undue delay for officers making the appropriate arrangements.

2009 HOGMANAY EVENTS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of options for Hogmanay 2009 events at Balloch and Clydebank.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head – Events and Halls and the Head of Land and Environment in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of this report;
- (2) to approve an afternoon Hogmanay event at Balloch;
- (3) that officers prepare a report for consideration at the June meeting of the Sub-Committee detailing options with regard to the possibility of having two afternoon events, one at Clydebank and the other at Balloch, that could potentially utilise the same acts and/or entertainment;
- (4) to note that the funding source for any approved Hogmanay events would be drawn from the small scale events budget previously agreed (i.e. £25,000 plus £10,000 for promotion, per annum); and
- (5) that the possibility of holding an evening Hogmanay event, at some point in the future, would be kept under review.

OPTIONS FOR 2009 CEILIDH EVENTS AND MARQUEE EVENTS AT BALLOCH

A report was submitted from the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of options for ceilidh dances at the 2009 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association Championships and Loch Lomond Highland Games 2009 and for a programme of events at Moss O'Balloch.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head – Events and Halls and relevant officers in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the terms of the discussion that had taken place;
- (2) to note that, in view of the timescales involved to allow for discussions to take place with promoters, marketing, etc., there may be a requirement for the Sub-Committee to convene a Special Meeting in late May in order to deal with this matter; and
- (3) that officers should prepare a report for consideration at the Special Meeting of the Sub-Committee, referred to at (2) above, giving costings and outline proposals for a two weekend event in July, and the additional cost for the staging of a three weekend event in July.

The meeting closed at 11:25 a.m.