PUBLIC PROCESSIONS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 11 July 2007

Chair:

Councillor Bert Thomson

Councillors Present:

Beith Forrest, Alice Marie Mitchell

Attending:

Corporate Resources

A Hilland, Solicitor; L Renfrew, Licensing Assistant; S Somerville, Administration Adviser

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Appointment of Chair

The Panel decided:

that Councillor Thomson be appointed Chair for this meeting of the Panel.

3 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.

4 Notification of Intention to Hold Public Procession in Rutherglen on 11 August 2007 – Royal Black Preceptory No 190

The Panel considered an observation by Strathclyde Police on a notification of intention to hold a public procession on 11 August 2007 in Rutherglen submitted by the Royal Black Preceptory No 190.

W Allan, M Anderson and D Houston, representing the Royal Black Preceptory No 190, and Superintendent Lewis and Constable Garment, representing the Chief Constable, were present at the meeting. All parties were heard in relation to the public procession.

The Panel decided:

(1) that no order be made to prohibit the public procession from taking place subject to there being:-

- ♦ no music played 100 metres either side of a place of worship irrespective of whether or not a service was being conducted
- a minimum of 1 steward for every 10 people
- (2) that the public procession permit be issued with the additional conditions referred to above.

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.