

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Community and Cultural Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday 11 September 2002 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present:** Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Danny McCafferty, Ian McDonald and John Syme.
- Also Present:** Councillor James McCallum; Mr. David Harvie, West Dunbartonshire Heritage Limited; and Ms. Margaret Richardson, Balloch Reading Group.
- Attending:** Neil McKechnie, Head of Educational Development; Alan Douglas, Manager of Best Value and Special Projects; Susan Carragher, Manager, Lifelong Learning; Gill Graham, Senior Arts Development Officer; Sandra Brysland, Policy Development Officer; Karen Docherty, Office Manager, Education and Cultural Services; and Dave Low, Administrative Assistant.
- Apologies:** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Margaret McGregor and Mr. Joe Robb, West Dunbartonshire Arts Council.

Councillor Ian McDonald in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Services Committee held on 8 May 2002 were submitted and noted.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRAINING REVIEW – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services on the response made by West Dunbartonshire Council in relation to the National Community Education Training Review and seeking retrospective approval thereof.

Having heard the Head of Educational Development in response to questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to approve retrospectively the response to the National Community Education Training Review, submitted to Communities Scotland by their deadline of 15 August 2002, and

- (b) to request that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee concerning the revisions of Circular 4/99 and the preparation of new 3-year community learning and development strategies.

CHAMPIONING CULTURE IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services on the approval of the application to the Scottish Arts Council for Cultural Champions in schools.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services on the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan which had recently received final approval from the Scottish Executive Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Department.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report and the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan appended thereto.

LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2002

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services on the success of the West Dunbartonshire Libraries' Literature Festival 2002.

The Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note the contents of the report, and
- (b) to thank the sponsors, organisers and participants in the Literature Festival 2002 for the success of the programme.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE ARTS COUNCIL

A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services on the progress made by West Dunbartonshire Arts Council since its inception.

The Committee agreed to note the progress made by West Dunbartonshire Arts Council since its inception.

TOWN TWINNING

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive on the development of town twinning links.

The Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note the new role of the Community and Cultural Services Committee in the development of town twinning;
- (b) that two public meetings be held to determine potential public support for the establishment of a twinning association, and
- (c) that officers investigate the formation of a twinning association and submit a further report to the next meeting of the Committee in November.

The Convener further expressed the Committee's gratitude to Provost Alistair Macdonald for his efforts to date in advancing town twinning.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 a.m.