

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Community and Cultural Services Committee held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 13 November 2002 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present:** Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Danny McCafferty, Ian McDonald, and John Syme.
- Also Present:** Mr. David Harvie, West Dunbartonshire Heritage Limited; and Mr. Joe Robb, West Dunbartonshire Arts Council.
- Attending:** Neil McKechnie, Head of Educational Development; Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; Rodney Thornton, Acting Head of Transport and Environmental Services; Eric Fiamanya, Development Officer; and Dave Low, Administrative Assistant.
- Apologies:** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor James McCallum and Margaret Richardson, Balloch Reading Group.

Councillor Ian McDonald in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community and Cultural Services Committee held on 11 September 2002 were submitted. Councillor McCafferty advised that it had been agreed at the meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 25 September 2002 to amend said minutes as follows:-

“that in connection with the item on West Dunbartonshire Arts Council, the Committee had agreed to note the progress made by the Arts Council since its inception, that the contribution to the Arts Council be ring-fenced annually, with effect from the next financial year and that cultural groups be encouraged to make applications for grant directly to the Arts Council rather than to the Council’s Grants Budget.”

The Committee noted the position.

MUSEUM REGISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members that Clydebank Museum has been awarded full registration status under the Museum Registration Scheme administered on behalf of Resource: The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries.

Having heard the Head of Educational Development, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note that Clydebank Museum has been awarded full registration status;
- (b) to request that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Community and Cultural Services Committee concerning the consultation exercise on the National Action Plan, to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 6 December 2002;
- (c) to recommend that a representative of the Friends of Clydebank Museum be added to the membership of the Committee; and
- (d) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL CULTURAL STRATEGY

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of developments relating to the National Cultural Strategy and the consultation on the Draft Guidance to Local Authorities.

Having heard the Head of Educational Development, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to submit individual comments on the National Cultural Strategy to the Director of Education and Cultural Services by 6 December 2002;
- (b) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Community and Cultural Services Committee on the comments submitted to the Scottish Executive by the due date of 13 January 2003; and
- (c) otherwise to note the report.

CULTURAL TOUR OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of a proposal to host a 'Cultural Tour' of West Dunbartonshire, involving representatives of National Funding Bodies and local organisations and of the potential benefits of such a tour for West Dunbartonshire.

The Committee agreed to approve the proposal to host a 'Cultural Tour' of West Dunbartonshire involving a number of invited funding and development agencies on a date to be arranged in February 2003.

ST. PATRICK'S WELL, GAVINBURN, OLD KILPATRICK

A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services updating Members on progress made on the proposed development of St. Patrick's Well, Gavinburn, Old Kilpatrick and seeking approval for the project drawings and cost estimates detailed in the report.

Having heard the Acting Head of Transport and Environmental Services, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to approve the drawings prepared for the project and appended to the Director's report subject to consultation on these proposals with Old Kilpatrick Community Council prior to their being implemented ;
- (b) to note the project cost estimate of £55,000; and
- (c) to recommend approval of the building works.

TOWN TWINNING - UPDATE

With reference to the meeting of the Committee held on 11 September 2002 (**volume page 1237 refers**), a report was submitted by the Chief Executive on the development of town twinning links.

Having heard Dave Low, Administrative Assistant, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note progress made in relation to the establishment of (i) a Steering Committee and (ii) a Twinning Association;
- (b) to note the current position in relation to the civic visit from Argenteuil;
- (c) that the dates for the public meetings referred to in the Chief Executive's report be finalised at the earliest possible opportunity; and
- (d) that officers investigate the possibility of forming a twinning link with Downpatrick in Northern Ireland, the settlement where St. Patrick reputedly died.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING FOR BALLOCH CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services in response to the following question raised by West Dunbartonshire Heritage Ltd:-

In light of the £2.3m Lottery Grant for Balloch Castle Country Park, will the Council have reduced expenditure which should be redistributed towards museum and heritage provision?

Having heard the Acting Head of Transport and Environmental Services, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Community and Cultural Services Committee on the proposed works to be carried out at Balloch Castle Country Park; and
- (b) otherwise to note the position.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE £1.9M ADDITIONAL FUNDING AVAILABLE TO WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services in response to the following question raised by West Dunbartonshire Heritage Ltd:-

In the light of the additional £1.9m funding available to the Council, what proportion is intended for use in Museum and Heritage development? What provisions are there for future increases in funding these areas of provision?

After discussion, the Committee noted the position.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 a.m.