

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 15 June 2010 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew and Councillors George Black, Jonathan McColl and Marie McNair.

Attending: Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Anne Laird, Manager of Administrative Services; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning; Gill Graham, Section Head – Culture; Billy McCabe, Section Head – Events and Halls; Janice Rainey, Section Head (Accountancy); Aileen Douthwaite, Education Support Officer – Music Instruction, Lynn McAdam, Press Officer and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gail Casey and William Hendrie.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Before commencing with the business of the meeting, Provost Agnew, Chair, welcomed Councillor Jonathan McColl to his first meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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 16 February 2010 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the following correction:-

With regard to the item under the heading "Events 2010" paragraph (7) refers, to note that Councillors McNair and Black would lead on the issue of putting forward proposals to mark St Patrick's connection to the local area.

After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee also agreed:-

- (1) that in relation to the item under the heading "Clydebank Town Hall – Clydebank Civic Quarter Project" paragraph (2) refers, to note that a Briefing Note be prepared and sent to Members dealing with any contingency arrangements for events to go ahead, wherever possible, and possible phasing of the works together with a breakdown of the costs/potential loss of revenue as well as other ancillary issues;
- (2) to suspend Standing Orders on the basis that the decision taken to approve the draft 2010 Events Calendar had been taken within the last six months;
- (3) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of events that had taken place and events that were either proposed or had been planned for, which might require a Special Meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held at some point, as appropriate;
- (4) that officers, in consultation with the Chair, would pursue the possibility of securing/staging any further events utilising the funding provided from the £25,000 in the Corporate Cultural Budget for small-scale events; and
- (5) to note, that in view of (4) above, that Councillor George Black would take the lead with regard to looking at what small scale events could be planned for within the remainder of the current financial year.

OPTIONS PAPER – MUSEUMS OUTREACH

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising on a number of options for consideration relating to the provision of museum outreach services across West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Lifelong Learning and relevant officers in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, Provost Agnew, seconded by Councillor McNair, moved:-

That the Sub-Committee agrees to approve Option 1 outlined in the Appendix to the report, i.e. 'Temporary rental of retail/commercial premises outlet in town centre location' but that officers investigate possible redeployment options to reduce the additional staffing cost involved.

As an amendment, Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-

That the Sub-Committee agrees to approve Option 1 and that officers be requested to source funding to enable Option 2 outlined in the Appendix to be taken forward, i.e. 'Temporary rental of retail/commercial premises outlet in town centre location' and "Provision of a local history exhibition utilising vacant premises at Dumbarton High Street'.

On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 2 for the motion. There being an equality of voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was accordingly declared carried.

Thereafter the Sub-Committee further agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of the report; and
- (2) to approve, in principle, that monies from the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee budget for 2010/11 and where required in 2011/12 be utilised for implementing the aforementioned Options on the basis shown.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014 LAUNCH EVENT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of the intention of the Scottish Government, via EventScotland, to encourage local authorities to stage a Commonwealth Games 2014 Launch Event.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head – Events & Halls in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of this report;
- (2) to approve the staging of this event on the basis outlined in the report; and
- (3) to approve funding from the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee budget to a maximum of £8,950 to stage a Commonwealth Games 2014 Launch Event, this being subject to the Council securing partnership funding for this event from EventScotland.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY EVENT 2010

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of the intention of the Scottish Government, via EventScotland, to encourage local authorities to celebrate St. Andrew's Day 2010 by staging a local event.

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

- (1) to note the content of this report;
- (2) to note that officers would hold discussions as appropriate with regard to ascertaining whether the newly developed Three Queens Square would have the capacity for an events area;
- (3) to approve the staging of this event on the basis outlined in the report; and

- (4) to approve funding from the Culture Budget to a maximum of £3,500 to stage a St Andrew's Festival Event, this being subject to the Council securing partnership funding for this event from EventScotland.

CLYDEBANK BLITZ 70TH ANNIVERSARY – MARCH 2011

At Provost Agnew's request, the Sub-Committee discussed the position of the Clydebank Blitz 70th Anniversary which was scheduled to take place in March 2011.

After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion, including suggestions of possible venues for the commemoration including Clydebank High School, etc., that had taken place in respect of this matter;
- (2) to request that Elected Members contact the Manager of Legal Services with regard to any suggestions/ideas for a suitable venue, in the Clydebank area, for the holding of a ceremony to commemorate the Clydebank Blitz 70th Anniversary; and
- (3) to note that a Special Meeting of the Sub-Committee might be required at some point to take matters forward in this regard.

DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL LINKS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the Council's international links and seeking guidance from Members about how these should be progressed.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Administrative Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter;
- (2) to note that authority already existed for the Provost and another elected member to visit Argenteuil;
- (3) to note, in view of (2) above, that discussions would take place with members and officers from the twin town in order to identify options for actively developing the twinning link, with a view to reporting back to the Sub-Committee in due course;
- (4) that officers be authorised to draw up a formal Charter as the next step in the process of the friendship link with Beauvoisin and consider the mechanism by which this would be implemented;

- (5) to note the request by the Mayor of Zabki proposing a twinning link with West Dunbartonshire but to take no action at the present time, given existing commitments and limited resources available; and
- (6) that officers progress arrangements with regard to extending a letter of invitation to the Sud de France to attend next year's Scottish Pipe Band Championship in Dumbarton.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.