

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 28 June 2010

Chair:

Councillor Mary McNeill

Councillors Present:

Alice Marie Mitchell, Hamish Stewart

Attending:

Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; L Robertson, Team Leader/Registrar; T Stone, Licensing and Registration Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Panel decided:

that, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information in terms of Paragraph(s) 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

3 Notification of Intention to Hold a Public Procession in Hamilton on 9 July 2010 - Hamilton Orange and Purple LOL District 55

In relation to a notification of intention to hold a public procession on 9 July 2010 in Hamilton submitted by Hamilton Orange and Purple LOL District 55, the Panel:-

- ◆ heard D Hannah and J Wilson, representing Hamilton Orange and Purple LOL District 55
- ◆ considered written representations and objections as follows:-
 - ◆ a written representation from Strathclyde Police who were represented by Inspector J Lamarra and Sergeant C MacLucas
 - ◆ written objections from Reverend Bogan, St Ninian's Church
 - ◆ a written representation from the County Grand Lodge of Central Scotland in support of the public procession taking place

In view of the fact that the agreement of the organisers had been secured to move the assembly point to the former Kwik Save car park, it was noted that Councillor Horne had withdrawn his objection.

The organisers and Strathclyde Police withdrew from the meeting and, following discussion, the Panel was of the view that the public procession permit be issued with the standard conditions together with certain additional conditions.

The organisers and Strathclyde Police re-entered the meeting and were advised of the Panel's decision.

The organisers agreed to all of the conditions which were to be attached to the public procession permit.

The Panel decided:

- (1) that no order be made to prohibit the public procession from taking place subject to:-
 - ♦ the assembly point being moved to the former Kwik Save car park prior to the procession commencing on Hillhouse Road
 - ♦ no music being played from the junction of Hillhouse Road and Clarkwell Road to the second junction of Farm Terrace with Farm Road
 - ♦ additional stewards, over and above the ratio of 1 steward to 10 participants as required by the standard conditions, being put in place as identified by the organiser
- (2) that the public procession permit be issued with the standard conditions together with the additional conditions referred to above.

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.