

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 9 September 2008 in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank at 3.00 p.m.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew and Councillors George Black, Gail Casey and Marie McNair.

Attending: Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Land and Environment; Gillian McNeilly, Manager of Accounting; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; Billy McCabe, Section Head – Events and Halls; Gill Graham, Section Head – Culture; Aileen Douthwaite, Education Support Officer – Music Instruction and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ronnie McColl and Iain Robertson. An apology was also submitted on behalf of Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 4 August 2008 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the undernoted correction.

With reference to the item under the heading “Minutes of Previous Meeting” and ‘2008 Events Progress Report’ (Page 1272 refers), the Sub-Committee noted the clarification that the budget allocation of £25,000 was to assist in the provision of small scale events, to be led by Councillor Black in discussion with appropriate officers. Furthermore, the agreed allocation of an additional £10,000 was to assist with the promotion of the events programme. The Sub-Committee’s view that this figure be committed per annum for three years was also noted.

BUDGETARY MONITORING REPORT: PERIOD 4 (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 August 2008.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Accounting in answer to Members’ questions, the Sub-Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

CULTURAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services:-

- (a) providing an update on the budget position of cultural grants to voluntary organisations; and
- (b) providing details of grant applications put forward for approval by the Sub-Committee.

After discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed to note the budget position and award the Council for Music in Hospitals the grant requested in the amount of £850.

THEIR PAST YOUR FUTURE PHASE 2

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising of the Big Lottery Funding awarded to West Dunbartonshire Council's Their Past Your Future Phase 2 Project – 'Singer, Sirens, and Silent Heroes'.

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 project; and
- (2) to congratulate the officers involved for their hard work and dedication.

SCOTTISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS POST 2009

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development outlining the Council's proposals to submit a bid to host the Scottish Pipe Band Championships from 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) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development to determine, in discussion with the Council Leader, Chief Executive and Provost, a fee structure for staging the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) Championships; and
- (2) that the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development be instructed to submit a bid to the RSPBA to host the Scottish Pipe Band Championships on the basis of the fee structure referred to in (1) above.

CREATION OF A MEMORIAL WALL IN CLYDEBANK

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing an update on proposals for the creation of a Memorial Wall in Clydebank to commemorate service personnel who lost their lives during active service with the armed forces and civilian victims of the Clydebank Blitz.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Commercial Operations and relevant officers in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress of the Memorial Wall Working Group as outlined in the report;
- (2) that the Memorial Wall Working Group be authorised to progress an application to Historic Scotland for Listed Building Consent for the Town Hall Memorial;
- (3) that the Memorial Wall Working Group be authorised to progress proposals for adding the names of civilian Blitz victims to the existing Dalnottar memorial;
- (4) that the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development be instructed to bring a further report to the Sub-Committee with full costings once materials and designs had been finalised; and
- (5) that Clydebank Members, particularly those representing the Waterfront Ward, be invited to participate in the Memorial Wall Working Group along with Members of the Sub-Committee.

PROPOSED HOGMANAY EVENT 2008

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of the likely costs of staging the above event.

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

- (1) to note the contents of the report and approve the staging of a Hogmanay event at Moss O'Balloch on 31 December 2008; and
- (2) that the funding for this event be sourced from funds to be remitted to the Events & Halls Section from the Cultural Services Revenue Budget.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL PUBLICATION – ‘LIFE IN THE VICTORIAN ERA (*CLYDEBANK, DUMBARTON AND THE VALE OF LEVEN*)’

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising of a new West Dunbartonshire Council local history publication ‘Life in the Victorian Era (*Clydebank, Dumbarton & the Vale of Leven*)’, and of the background to its production.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head – Culture, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the aims and objectives of the publication ‘Life in the Victorian Era (*Clydebank, Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven*)’; and
- (2) to note the partnership working behind this new WDC local history publication.

PROGRAMME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates/times for future meetings of the Sub-Committee were agreed:-

- (a) Tuesday, 9 December 2008 at 10.00 a.m.
- (b) Tuesday, 10 March 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.