

## **CORPORATE CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 10 March 2009 in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Provost Denis Agnew, Councillors George Black, Ronnie McColl and Marie McNair.

**Attending:** Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services; David Connell, Head of Finance and ICT; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Ken Graham, Manager of Lifelong Learning; Anne Laird, Manager of Administrative Services; Gill Graham, Section Head – Culture; Billy McCabe, Section Head – Events and Halls; Aileen Douthwaite, Education Support Officer – Music Instruction and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gail Casey and Iain Robertson.

**Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **(a) Ordinary Meeting on 9 December 2008**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 9 December 2008 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **(b) Special Meeting on 3 February 2009**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee held on 3 February 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the undernoted correction:-

With reference to the item under the heading “Budgetary Monitoring Report: Period 9 (2008/2009)” (Pages 1687/1688 refers), the Sub-Committee agreed to amend paragraph (5) to read as follows:-

- (5) on the motion of Councillor McColl, seconded by Provost Agnew, to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development to progress the Memorial Wall project on the basis that the costs for the Dalnottar Cemetery Monument would be approximately £7000 to £8000.

### **BUDGETARY MONITORING REPORT: PERIOD 10 (2008/2009)**

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 February 2009.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Finance and ICT, the Sub-Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **FUTURE OF TOWN TWINNING**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee held on 25 February 2009 (Page 1772 refers), a report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on current arrangements for town twinning and seeking guidance on how to develop international contacts for the future.

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

- (1) to welcome the expressed commitment of Argenteuil to continuation of the existing twinning link and await further information on the vision of the new administration in Argenteuil for the development of twinning;
- (2) to note that authority already existed for the Provost and another elected member to visit Argenteuil; and
- (3) that the following three options to link West Dunbartonshire with Beauvoisin be explored by officers:-
  - (a) Linking Beauvoisin with a similar community;
  - (b) Forming school to school links only; and
  - (c) Forming a friendship link.

## **CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL – CONDITION SURVEY**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing information on the general condition of Clydebank Town Hall and the repairs and upgrades that are required to bring the building up to an acceptable standard.

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

- (1) to recommend to Council that the current capital budget allocation of £125,000, from the Corporate Cultural budget, be transferred over to augment the £131,000 capital carried forward as committed expenditure for 2009/10 to deal with essential maintenance issues at Clydebank Town Hall; and
- (2) that the repairs and maintenance to Hall Street Baths would be included for consideration in any future reports on the condition of Clydebank Town Hall.

## **PURCHASE OF NEW GRAND PIANO FOR CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services requesting that the Sub-Committee give consideration to funding the purchase of a new Grand Piano and accessories for Clydebank Town Hall.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed to take no action meantime with regard to replacing the existing Grand Piano in Clydebank Town Hall.

## **DALNOTTAR BLITZ MEMORIAL**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of the final estimated cost of works at Dalnottar Blitz Memorial.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head – Events and Halls in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the change to the design medium from Granite to Bronze and the reason for this;
- (2) to approve the additional spend of £18,600 from the existing 2008/09 culture budget for the completion of the Dalnottar Blitz Memorial; and
- (3) to congratulate everyone involved for all their hard work and commitment.

## **2009 EVENTS CALENDAR**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of necessary changes to the Council's Major Events Programme 2008-2011 and submitting for consideration and approval the Calendar of Events for 2009.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head – Events and Halls in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the necessary changes to the major event proposals for 2009/2010 as outlined in Section 3 of the report;
- (2) that officers should look at the feasibility of relocating the Loch Lomond Highland Games to Moss O'Balloch, which may involve discussions with the Grounds Maintenance Service concerning site improvement works required;
- (3) that officers prepare a report detailing options for the holding of Hogmanay 2009 events on the basis outlined below:-
  - (a) Balloch – Hogmanay During the Day (as 2008) plus event at 3 Queens Square, Clydebank from 10 p.m. – 1 a.m. on 31 December 2009; and
  - (b) Balloch – Hogmanay During the Day (as 2008) plus afternoon event at 3 Queens Square, Clydebank;
- (4) to approve the draft 2009 Events Programme as detailed in Appendix A to the report;
- (5) to alternate the venue for the Fireworks displays on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November between Clydebank and Dumbarton, on the basis that for the 2009 event the firework displays would take place on 5 November in Clydebank and 6 November in Dumbarton;
- (6) that reports be prepared and submitted for consideration to the next meeting of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee on:-
  - (a) Options for a Ceilidh event to follow on from either the 2009 Pipe Band Championships or 2009 Loch Lomond Highland Games;
  - (b) Options and costings for a week long programme of events taking place during the week between the Loch Lomond Highland Games and the Loch Lomond Folk Festival; and
  - (c) Options for a gala day in Old Kilpatrick;
- (7) that a working group be set up, led by Councillors George Black and Marie McNair and comprising of all Members on the Sub-Committee, to explore options and progress arrangements for the holding of a St Patrick's

Homecoming event, to be held in Old Kilpatrick, which would report back to the Sub-Committee with any recommendations;

- (8) that officers should investigate the possibility of moving the bus stop that is directly in front of St Patrick's Well and Garden at Gavinburn, Old Kilpatrick;
- (9) to progress arrangements for the delivery of a Music Festival in Dalmuir Park in Summer 2009 at a cost of approx. £6,000 from expenditure contained within the £25,000 Corporate Cultural Budget; and
- (10) to note the discussion that had taken place at the meeting on a classical concert and how this might feature as a possible Homecoming event.

### **HOGMANAY DURING THE DAY – OUTCOME REPORT FOR 2008 AND SCOPING EXERCISE FOR CLYDEBANK 2009**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development:-

- (a) advising on the outcome of the Hogmanay During The Day 2008 event; and
- (b) providing information on a scoping exercise undertaken with regard to a possible Hogmanay event taking place in Clydebank for 2009, perhaps utilising Three Queens Square and/or Clydebank Town Hall.

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

- (1) to note the outcome of the Hogmanay During the Day 2008 event;
- (2) to note the results of the scoping exercise regarding possible Hogmanay events for 2009 as outlined in 3 (a) and (b) above; and
- (3) to continue its deliberation meantime on the desired event programme for Hogmanay 2009.

### **PROGRAMME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the Chair would liaise with the Clerk in terms of proposing suitable dates/times for future meetings of the Sub-Committee and these would be communicated to Members and Officers in due course.

The meeting closed at 12.35 p.m.