

CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 18 August 2009 in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew and Councillors Gail Casey, Marie McNair and Ronnie McColl.

Attending: Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services; Andrew Fraser, Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Anne Laird, Manager of Administrative Services; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning; Janice Rainey, Section Head (Grants) and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Iain Robertson.

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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Special Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 28 April 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

In relation to the item entitled "Exhibition/Visual Arts Programme 2009/10", it was noted that a representative of the Estates Section would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in order to answer any questions from Members.

In relation to the item entitled "Creative Apprenticeships – Scottish Pilot", it was noted that the words "Educational Services" should precede the words "Culture Section".

The Minutes of Special Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 9 June 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

In relation to the item entitled "Formation of a Town Hall Working Group", it was noted that a report would be prepared by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development, detailing the present position in relation to the Town Hall repair works.

After discussion, it was also agreed:-

- (1) that it would be helpful for a briefing note to be prepared by the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development, in respect of the condition survey of Clydebank Town Hall;
- (2) that it would be useful for a report to be prepared by the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services on a draft remit of a Working Group to look at options concerning Clydebank Town Hall; and
- (3) that a timetable of meetings of the Sub-Committee should be prepared by the Clerk, in consultation with Provost Agnew, Chair.

BUDGETARY MONITORING REPORT: PERIOD 3 (2009/2010)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the performance of the Corporate Cultural budgets for the period to 15 August 2009.

After discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) that paragraph 3.4 of the report should read "Educational Services Cultural Section budget" instead of "Education cultural budget"; and
- (2) otherwise to note the report.

CULTURAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing details of grant applications put forward for delegated approval during the summer recess.

After discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee that in future all applications received from organisations promoting cultural activities should be dealt with by the Council for Voluntary Service.

POSSIBLE FRIENDSHIP LINK WITH BEAUVOISIN

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising on developments relating to the possible link with Beauvoisin.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Administrative Services and relevant officers in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) that officers should explore the option of having an email link between an appropriate primary school in West Dunbartonshire and the primary school in Beauvoisin;
- (2) that further consideration be given to linking West Dunbartonshire with Beauvoisin and the Region of Languedoc Roussillon;
- (3) that approval be given to send a delegation comprising of three elected Members and at least one officer from the Council to Beauvoisin on an exploratory visit, before the end of the year if possible, which would include a meeting in Montpellier with the Mayor of Languedoc Roussillon; and
- (4) to note that the delegation referred to at (3) above would report back to the Sub-Committee on the best form of link in the circumstances and on options for developing it for community, tourism and economic benefit.

CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL WAR MEMORIAL

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of progress in the development of a memorial in Clydebank to commemorate service personnel who lost their lives during active service in World Wars I and II.

In this connection, it was noted that the Council was committed to completing the installation of this memorial on schedule and that a number of monumental sculptors were being asked to submit a formal bid price for the works with a guarantee that the project would be completed by the due date.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Commercial Operations and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made to date;
- (2) to approve expenditure of up to £4,950 from the Cultural Budget in addition to the existing budget of £25,000 should this be required;
- (3) to note the previous decision to have the Yoker Burn as the cut off point for those included on the wall, due to space constraints on the memorial;
- (4) to note the suggestion that to commemorate the 80 persons excluded from the wall, that a toughened glass plaque with their names be erected in a 'room of remembrance' in Clydebank Town Hall; and

- (5) that in view of (4) above, that the Manager of Commercial Operations be asked to explore the position of costs and report back on these to the next Ordinary meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The meeting closed at 11:17 a.m.