

**Motherwell, 23 January 2003 at 2 pm.**

A Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS)**  
**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Gormill, McKinlay and Wilson.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Superintendent Buchan and Superintendent Law, Strathclyde Police and Mr. Watson, Mr. Slavin, and Mr. Weir, West of Scotland Band Alliance.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Barrie and Glavin.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN WISHAW ON SATURDAY,  
25 JANUARY 2003 BY THE WEST OF SCOTLAND BAND ALLIANCE**

1. There was submitted (1) notification dated 9 January 2003 of a proposal by West of Scotland Band Alliance to process in Wishaw on Saturday, 25 January 2003; (2) a letter dated 13 January 2003 from Councillor Love expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession, and (3) a letter dated 17 January 2003 containing the comments of Chief Superintendent Buchan, on behalf of the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Head of Central Services advised orally (1) that, in the absence of Councillor Love, Councillor Love's representation could rest on the written submissions contained in his letter dated 13 January 2003; (2) of receipt of 612 letters in identical terms making representations against the holding of the procession having regard to the reason for the march, the fact that no such march has hitherto taken place in the area and concerns regarding public order, particularly in relation to the marchers and their followers (copy tabled), and (3) of receipt of a number of electronic and oral representations to the same effect and of a further electronic representation received in respect of disruption to traffic on the route, which is a busy through route, attendant on the holding of the procession.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan on behalf of the Chief Constable and Mr. Watson on behalf of the West of Scotland Band Alliance.

The Sub-Committee agreed to deliberate in closed session.

After discussion and careful consideration of the representations made, the notifier and his associates and the representatives of the Chief Constable were re-admitted to the meeting.

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**Decided:** that after discussion and careful consideration of all representations made, the Sub-Committee agreed that, having regard to the facilitation of the policing of the event and the minimisation of public inconvenience commensurate with the right to process, an Order be made in terms of Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 imposing the following conditions on the holding of the said procession:-

“that the assembly time of the proposed procession be brought forward to 9 am and that the procession commence at 9.30 am prompt”.

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**Motherwell, 24 January 2003 at 5.30 pm.**

**A Meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS)  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Cameron, Chadha, Glavin and McKinlay.

**CHAIR**

In the absence of the Convener, and in terms of Standing Order 56, Councillor Chadha took the Chair.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Director of Administration and Head of Central Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Barrie, Gormill, Holloway and Wilson.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. The Chair, having heard the Head of Central Services, proposed that the meeting stand adjourned until 6 pm.

**Decided:** that the meeting stand adjourned until 6 pm.

**ADJOURNED GENERAL PURPOSES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB –  
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**Motherwell, 24 January 2003 at 6 pm.**

An Adjourned Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS)  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Cameron, Chadha, Glavin and McKinlay.

**CHAIR**

In the absence of the Convener, and in terms of Standing Order 56, Councillor Chadha took the Chair.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Director of Administration and Head of Central Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Superintendent Buchan and Superintendent Law, Strathclyde Police and Mr. Weir, Mr. McAvoy and Mr. Paterson, West of Scotland Band Alliance.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Barrie, Gormill, Holloway and Wilson.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN WISHAW ON SATURDAY,  
25 JANUARY 2003 BY WEST OF SCOTLAND BAND ALLIANCE**

1. There was submitted (1) notification dated 9 January 2003 of a proposal by West of Scotland Band Alliance to process in Wishaw on Saturday, 25 January 2003; (2) a letter dated 13 January 2003 from Councillor Love expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession, and (3) a letter dated 17 January 2003 from Chief Superintendent Buchan, on behalf of the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, containing their observations.

The Head of Central Services advised orally of an Order under Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, made under authority granted by the Sub-Committee at its meeting on 23 January 2003 to impose conditions on the time of commencement of the procession (tabled).

There was submitted, also, a letter dated 24 January 2003 (tabled) from Chief Superintendent Buchan on behalf of the Chief Constable, which had been received following the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 23 January 2003, and provided additional information.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan, on behalf of the Chief Constable and Mr. Weir, on behalf of the West of Scotland Band Alliance.

**Decided:** that after discussion and careful consideration of the submissions and representations made, the Sub-Committee agreed that, having regard to the need to protect public order and public safety and the risk thereto were the proposed march to proceed, an Order be made in terms of Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 prohibiting the holding of the said procession in public.

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