

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 31 May 2018

Chair:

Councillor David Shearer

Councillors Present:

Eileen Logan, Jim McGuigan

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; C Lyon, Administration Officer; G Mays, Solicitor; J Roebuck, Licensing and Registration Team Leader

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

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 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4 Notification of Intention to Hold a Public Procession in Larkhall on 1 June 2018 - Larkhall Purple Heroes Flute Band

In relation to a notification to hold a public procession on 1 June 2018 in Larkhall submitted by Larkhall Purple Heroes Flute Band, the Panel:-

- ◆ heard W Moore, J MacLean and W Ramage, representing Larkhall Purple Heroes Flute Band
- ◆ considered written representations from Police Scotland who were represented by Inspector S McGovern and Constable M Murphy

The submission from Larkhall Purple Heroes Flute Band included the following undertakings to:-

- ◆ increase the number of stewards in attendance at the parade
- ◆ increase the number of toilet facilities available for both those people in the parade and members of the public viewing the parade
- ◆ emphasise, through social media, the requirement to behave in an acceptable manner during the parade

- ◆ hold specific steward briefings to focus on key locations during the parade
- ◆ contact local residents to make them fully aware of the arrangements prior to the parade taking place in future years

The representatives of the organisation and representatives of Police Scotland withdrew from the meeting and, following discussion, the Panel decided that no order be made to prohibit the public procession from taking place subject to the agreed undertakings being adhered to by the organisation.

The representatives of the organisation, representatives of Police Scotland and objectors re-entered the meeting and were advised of the Panel's decision.

The organisers of the procession were also reminded of the importance of dealing with any future issues raised at debrief meetings. An undertaking was given by the Council to try to accommodate debrief meetings at a time more suitable to the organisers.

The Panel decided:

- (1) that no order be made to prohibit the public procession from taking place on 1 June 2018 in Larkhall subject to the agreed undertakings being adhered to by the organisation; and
- (2) that the public procession permit be issued with the standard conditions.