

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee 28 April 2009

Subject: Old Kilpatrick Gala Day

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Sub-Committee of proposals for a Gala Day in Old Kilpatrick.

2.0 Background

- 2.1** At the Culture Sub Committee meeting of 10 March 2009, Members agreed that a report be prepared and submitted for consideration to the next meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee on proposals for a gala day in Old Kilpatrick;

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1** Previously the community of Old Kilpatrick planned and staged an annual gala day, which included community stalls, organised childrens games and races, procession of floats, selection of a gala queen etc. The event took place on the open space at the back of the Napier Hall, which served as a tea-room and café during the event and in the evening hosted the gala day dance.
- 3.2** As with many community led events, the passing or retiral of key community activists may have led to the cessation of this community event.
- 3.3** In staging an Old Kilpatrick gala day 2009, there is limited date availability within the Council's events calendar. On the basis that the gala day will take place on a Saturday, the following dates are available:
- Saturday 27th June
 - Saturday 25th July
 - Saturday 8th August
 - Saturday 22nd August
- 3.4** The later in the summer the event is staged, the more time is available for engaging with the local community (should they wish to be involved) and the greater the lead time for organising the event.

- 3.5** Assuming that there will be no community involvement in the planning of the 2009 gala day due to time constraints, it is proposed that the gala day model used in Christie Park and at Balloch Fun Day be adopted. If so, the gala would be held on the grassed area at the rear of Napier Hall and would consist of;
- Your Radio Road Show with celebrity presenters and guests, music, games and entertainment
 - Childrens funfair rides and novelty stalls
 - Hot Food catering
 - Childrens Play Zone
 - Café within Napier Hall
 - Other childrens attraction

4.0 Personnel Issues

- 4.1** The Old Kilpatrick Gala Day would be planned, staged and managed by staff of the Events & Halls Section, along with other Council services and external partners and agencies.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1** The 2009 Old Kilpatrick Gala Day should cost in the region of £3,000, this including childrens rides and activities being on a low/no cost basis. It should be noted that there is no budget provision within the 2009/10 Events & Halls Revenue Budget for this event, therefore a separate funding source requires to be identified.

6.0 Risk Analysis

- 6.1** As this is an outdoor event there is a risk that the weather will affect the event. The event is family themed and will have no licensed bars or alcohol sales therefore there is little risk of disorderly behavior caused or aggravated by the consumption of alcohol.

7.0 Conclusion

- 7.1** There is capacity within the approved events calendar 2009 to accommodate the suggested Old Kilpatrick Gala Day. To stage the event requires Committee approval and identification of budget source.
- 7.2** Should this event be staged and be successful, it is hoped that the community could be re-engaged in organising future events.

8.0 Recommendations

- 8.1 The Committee is requested to:**
- a) note and approve the content of this report; and
 - b) allocate funding of approximately £3,000 from the Cultural Budget to enable the event to proceed.

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Appendix: None

Background Papers: Report: 2009 Events Calendar -
Culture Sub- Committee of 10 March 2009

Wards Affected: All