PUBLIC PROCESSIONS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 2 August 2016

Chair:

Councillor Andy Carmichael

Councillors Present:

Janice McGinlay, David Shearer

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

M Cooper, Standards and Development Officer; J Davitt, Public Relations Team Leader; C Lyon, Administration Officer; T Stone, Licensing and Registration Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

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 Rutherglen on 6 August 2016 - Independent Republican Bands Scotland

In relation to a notification of intention to hold a public procession on 6 August 2016 in Rutherglen submitted by Independent Republican Bands Scotland, the Panel:-

- heard B Keenan and Mr Liddell, representing Independent Republican Bands Scotland
- considered written representations from Police Scotland who were represented by Chief Inspector C Ritchie and Constable S Harfield
- heard T Mourhess, J Mills, D Stephen, K McGurk and D Kane, objectors

The representatives of the organisation, representatives of Police Scotland and objectors withdrew from the meeting and, following discussion, the Panel decided that an order be made to prohibit the public procession from taking place.

The representatives of the organisation, representatives of Police Scotland and objectors reentered the meeting and were advised of the Panel's decision. The Panel decided:

that an order be made in terms of Section 63 (1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), to prohibit the holding of a public procession by Independent Republican Bands Scotland in Rutherglen on 6 August 2016.

In terms of Standing Order No 13, the Chair adjourned the meeting during consideration of this item of business at 3.40pm and reconvened at 3.45pm