

Support of Greater Control of the Use of Fireworks

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 13 July 2020, proposed by Councillor Julia Marrs, seconded by Councillor Catherine McClymont, as follows:-

“South Lanarkshire Council acknowledges that whilst attending a well organised fireworks display can be a positive community experience, the noise associated with displays and the anti social behaviour perpetrated by a minority can be distressing for vulnerable groups of people, livestock and pets.

South Lanarkshire Council notes the Consultation on Fireworks in Scotland carried out by The Scottish Government and the resulting Action Plan.

With cognisance that much of the legislation regarding fireworks is reserved to the UK Parliament, but laws on when and where fireworks can be used being devolved to The Scottish Parliament, this Council supports The Scottish Government’s intention to offer additional safety advice to those purchasing fireworks and local groups holding displays by November 2020.

In accordance with suggestions being considered by the Scottish Government Fireworks Action Plan South Lanarkshire Council would support the introduction of greater restrictions on private use of fireworks, times of day fireworks can be used, firework free zones (eg around retirement homes, hospitals or animal shelters), and a public notification system for private displays and mandatory conditions, e.g. safety training being applied at the point of sale.

To allow appropriate controls over all aspects of firework use, this Council requests the UK Government to tighten powers regarding firework sales and asks the Chief Executive to write to the UK Government to this effect.”