

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

16 December 2015

Report by Deputy Chief Executive

PROVOST'S ENGAGEMENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To advise the Council of a number of civic engagements attended by and civic duties performed by Provost Carmichael since the last meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the report be noted.

REPORT

3. Since the last meeting of the Council, the Provost has attended a number of civic engagements on behalf of the Council and carried out a number of civic duties. Details are as follows:-

7 November – Attended the Solemn Dedication of the Neilston War Memorial, Neilston.

8 November – Attended at Mearns Bowling Club prior to the Cenotaph.

8 November – Attended at the Newton Mearns Cenotaph for a Remembrance Service.

8 November – Attended at a Remembrance Memorial Service in Newton Mearns Synagogue.

8 November – Attended at the Remembrance Memorial Service in Cowan Park, Barrhead.

9 November – Attended a Citizenship Ceremony welcoming 10 new people to East Renfrewshire.

14 November – Attended at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice Brick by Brick Special Event in the House of an Art Lover, Glasgow.

21 November – Attended the Eco-Congregation Scotland - Climate Change Baton Relay, Council Headquarters.

3 December – Attended at the RetailTRUST Scottish Celebration 2015 Annual Dinner, The Hilton Hotel, Glasgow.

7 December – Attended a Citizenship Ceremony welcoming 15 new people to East Renfrewshire.

7 December – Hosted a Chanukah Candle Lighting Service in the Members' Lounge, Council Headquarters.

10 December – Hosted a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Presentation to East Renfrewshire Warriors, Isobel Mair School.

11 December – Attended at Christmas with the Phoenix Choir and Friends, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow.

14 December – Attended at Clarkston Post Office to witness the Christmas rush.

15 December – Attended the ACCORD Annual Christmas Service, Paisley Abbey.

P7 School debates

30 October - Mearns P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that footballers earn too much money" assisted by Cllr Robertson.

2 November - St Mark's P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that space exploration is worth the cost" assisted by Cllr Robertson.

9 November - St Mark's P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that books are dead and technology is the new future" assisted by Cllr Robertson.

11 November - Mearns P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that all Armed Forces, Police, Fire and Paramedics should be given a pay increase" assisted by Cllr O'Kane.

13 November - St Thomas's P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This house believes that wind power is a good source of renewable energy" assisted by Cllr O'Kane.

16 November - Kirkhill P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that due to the current obesity crisis, PE lessons, lunch and break should be longer in schools" assisted by Cllr McAlpine.

18 November - Busby P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that it is acceptable to eat all animals" assisted by Cllr Robertson.

20 November - Kirkhill P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that Segways should be banned on public pavements" assisted by Cllr McAlpine.

30 November - Thornliebank P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that the school day should be shortened" assisted by Cllr Waters.

2 December - Eaglesham P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that wolves should be reintroduced in Scotland to control deer population" assisted by Cllr Waters.

4 December - Uplawmoor P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that we need ICT in our lives" assisted by Cllr O'Kane.

7 December - Calderwood Lodge P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that primary school age children should have mobile phones" assisted by Cllr McAlpine.

9 December - Eaglesham P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "The house believes that children under the age of 13 be allowed to use FaceBook".

11 December - St Joseph's P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes children should get homework" assisted by Cllr Robertson.

14 December - St Joseph's P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes children should receive pocket money" assisted by Cllr Lafferty.

Other School events

4 November – Judging of the 2016 East Renfrewshire Road Safety Calendar.

8 December – Presented prizes to the Winners of the Road Safety Calendar 2016 Competition, Council Chamber.

9 December – Attended St Joseph's Primary 2 Class Nativity, St Joseph's PS.

13 December – Attended Chanukah Candle Lighting Ceremony, Calderwood Lodge PS.

16 December – Attended the Our Lady of the Missions PS Christmas Celebrations.

RECOMMENDATION

4. That the report be noted.

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Background papers

None