

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Monday, 5 October 2009 in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew and Councillors George Black, William Hendrie and Marie McNair.

Attending: Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services; Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Land and Environment; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; Anne Laird, Manager of Administrative Services; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning; Janice Rainey, Section Head (Accountancy); Aileen Douthwaite, Education Support Officer – Music Instruction and Fiona Anderson, Committee Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Gail Casey.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair took the opportunity to welcome Emma Watson, Work Experience Pupil from Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services, to the meeting.

After hearing Provost Agnew, the Committee noted that Councillor Iain Robertson had been replaced on the Sub-Committee by Councillor William Hendrie. The Provost also took the opportunity to pay tribute and record thanks to Councillor Robertson for his contribution thus far to the success of the Committee.

The Chair reminded the Committee that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 30 November 2009 and the Committee noted that the Council had agreed the dates for next year. The Chair advised the Committee that a Special meeting should be held before the end of the year to discuss how to take things forward.

It was noted that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 18 August 2009 would be submitted to the meeting to be held on 30 November 2009.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

PROPOSED CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL WORKING GROUP: REMITS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services detailing the current responsibilities for operation of the Clydebank Town Hall, and associated Capital and Revenue and considering the possible role for any working group which the Sub-Committee might wish to establish.

The Manager of Legal Services was heard in summarisation of the background to previous discussions and in clarification of what the role and remit of the proposed Working Group might be.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that there is only a very small budget allocated for maintenance of the Town Hall;
- (2) that, with reference to information contained in Appendix 1 to the report, the Manager of Legal Services would confirm that Council had agreed in March 2008 that Clydebank Re-built would commission a feasibility study to firm up on a development brief and to establish outline costs for the creation of a Civic Heart quarter development in Clydebank;
- (3) to note the concern expressed that Elected Members had not been involved in the Civic Heart Working Group;
- (4) to note the concern expressed by Members relating to the general state of disrepair prevailing in the Town Hall and how it might impact on the ability to attract future cultural events to the building;
- (5) to note that the Working Group should focus on the use of the building and cultural uses for the building but that any proposals involving capital spend would require to be remitted to full Committee or Council;
- (6) to note that the Working Group should comprise all members of the Sub-Committee together with the other Clydebank Councillors and attendance by officers as and when required;
- (7) to note that the Working Group should have flexibility to invite people with expertise in specific areas when issues arose; and
- (8) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCATION SIGNAGE

The Provost was heard in further explanation of the background relating to the Agenda Item requesting the Sub-Committee to consider the issue of location signage on main routes in and out of West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that Old Kilpatrick Community Council had requested that signs be erected at the entrance and exit to Old Kilpatrick indicating the village's connection with St. Patrick, preferably before 17 March next year;
- (2) to note that Old Kilpatrick Community Council had indicated it would be willing to make a contribution towards the cost of such signage;
- (3) to note that the signage requested consisted of two types, location signage and also interpretive signage and that the Roads Department would be willing to help with the design of the signs;
- (4) to note that Bowling Community Council had identified suitable signage but had requested financial assistance to have the designs erected;
- (5) to note that officers would confirm if funding could be made available from this year's budget;
- (6) to note that Elected Members had requested an update on the position regarding the spending freeze prior to attending the forth-coming Community Council Meetings;
- (7) to note that Councillors George Black, William Hendrie and Marie McNair should be included in any discussions regarding location signage and that the Provost should be kept apprised of any developments;
- (8) to note that the Working Group set up last year to discuss St. Patrick's Day were proposing to hold an evening event in Napier Hall in March 2010 to commemorate St. Patrick's Day and that this would be an agenda item for the meeting to be held on 30 November 2009;
- (9) to note that consideration should be given to trying to obtain the return of artefacts which belong in West Dunbartonshire; and
- (10) to approve in principle making £1k available to Bowling Community Council, dependent on the spending freeze and if this was not possible submit a motion to the Council.

The meeting closed at 3:45 p.m.