

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 9 December 2008 in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew, Councillors Gail Casey, Marie McNair and Iain Robertson.

Attending: Sandra Love, Head of Service (Quality); Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; Anne Laird, Manager of Administrative Services; Gill Graham, Section Head – Culture; Billy McCabe, Section Head – Events and Halls; Janice Rainey, Section Head (Grants); Aileen Douthwaite, Education Support Officer – Music Instruction and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apologies: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Ronnie McColl. An apology was also submitted on behalf of Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Prior to commencing with the business of the meeting, Provost Agnew expressed condolences, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, to Mr Terry Lanagan, following a recent family bereavement.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 9 September 2008 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

BUDGETARY MONITORING REPORT: PERIOD 7 (2008/2009)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the performance of the Corporate Cultural budgets for the period to 15 November 2008.

Provost Agnew advised that there may be a requirement for the Sub-Committee to convene a special meeting either in late January or early February 2009 in order to deal with any budgetary issues. Members indicated their consent to an additional meeting of the Sub-Committee taking place during this period, if necessary.

The Sub-Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

FUTURE OF TOWN TWINNING

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on current arrangements for town twinning and seeking guidance on how to develop international contacts for the future.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Administrative Services and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed that consideration be given to inviting guests from Argenteuil and Beauvoisin to the Scottish Pipe Band Championships in Dumbarton on 16 May 2009.

RELOCATION OF CLYDEBANK MUSEUM – SCOPING EXERCISE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services seeking approval for the Manager of Lifelong Learning to establish a Working Group to undertake a scoping exercise, examining possible alternative locations for Clydebank Museum, or its outreach exhibitions, both on a permanent or temporary basis.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head – Culture in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the aims and objectives of the scoping exercise examining options for the relocation of Clydebank Museum;
- (2) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place on this issue, including consideration of a convenient and appropriate location for Clydebank Museum as well as possible additional locations for outreach exhibitions in the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven areas; and
- (3) to note that an Officer Working Group would undertake the scoping exercise, prior to producing a report on its findings for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

SINGER ARCHIVE – ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation funding awarded to West Dunbartonshire Council's Culture Section with regard to researching and curating the WDC Singer Archive.

After discussion and having heard the Chair, Provost Agnew, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the aims and objectives of the WDC Singer Archive Project; and
- (2) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place with regard to possible scoping exercises in order to help promote and enhance West Dunbartonshire's cultural identity in a range of important and strategic areas.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LITERATURE FESTIVALS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising of the successful development of Adult (Festival of Words) and Youth (BooXFactor) literature festivals across the authority and seeking financial support for the festivals in 2008/09 and 2009/10.

After discussion and having heard the Chair, Provost Agnew, the Sub-Committee agreed to remit this matter to the next appropriate meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee for consideration.

DUMBARTON HERITAGE PLAQUES – PROJECT UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of the proposed installation of blue plaques to commemorate places of interest on the Dumbarton Heritage Trail.

After discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the progress being made with the Dumbarton Heritage Trail plaque project;
- (2) to note that delivery of the Dumbarton Heritage trail plaque project depended on the Awards for All grant applications being successful; and
- (3) to note that delivery of similar projects required a prioritisation exercise to be undertaken of other funding needs, the commitment of staff resources and continued partnership working with local heritage groups.

THE 100 PIPERS ROYAL SCOTTISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of the performance of the 2008 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championships and outlining the success of the Council's recent bid for the rights to stage the Scottish Pipe Band Championships 2010 – 2012.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Commercial Operations and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the outcome of the 2008 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championships; and
- (2) to note the successful outcome of the Council's bid to host the Scottish Pipe Band Championships 2010 - 2012.

MAJOR EVENTS 2009

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development outlining the major events proposed for 2009.

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

- (1) to endorse the proposed major events for 2009 as shown in paragraph 3.2 of the report;
- (2) to request that a scoping exercise be undertaken with regard to a possible Hogmanay event taking place in Clydebank for 2009, perhaps utilising Three Queens Square and/or Clydebank Town Hall; and
- (3) to request that the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development continue discussions with music/events promoters as necessary to deliver the proposed events.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to note that the next meeting of the Sub-Committee would take place on Tuesday, 10 March 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting closed at 10.57 a.m.