

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Report to Council of 18th December 2008

Subject: Celebration of the opening of new secondary schools

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. A working group of Council officers from various services has been established to organise the celebration of the opening of the three new secondary schools, Alloa Academy, Alva Academy and Lornhill Academy. It is clear that two separate celebrations are required. A formal / official opening of the schools and a community celebration of the opening to showcase the new facilities as community facilities and not solely educational establishments.
- 1.2. The official / formal opening of the schools will be a separate event planned for June 2009.
- 1.3. Early in 2009 a separate paper will be submitted to Council recommending proposals to mark the official opening of all three facilities.
- 1.4. The working group propose that the community celebrations should centre on a week of civic celebration focusing on informal openings organised around each cluster area relative to each of the three schools. Each school will have a separate week of celebration which will involve the entire catchment community. A proposed programme for the week of celebration is attached - Appendix 1

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

- 2.1. Council note the content of this report.
- 2.2. Members agree to allocate a budget of £15,000 (£5,000 for each school) for the informal opening celebrations.
- 2.3. Members approve, in principle, the idea of an official opening ceremony in June 2009 to commemorate the opening of all three schools. The details will be the subject of a further report to Council early in 2009

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1. In 2004 Clackmannanshire Council committed to building three replacement secondary schools through PPP initiative. The schools are now nearing completion and due for opening in early 2009.
- 3.2. It is intended that in addition to the pupils moving to the new premises there should be an early opportunity to market the range of facilities available to a wide range of other users.
- 3.3. There is a bank of hours agreed for community use of all three schools. These hours will be managed through the SCUBA booking system in line with other Council facilities.
- 3.4. The civic week will introduce to the communities all facilities which will be available for private hire by clubs, community groups and individuals. A menu of possible courses and classes will be showcased during the week as well as a programme of Council led activity classes.
- 3.5. The proposed dates for the Civic weeks are:
 - Alloa Academy - week beginning Sunday 23rd February
 - Alva Academy - week beginning Sunday 8th March
 - Lornhill academy - week beginning Sunday 12th April 2009
- 3.6. Local and National businesses and National agencies will have an opportunity to view the facilities available for conferences, training and events including the front of house services and catering on offer.
- 3.7. A corporate style brochure will be produced highlighting the facilities and services available with an insert of current prices.
- 3.8. Officers will be trying to attract sponsorship towards the cost of the community celebrations and so there may not be a need to use all of the requested budget of £15000
- 3.9. Early in 2009 a separate report will be submitted to Council detailing the proposals for a civic event to mark the opening of all 3 schools.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. By showcasing the community facilities in the new schools it will raise awareness of the accommodation and services on offer, the range of activities which can be accommodated and the quality of the facilities available.
- 4.2. By encouraging the community to the celebration civic week, uptake of hire of facilities and planned activities should be assured.

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. None

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1. A budget of £15,000 (+ official opening expenditure) is required to deliver the celebrations.

6.2. Commercial sponsorship / support will be sought to off set this commitment.

6.2. Declarations

(1) The recommendations contained within this report support or implement Corporate Priorities, Council Policies and/or the Community Plan:

- **Corporate Priorities (Key Themes)** (Please tick ☒)

Achieving Potential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximising Quality of Life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Securing Prosperity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhancing the Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining an Effective Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **Council Policies** (Please detail)

- **Community Plan (Themes)** (Please tick ☒)

Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environment and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(2) In adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. (Please tick ☒) ✓

(3) The full financial implications of the recommendations contained in this report are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. (Please tick ☒) ✓

Chief Executive

REPORT TO COUNCIL (to accompany all reports to Council or Committee)

To: Head of Administration and Legal Services, Greenfield, Alloa FK10 2AD

Report author: Sheila Bulloch, Leisure Manager

Service: Services to People

Report title: CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Date of meeting: 18 December 2008

It is recommended that the attached report be:

1. **Given unrestricted circulation** ☐
2. **Taken in private by virtue of paragraph ___ of schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973** ☐

List any appendices attached to this report (if there are no appendices, please state 'none')

1. Proposed Timetable
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

List the background papers used in compiling this report . If you have completed a sustainability checklist please add this to your list (if there are no background papers please state 'none')

1. None
- 2.
- 3.

Nb. All documents listed must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of the meeting at which the report is considered

APPENDIX 1

PROPOSAL FOR CELEBRATIONS OF THE OPENING OF NEW ALLOA ACADEMY, LORNSHILL ACADEMY AND ALVA ACADEMY.

This would take the form of a civic celebration week with proposed timetable:

DAY	AFTERNOON	EVENING	COMMENTS
Sunday	Matinee film Workshops: Movie making Cartoon drawing	Red carpet film - red carpet, glass of bubbly and canapés.	Nice introduction to the new building for everyone
Monday	Conference and events venue. An opportunity to show the facility as a conference, training and events venue.	Conference and events venue	4 - 6pm - all council staff and associated agencies 7 - 9pm - Councillors and local businesses.
Tuesday	Sports Aware	Sports Aware	Showcase for local sports clubs, sports development classes and sports facilities available for hire.
Wednesday		'Life' starts now Assess the support for evening classes.	Taster sessions in: Aromatherapy Arts & Crafts Cookery etc.
Thursday		Dance the night away!	An evening of all forms of dance for all ages
Friday		Showcase	Community concert : HMFY Local dance schools
Saturday	'Open fun day'		2 - 4pm Family fun activities

