

CLYDEBANK BLITZ WORKING GROUP

Note of Meeting of the Clydebank Blitz Working Group held in St. Margaret of Scotland Hospice, East Barns Street, Clydebank, on Friday, 28 January 2011 at 12.00 noon.

- Present:** Provost Denis Agnew
Councillor Jim Brown
Councillor Gail Casey
Councillor William Hendrie
Councillor Jim McElhill
Councillor Marie McNair
Bobby Steele, Lieutenancy
George Troup, Cadet Forces
Janice Blair, Girlguiding Clydebank
Jack Tasker, Kilbowie St. Andrew's Church
Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Leisure and Facilities
Fiona McGuigan, Leisure Services Co-ordinator
Fiona Anderson, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services
- Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Jim Finn, Terry Lanagan, Director of Educational Services and Tom McKendrick, Artist.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Prior to commencing with the business of the meeting, Provost Agnew, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.

NOTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Note of Meeting of the Working Group held on 19 November 2010 was submitted and noted as a correct record.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

Having heard the Provost and following discussion, the Working Group agreed:-

- (1) to note that a graveside service to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz would be held at Dalnottar Cemetery on Saturday, 12 March 2011 at 11.00 a.m.;
- (2) to note that members of the Working Group, Members of the Administration and other Elected Members would be invited to lay wreaths over the weekend;
- (3) to note that wreaths for 12th March would be purchased from the Provost's Budget;
- (4) to note that there would also be an ecumenical service to commemorate the event held in Kilbowie St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, 13 March 2011 at 2.00 p.m.;
- (5) to note the various dignitaries who had agreed to attend the Sunday service;
- (6) to note that the Provost would lay flowers at Graham Avenue following the Sunday service;
- (7) to note that funds would be provided from the Small Scale Events Budget to cover the cost of catering, etc.;
- (8) to note that there may be a Guard of Honour to be made up of representatives from the youth organisations including Scouts, Girl Guides and Cadets;
- (9) to note that it had been agreed at the Corporate Cultural Sub Committee to approach a number of churches in the Clydebank locale to ask them to host some kind of event on Sunday, 13 March 2011 with West Dunbartonshire Council providing a set amount of funds from the Small Scale Events Budget to cover the cost of catering;
- (10) to note that the Provost would send a letter to Churches Together suggesting that a church of each denomination from each ward host an event;
- (11) to note that the Provost would have further discussions with Corporate Communications regarding a facsimile of the Clydebank Post from the week of the Blitz to be printed as a commemorative edition with an attachment listing the names of the people who had died;

- (12) to note that the Provost would endeavour to arrange for either John Cairney or Nicholas Parsons to make a recording of a poem about the Blitz and that proceeds from the sale of the recording could go to the Blitz Memorial Chapel Fund;
- (13) to note that if the Council funded the cost of the recording, it would then own the rights and could distribute any income raised from the sale of it;
- (14) to note that a Blitz exhibition would be staged in Kilbowie St. Andrew's Church hall during the following week and that various items would be on display including copies of the Daily Record and Evening Times dated between 14 and 16 February 1941 together with other papers from outwith the area and other memorabilia; it was also hoped to have an Anderson Shelter, sandbags and camouflage nets, recordings of sounds of bombs, air raid sirens, etc.;
- (15) to note that the Blitz Images produced for use in connection with the Memorial Wall could be projected onto the Church Hall wall on 13 March 2011; and
- (16) to note the suggestion that two people from the two local high schools be invited to read out the names and places and the number of people who were killed there in order to personalise the events.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Having heard the Chair, Provost Agnew, it was agreed that the meeting of the Working Group which had been arranged for 11 March 2011 should be cancelled and that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1 March 2011 in the Meeting Room in the Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank.

The meeting closed at 12.35 p.m.