

## **CLYDEBANK BLITZ WORKING GROUP**

Note of Meeting of the Clydebank Blitz Working Group held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, on Tuesday, 26 October 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Provost Denis Agnew  
Councillor Jim Brown  
Councillor Jim Flnn  
Councillor Marie McNair  
Billy McCabe, Section Head – Events and Halls  
Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Councillors William Hendrie and Gail Casey. Apologies were also received from Terry Lanagan, Director of Educational Services; Ronnie Dinnle, Head of Land and Environment; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning and Gill Graham, Section Head – Culture.

## **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was agreed to appoint Provost Agnew as Chair of the Clydebank Blitz Working Group.

## **EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2010**

An Excerpt Minute of the Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 14 September 2009 was circulated to Members of the Working Group, for their information.

The Chair, Provost Agnew, made reference to the Excerpt Minute and explained the background and current position concerning arrangements for the 2011 Blitz commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING GROUP**

After discussion and having heard the relevant officer in answer to Members' questions, the Working Group agreed:-

- (1) to note the it would be a Council run event and that Members would be involved in arrangements including making approaches to various outside groups/parties including the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts along with invitations being extended to various army, military and veterans associations including representatives of the church & clergy, polish representatives, MP, MSP's, Scottish First Minister, Secretary of State for Scotland, as well as Prime Minister David Cameron. A representative of the Royal Family was also going to be invited to attend the event by the Provost, subject to their availability on the day;
- (2) to note that it was anticipated that Billy McCabe would take the lead, from an officer perspective, in relation to planning for the event and various aspects of organisation for the event, including the service at Kilbowie/St Andrew's church, muster point in the playground at Kilbowie Primary, march past the church and parade down Kilbowie Road, Chalmers Street or Argyll Road into the Play Drome (subject to availability) where the commemoration, including possible guest speakers and the setting up of a stage, would take place. Hospitality for up to approx. 500 people would also be provided within the Play Drome;
- (3) to note that Billy McCabe would check whether the Play Drome was available for the event in March 2011 and make appropriate arrangements in terms of making the booking, and organizing the staging etc.;
- (4) that a report on arrangements, including budgeting for the event should be submitted to the December meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee for Members' consideration;
- (5) that meetings of the working group should take place on a regular basis and that an item on the Clydebank Blitz commemoration be kept as a standing item of business for the Sub-Committee up and until such time as the event took place in March 2011;
- (6) that an invitation be extended to representatives of appropriate groups, such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, to attend the next meeting of the working group to add their input into discussions with regard to arrangements, etc. for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration;
- (7) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of the possibility of having special guest(s) attend the ceremony and the nature of their input into the event;

- (8) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of broadcasting the event to a wider audience, and having heard that Gill Graham, Section Head – Culture, had links with Scottish Screen to request that she take this matter forward on behalf of the group; and
- (9) to note that appropriate television and radio media would be informed of what arrangements were being planned for the 70<sup>th</sup> commemoration, and that an approach be made to the Clydebank Post to ascertain their interest in the possible production of a souvenir edition of the paper marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Discussion took place on when the next meeting of the Working Group should take place and it was noted that a possible date for this could be 4.00 pm on Friday, 19 November 2010. However, this would be subject to Members' checking their diaries and a definitive date/time for the meeting would be communicated to all Members of the Working Group in due course.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.