

Supplementary Agenda



Special Meeting of Cultural Committee

Date: Thursday, 17 January 2019

Time: 10:00

Venue: Council Chambers,
Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank

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Dear Member

Item to Follow

I refer to the agenda for the above special meeting of the **Cultural Committee** which was issued on 4 January 2019 and now enclose a copy of the undernoted item which was not available for issue at that time.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

Note referred to:-

6 TOWN TWINNING UPDATE

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Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory providing an update on progress being made in relation to developing international links with potential partners.

Distribution:-

Bailie Denis Agnew (Chair)
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Date of issue: 11 January 2019

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Strategic Lead - Regulatory

Special Meeting of the Cultural Committee: 17 January 2019

Subject: Town Twinning Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To provide the Committee with an update on progress being made in relation to developing international links with potential partners.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (a) note that, a site visit to establish a suitable location of the plaque to commemorate the Polish Warship, ORP Piorun, near the Titan Crane site will take place after this meeting;
- (b) agree a wording for the plaque, subject to identification of a suitable location, and to note that the Provost and Convener will liaise with relevant officers to finalise arrangements for the ceremony and civic reception;
- (c) note that Letterkenny Municipal District will consider the proposed friendship agreement with this Council at its meeting on 15th January 2019;
- (d) agree that the focus of the event to celebrate this Council's European connections would be on the proposed new friendships agreements with Letterkenny Municipal District and the City of Gdynia, subject to their agreement; and
- (e) agree, subject to (d) above, that the Provost and Convener liaise with relevant officers to finalise arrangements for the above event and that if necessary, the Convener and Manager of Democratic and Registration Services should meet with representatives from Letterkenny and the City of Gdynia or their respective Consulates to agree the terms and arrangements for the signing of the proposed friendship agreements and report back to next meeting of the Committee in February 2019.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Clydebank Property Company Board, at its meeting on 13 December 2018, considered the Committee's request for the plaque to commemorate the Polish Warship, ORP Piorun, to be located at the Titan Crane and asked

the Cultural Business Development Officer to explore options for a suitable location.

3.2 On 19 December 2018, the Town Twinning Working Group agreed, among other things:

- (a) to note the decision of the Clydebank Property Company Board and agreed that a site visit with Cultural Business Development Officer be arranged to identify the best location for the plaque;
- (b) that, as the French Consulate had not been in contact in relation to the proposed event to celebrate our European connections, the focus of the event should be to develop our links with Ireland and Poland but would still include the French Consulate if they choose to participate.

4. Main Issues

4.1 Although the French Consulate has now acknowledged the invitation to participate in the proposed event it is still not clear whether they intend to participate. Given this uncertainty, it is now proposed that the Working Group's suggestion to focus the event on our new friendships should proceed subject to the agreement and availability of representatives of Letterkenny Municipal District and the City of Gdynia on the proposed date of Saturday, 2nd March 2019.

4.2 The Committee is asked to consider the wording to appear on the plaque to commemorate the ORP Piorun. The undernoted draft wording was circulated to the Members of the Town Twinning Working Group after the meeting:

DEDICATED TO THE CREW OF THE POLISH SHIP
O.R.P. PIORUN
DEFENDERS OF CLYDEBANK
CLYDEBANK BLITZ
13 MARCH 1941

Unveiled by Provost William Hendrie 13 March 2019

- 4.3** Furthermore, as was noted at the Working Group, the Convener has consulted with the Combatants Memorial Group and will advise the Committee accordingly.
- 4.4** The Polish Consul General has advised that he will pursue the proposed friendship agreement with the City of Gdynia and inform the Committee of the position as soon as possible.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no staff implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 6.1** At its meeting on 26 November 2018, the Cultural Committee agreed that the maximum amount to be spent from the Cultural budget on the European Connections event was £2000.
- 6.2** Costs of the proposed ceremony and reception to unveil the ORP Piorun Plaque will be met from the civic hospitality account. The cost of commissioning and installation of the plaque will be met from the Cultural budget and will be reported to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** There are no significant risks arising from the recommendations of this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** There are no impacts on any equality groups arising from the recommendations of this report.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** Officers from Legal and Finance Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** The development of town twinning activity could have some real educational and cultural benefits for those citizens who participate in such events and the promotion of West Dunbartonshire through these twinning or friendship links could potentially generate some economic benefit to area through increased tourism.

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Appendices: None.

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: None.