

MILLENNIUM EVENTS COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Millennium Events Committee held within the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Friday, 17th December, 1999.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald (LAB), Councillors Anthony Devine (LAB), Duncan McDonald (LAB)*, Linda McColl (LAB)*, Ronald McColl (SNP) and Margaret McGregor (SNP).

Attending: Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor - Legal and Administrative Services; and Billy McCabe, Principal Officer, Contracts (Client).

* Attended later in meeting.

Provost Alistair Macdonald in the Chair

MILLENNIUM ISSUES - PUBLIC RESPONSE

There was submitted a report by the Contracts Manager (Client) advising of the response received so far from the public with regard to Millennium Celebrations.

In relation to a point raised by Councillor McGregor concerning the Alexandria Fountain, the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services confirmed that he would provide the Committee with an update report once the position had been checked with the Director of Roads and Technical Services in relation thereto.

Following discussion and having heard the Principal Officer, Contracts (Client) in elaboration, the Committee agreed that the contents of the report be noted.

NOTE: Councillor Linda McColl entered the meeting during consideration of the above item.

STREET PARTIES PLANNED FOR HOGMANAY 1999

There was submitted a report by the Contracts Manager (Client) in respect of the potential problems that either unauthorised or un-notified street parties/outdoor events could cause to both the Police and the Council.

Following discussion and having heard the Principal Officer, Contracts (Client) and the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note the progress made to date of gathering information for intended Hogmanay street parties;
- (b) to approve the contents of the guidance booklet on the safe running and staging of outdoor events; and
- (c) that no action be taken with regard to the individual applications for funding to stage street parties.

NOTE: Councillor Duncan McDonald entered the meeting during consideration of the above item.

MILLENNIUM ISSUES - MILLENNIUM PARTY FOR RESIDENTS OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY

There was submitted a report by the Contracts Manager (Client) advising of the above event being staged by the Millennium Party Committee, care of Willox Park, Colquhoun Street, Dumbarton.

Following discussion and having heard the Principal Officer, Contracts (Client) in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to recommend that a free let is granted in respect of the hire of the Burgh Hall, Dumbarton for the event;
- (b) to note that the Burgh Hall had already been decorated for Christmas events and no funding would be required in relation thereto; and
- (c) to continue consideration of this item to the December meeting of the Council in order that further information could be obtained with regard to:-
 - (i) the nature of the event and whether it would involve residents of all elderly homes in West Dunbartonshire; and
 - (ii) the overall costs of providing financial support for the event including the identification of an appropriate budget heading if required.

MILLENNIUM ISSUES - CLYDEBANK CHURCHES MILLENNIUM GROUP ECUMENICAL SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER

There was submitted a report by the Contracts Manager (Client) advising of the arrangements for the above event and providing details on the group's request for assistance in kind to stage the Fellowship Dinner.

After hearing the Convener, Provost Macdonald, the Committee agreed to approve the request from Clydebank Churches Millennium Group for assistance in printing for the above event, the likely cost to the Council, using in house printing facilities, being £300 approximately.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

The Convener, in terms of Section 50B (4) (b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973 as inserted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 decided that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency on the grounds that the action to be taken required early consideration.

DALREOCH UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

There was submitted a letter of 12th December, 1999 from the Reverend Gordon B. Armstrong of Dalreoch United Free Church of Scotland enquiring whether the Council would wish to mark the Anniversary Service to be held on 16th January, 2000, which corresponds with the Centenary of the United Free Church, with a Reception in the Burgh Hall, Dumbarton.

Having heard the Convener, Provost Macdonald, and following discussion, the Committee agreed that this matter be continued to the December meeting of the Council for Members' consideration.

MILLENNIUM ISSUES - MILLENNIUM EVENTS CALENDAR

There was submitted a report by the Contracts Manager (Client) presenting a Calendar (to date) of Millennium events.

Having heard the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, the Committee agreed that the contents of the report be noted.

MILLENNIUM ISSUES - MILLENNIUM ART EXHIBITION

There was submitted a report by the Contracts Manager (Client) advising of the progress made in arranging and staging a Millennium Art Competition and Exhibition.

The Committee agreed that this matter be continued to the December meeting of the Council for Members' consideration.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL MILLENNIUM MEMENTO

There was submitted a report by the Contracts Manager (Client) recommending that a memento of the new Millennium be given to each child within the West Dunbartonshire education system and suggesting that the design for the Millennium Logo be determined as a result of either a schools art competition or an "open" art competition.

Following discussion and having heard the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed, in principle:-

- (a) to approve the gift of a Millennium souvenir to all school age children in the year 2000;
- (b) that a mug be selected as the Millennium souvenir and that work be undertaken to determine the number of mugs to be produced;
- (c) that an Art Competition be run to determine the winning Millennium logo, based on the theme "Water, Rock & Steel";
- (d) to the Council's Standing Orders being suspended, as appropriate, should the anticipated purchase price of the tender exceed £15,000, in view of the shortness of both time and the number of suppliers; and
- (e) to an appropriate art competition being held in order to determine the design of the Millennium logo.

It was also agreed that this item be continued to the December meeting of the Council in order that consideration could be given to the issue of providing financial support for the proposal including the identification of an appropriate budget heading if required.