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24 February 2014

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**COMMUNITIES**  
Strategic Director:  
Alan McKeown

Dear Mr Scott

**1965 Donation of Piano to Montrose Town Hall**

I refer to our recent telephone conversation re the donation in 1965 of a Steinway concert grand piano to Montrose Town Council, to be installed in Montrose Town Hall.

The donor was anonymous, with S Scott Robinson of Messrs Campbell, Middleton, Burness and Dickson acting on their behalf. I enclose a copy of the relevant Minute of meeting of Montrose Town Council.

As discussed I would be grateful if you can investigate and advise me if any living relatives of the donor remain.

If calling or telephoning please ask for myself on 01307 475360 or e-mail [WilsonA@angus.gov.uk](mailto:WilsonA@angus.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely



Alastair Wilson  
(Interim) Head of Services to Communities

There was submitted a letter dated 14th June, 1966 from S. Scott Robinson, Solicitor, Messrs. Corryholl, Middleton, Burgess & Dinicola stating that an arrangement about of his firm was prepared as gift to the Council's new Stairway concert grand piano the value of which would be approximately £2,500. It was noted that the gift would be subject to the following conditions, viz., (a) the piano would be installed in the Town Hall and would not be removed from that building unless for maintenance purposes; (b) the piano would not be used at dances but otherwise it might, subject to the Council's discretion, be used at any musical function in the Town Hall; (c) the piano would be insured by the Council against fire and such other risks as the Council might decide for an amount not less than £2,500; (d) the Council would enter into the usual contract for regular maintenance and tuning of the piano with Messrs. Steinway or their authorised agents and thereafter keep the said contract continuously in force; and (e) reasonable precautions would be taken to ensure that the piano when not in use would be protected from the risk of accidental damage. The Council resolved to accept the gift on the foregoing conditions and to ask Mr Robinson to convey their grateful thanks to the donor.

Town Hall  
—Piano  
Donation

The Town Clerk reported on an intimation of a proposal by W. Alexander & Sons (Northern) Limited to increase the fares on various bus services. The Council resolved to take the usual action in respect of the increases.

Bus Fares

The Council resolved to authorise the subscription of eight housing local bonds amounting in all to £4,475.

Housing  
Local Bonds

The following Minutes of Meetings of Committees, copies of which had been circulated, were, except in so far as otherwise stated, approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted:—

Minutes of  
Committees

- (a) Minute of Meeting of Provost's Committee held on 13th May, 1966;
- (b) Minute of Meeting of Property Committee held on 24th May, 1966;

With reference to the paragraph therein relating to the proposed use of the indoor swimming pool by pupils of secondary schools, the Council resolved that the recommendations contained in the paragraph be considered later in the meeting:

Indoor Swim  
Pool  
—Schools

- (c) Minute of Meeting of Hospitalmaster's Committee held on 31st May, 1966;
- (d) Minute of Meeting of Golf Courses Committee held on 31st May, 1966;
- (e) Minute of Meeting of Water, Cleansing and Drainage Committee held on 31st May, 1966;

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Our Ref. JAS/AKM

Your Ref.

Date. 3 March, 2014

Dear Mr Wilson

**1965 Donation of Piano to Montrose Town Hall**

I thank you for your letter of 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 following upon our earlier telephone conversation. I was formerly a partner in the firm of Messrs. Campbell, Middleton, Burness & Dickson but that firm dissolved at the end of October, 1993. Due to the lapse of time since there are no remaining records for the former firm. S Scott Robinson was at one time Senor Partner of Campbell, Middleton, Burness & Dickson but he died a number of years ago. There are one or two former partners with the former firm who are still alive but it is unlikely that anyone will have any knowledge of the donation to Montrose Town Hall back in 1965. It will be absolutely impossible to establish who the anonymous donor was and accordingly I would suggest that you merely dispose of the piano as suits the Council. I trust this is sufficient for your purposes.

Yours sincerely

