

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Friday, 28 January 2011 in the Education Centre, St. Margaret of Scotland Hospice, East Barns Street, Clydebank at 10.05 a.m.

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

Attending: Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Leisure and Facilities; Billy McCabe, Section Head – Events and Halls; Fiona McGuigan, Leisure Services Co-ordinator; Janice Rainey, Section Head (Accountancy); Aileen Douthwaite, Education Support Officer – Music Instruction; Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; and Scott Kelly, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Also

Attending: Ms Isa MacKenzie and Mr Denis Kearns, Clydebank Life Story Group.

Apology: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Jonathan McColl.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Before commencing with the business of the meeting, Provost Agnew, Chair, informed the Sub-Committee that he had agreed to accept two additional items, in view of their urgency, these being: (i) amendments to the Appendix of the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 14 December 2010, concerning the draft Events calendar for 2011 (Page 3295 refers); and (ii) a remit from the meeting of Council held on 26 January 2011, concerning the name of the Educational Services: Cultural Section (Pages 3406/07 refer).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest.

CLYDEBANK BLITZ – 70TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION: UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.

The Sub-Committee received an update on arrangements to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz in March 2011.

It was noted that Ms Isa MacKenzie and Mr Denis Kearns, Clydebank Life Story Group, were in attendance and Provost Agnew invited them to address the Sub-Committee.

Thereafter, Ms MacKenzie and Mr Kearns addressed the Sub-Committee on the work of the Clydebank Life Story Group.

After discussion and having heard relevant officers in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that commemorative services would be held in Dalnottar Cemetery on Saturday, 12 March 2011 and in Kilbowie St Andrews Church on Sunday, 13 March 2011;
- (2) that Provost Agnew would write to each Church Group in each area of Clydebank to request that they participate in the commemorations on Sunday, 13 March 2011;
- (3) to note that the cost of supporting the commemorations would be provided from the Small Scale Events budget and that authority be delegated to officers in Corporate Communications to agree the appropriate level of funding for the commemorations;
- (4) that authority be delegated to officers in Corporate Communications to negotiate with the Clydebank Post and reach a decision on the publication of a facsimile edition of the Clydebank Press from the week of the Blitz in 1941, which may be published as a commemorative supplement in the week of the anniversary, the cost of which would be provided from the Small Scale Events budget;
- (5) that the Executive Director of Educational Services should check whether local libraries had a copy of the commemorative supplement published in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, which may inform on the proposed supplement described in (4) above;
- (6) that the Executive Director of Educational Services should write to local schools to inform them of the forthcoming commemorations of the Blitz and to invite their participation; and
- (7) to note the dignitaries to whom Provost Agnew had written, inviting them to the commemorations.

Note: Ms MacKenzie and Mr Kearns left the meeting at this point.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS – BEAUVOISIN: UPDATE ON TWINNING VISIT

The Sub-Committee received an update on the position concerning arrangements with regard to a visitation from representatives of Beauvoisin to the Scottish Pipe Band Championships.

After discussion and having heard relevant officers in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the appropriate officer from Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services should invite the Mayor of Beauvoisin and three of his representatives, and additionally Sud de France producers, to attend the Scottish Pipe Band Championships on 21 May 2011;
- (2) to authorise the payment of the food and accommodation costs, but not the travel costs, of the persons referred to in (1) above, from the Twinning budget for the current financial year; and
- (3) that signage recognising West Dunbartonshire's friendship link with Beauvoisin should be erected at the eastern and western extremities of the authority, and that the cost of these signs should be provided from within the Twinning budget.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(a) Draft Events Calendar 2011

Provost Agnew, Chair, informed the Sub-Committee that he had been notified of amendments to the Appendix of the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 14 December 2010, concerning the draft Events calendar for 2011 (Page 3295 refers).

Having heard the Principal Solicitor, the Sub-Committee noted that the suspension of Standing Orders would be required in order that this item be considered as a period of six months had not passed since the Sub-Committee had agreed to approve the Appendix.

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Order No 19 (a) for this item.

Thereafter, there was submitted (tabled) a copy of the amended Appendix to the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 14 December 2010.

After hearing the Manager of Leisure and Facilities and the Section Head – Events and Halls in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the revised draft 2011 Events calendar as detailed in the Appendix to these minutes; and
- (2) to note that the Whitecrook Gala had not been included in the 2011 Events calendar as it would not be organised by the Council, although the Council would support the event with a contribution from the Small Scale Events budget.

(b) Remit from Council – Name of Educational Services: Cultural Section

Provost Agnew made reference to an Excerpt Minute of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 26 January 2011 (Pages 3406/07 refer), at which the undernoted motion was agreed:-

That Council notes the recommendations from the Corporate Culture Sub-Committee and agrees that the Libraries and Cultural Services section within the Educational Services department will be renamed, removing any reference to 'Culture' from its title.

Council recommends that the section should be renamed the Libraries, Museums and Social Education Section, subject to the approval of the Corporate Culture Sub-Committee.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee unanimously agreed:-

- (1) to note the recommendation from Council;
- (2) that the Libraries and Cultural Services section within the Educational Services department be renamed, removing any reference to 'Culture', 'the Arts' or 'Heritage' from its title; and
- (3) that the section should be renamed the Libraries and Museums Section.

VALEDICTORY

Provost Agnew, Chair, informed the Sub-Committee that this would be the last meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee that Mr McCabe would be attending as he was retiring from Council service.

Provost Agnew and all Members present thanked Mr McCabe for the tremendous job that he had done in organising Council events and wished him well in retirement.

In response, Mr McCabe thanked the Sub-Committee for its kind wishes.

The meeting closed at 11:25 a.m.

Draft Events Calendar 2011

EVENT	VENUE	DATE
Scottish Pipe Band Championships	Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton	21 May
ProAm Golf	Dalmeir Park, Clydebank	28 May
Clydebank Canal Festival	TBC	02 July
Loch Lomond Highland Games	Balloch Park, Balloch	16 July
Old Kilpatrick Gala	Napier Hall, Old Kipatrick	20 August
Dalmeir Park Illuminations	Dalmeir Park, Clydebank	14 -16 September
Fireworks Display	Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton	04 November
Fireworks Display	Dalmeir Park, Clydebank	05 November
Hogmanay During the Day	Balloch	31 Dec