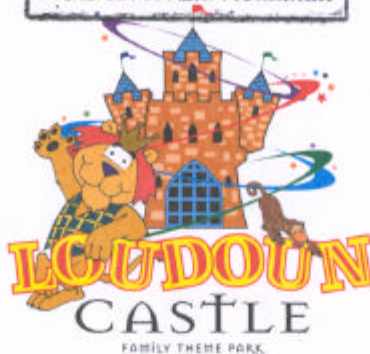


AGENDA ITEM No. 5



Ms Alison Smith
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Licensing and Community Safety
East Ayrshire Council
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15th October 2001

Dear Ms Smith,

We refer to your fax of 12th December 2001 in respect of our application for a zoo licence.

We are at a loss to understand the objection lodged by Mrs Anderson. There are no public rights of way in the vicinity of the zoo. The nearest right of way is in Big Wood some considerable distance away. To some extent, this is immaterial since the animal enclosures are designed to ensure public safety for all who use the Park footpaths whether right of way or not. Last year, a member of staff did bring his dogs to work with him while he was working overnight on maintenance matters. The dogs became disorientated and got lost. To say that they "escaped" is to use unnecessarily emotive language and fails to distinguish between domestic pets and wild animals.

We believe that the objection is founded on ignorance of the circumstances and should be set aside.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Codona".

R. Codona

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