

CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Cultural Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday 8 May 2002 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Mary Campbell, Ian McDonald, Margaret McGregor and John Syme*.

Also Present: Mr. David Harvie, West Dunbartonshire Heritage Limited, Ms. Margaret Richardson, Balloch Reading Group; Mr. Joe Robb, West Dunbartonshire Arts Council; and Mr. Stewart Black, Scottish Executive Education Department.

Attending: Ian McMurdo, Director of Education and Cultural Services; David Logan, Principal Solicitor; Neil McKechnie, Head of Educational Development; Gill Graham, Senior Arts Development Officer; Eona Craig, Arts Links Officer; Billy McCabe, Section Head, Events/Halls; and Dave Low, Administrative Assistant.

*Arrived later in the meeting.

Councillor Ian McDonald in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Services Committee held on 13 March 2002 were submitted and noted.

Councillor Syme entered the meeting during the immediately following item of business.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL EVENTS MANAGEMENT GUIDE

A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services seeking approval for an Events Management Guide for West Dunbartonshire Council appended thereto.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the Events Management Guide for West Dunbartonshire Council be approved; and
- (b) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Administrative Services, in consultation with the Director of Commercial and Technical Services, to finalise the guide as appropriate.

NATIONAL CULTURAL STRATEGY

Councillor McDonald welcomed Mr. Stewart Black, Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED), to the meeting.

Mr. Black explained the importance of developing a National Cultural Strategy and suggested that such a strategy, adopted locally, could help Councils achieve social and economic goals as well as helping to highlight the value of cultural activities.

After having given an overview on the guidance being prepared by his joint SEED/CoSLA task group, Mr. Black advised that a draft guidance document would be issued for consultation within the next three months and that the consultation period would allow adequate time for Councils to make their representations.

Ian McMurdo, Neil McKechnie and Gill Graham were then heard in relation to the Council's cultural objectives and the role of the Cultural Services Committee in developing these objectives.

After questions, Mr. Black was thanked for his presentation.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 a.m.