

Motherwell, 28 January 2004 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Saunders, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Burrows, Curley, Holloway, Irvine and Stocks.

CHAIR

Councillor Saunders (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGY

Councillor Wilson.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN WISHAW ON SATURDAY,
31 JANUARY 2004 BY COUNTY FLUTE BAND**

1. There were submitted (1) notification dated 10 January 2004 of a proposal by the County Flute Band to process in Wishaw on Saturday, 31 January 2004; (2) a letter dated 22 January 2004 from Chief Superintendent Buchan, on behalf of the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, containing their observations on the notification; (3) a letter (tabled) dated 23 January 2004 from Councillor Moran expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession, and (4) a letter (tabled) dated 26 January 2004 from Mr. D. McConville, Band Secretary, intimating withdrawal of the proposal to process in Wishaw on Saturday, 31 January 2004.

Decided: that the withdrawal of the proposal by the County Flute Band to hold a public procession in Wishaw on 31 January 2004 be noted.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN WISHAW ON SATURDAY,
31 JANUARY 2004 BY WEST OF SCOTLAND BAND ALLIANCE**

2. There was submitted (1) notification dated 15 December 2003 of a proposal by West of Scotland Band Alliance to process in Wishaw on Saturday, 31 January 2004; (2) a letter dated 24 December 2003 from Councillor Love expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession; (3) a letter dated 24 December 2003 from Councillor Moran expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession; (4) a report dated 5 January 2004 from Chief Superintendent Buchan, on behalf of the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, containing their observations, and (5) a letter (tabled) dated 27 January 2004 from Chief Superintendent Buchan, on behalf of the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, containing additional information.
-
-

GENERAL PURPOSES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB – 28 January 2004

The Head of Central Services advised orally (1) that, in the absence of Councillor Love and Councillor Moran their representations would rest on the written submissions contained in their letters dated 24 December 2003; (2) that 532 letters of representation had been received from local residents opposed to the procession, and (3) of the receipt of letters from Coltness Community Council and Central Wishaw Community Council objecting to the proposed procession.

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

The Sub-Committee determined to resume consideration in closed session and the Notifier and his associates and the representatives of the Chief Constable left the meeting.

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.

Decided: that after discussion and careful consideration of all representations made, the Sub-Committee agreed that, having regard to (1) the need to protect public order and public safety and the risk thereto were the proposed march to proceed; (2) the extent of disruption to Wishaw Town Centre were the proposed march to proceed and the need to protect the right of members of the public to have access thereto, and (3) the conclusion that this could not be achieved by less stringent means, an Order be made in terms of Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 prohibiting the holding of the said procession.
