

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Monday, 3 October 2011 in Meeting Room 1 (Ground Floor), Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank at 12.00 noon.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew and Councillors George Black, Gail Casey, William Hendrie, Jonathan McColl* and Marie McNair.

*Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Neighbourhood Services; Janice Rainey, Business Unit Finance Partner; and George Hawthorn, Section Head, Democratic Services.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

After hearing Provost Agnew, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee would consider some issues, which had arisen as a matter of urgency from the planning of the 125th Anniversary of Clydebank, later in the meeting.

REFURBISHMENT OF CLYDEBANK MUSEUM

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2011 (Pages 3854/55 refer), a report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services:-

- (a) advising of progress on the refurbishment of Clydebank Museum and recent partnerships established with the National Galleries of Scotland to bring high quality visual art exhibitions into West Dunbartonshire;
- (b) requesting that monies within the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee budget 2011/12, which had been ring-fenced for the relocation of the Clydebank Museum, to be used towards refurbishment costs of the museum; and

- (c) requesting consideration for the allocation of monies (£10,000) towards ensuring that the museum meets the environmental monitoring and security requirements of hosting prestigious exhibitions from the National Galleries of Scotland.

After hearing Provost Agnew in answer to Members' questions and following discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the funding requested in respect of (b) and (c) above should not be met from the Corporate Cultural Services budget and that the Chief Executive be asked to identify funding in the sum of £31,000 from an appropriate budget; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in December 2011 providing details of the plans for and the programming of the proposed works to the museum.

Note: Councillor Jonathan McColl arrived during the discussion on the above item.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLYDEBANK

Provost Agnew outlined various issues relating to the preparations for the 125th Anniversary of Clydebank which required urgent attention.

After hearing the Head of Neighbourhood Services in further explanation and following discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that a venue had not yet been identified to host the Memorial Service on Sunday 13th November 2011 and that Provost Agnew had discussed, with the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services, the possibility of holding the event outside in Hall Street, subject to the containers being removed;
- (2) that, in the event that the above proposal was not feasible, the Salvation Army should be asked if it would be willing to host the event and provide some hospitality in its hall. It was noted that wreaths would still be laid at the War Memorial on Hall Street;
- (3) to note that the Events Team was making good progress on the arrangements for the various events on 18th and 19th November 2011 and that the estimated cost to date was £17,200 (within the agreed budget of £20,000);
- (4) that all Members of the Sub-Committee should provide Provost Agnew with the names of those local personalities, etc to be invited to event;
- (5) to note that free rides would be made available for small children on Saturday 18th November 2011 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and

- (6) to note the concerns expressed on the safety of children in connection with the provision of free rides at previous events, albeit this was the responsibility of the ride operator, and to suggest that a voucher system be used to control the number of free rides each child could have.

The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.