

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 JULY 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor, Ann Hay, Brian Reeves, John Weir, David Macrae, Harry Wilson and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Legal Manager; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; Gillian McCann, Trainee Solicitor; and Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Lillian MacLean, Julie Faulds and William Menzies.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Robert Taylor was unanimously appointed and took the Chair.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION

1. There was submitted a report dated 19 July 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Panel to consider a notification of intent to hold a public procession by Drongan Young Conquerors Flute Band on Friday 27 July 2001 at 6.45pm in Drongan.

The Legal Manager firstly asked Mr Maxwell, Solicitor for the applicant, if he had anything further to add to the application.

Mr Maxwell confirmed that with regard to the application various aspects of the application had now changed, viz:-

- (i) the Jimmy Steele Memorial Flute Band would not now be included in the procession;
- (ii) the number of persons therefore would be a maximum of 60;
- (iii) the number of coaches expected would now reduce to 1 coach only from Motherwell;
- (iv) the number of stewards would remain as 12.

The Legal Manager, in light of the above comments then asked the representatives from Strathclyde Police whether they wished to make any change to the Police objection.

The representatives from Strathclyde Police intimated that their objection would stand in principle.

1.1 Hearing

The Panel then heard Superintendent Alistair McKie, representing Strathclyde Police in explanation of the Police objection, and the applicant's solicitor, Mr Maxwell, who spoke to the matters raised all in accordance with the agreed Hearing procedure.

Mr Steven Maxwell, Solicitor for the applicant, Derek Kane, Treasurer and Steven Jamieson, Committee member from the band along with Superintendent Alistair McKie and Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight and the Press and public then left the meeting to enable the Panel to take and consider legal advice on the matter.

Parties were then readmitted along with the Press and public.

1.2 Decision

It was agreed to make no order in respect of the proposed public procession.

The meeting terminated at 1458 hours.

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