

**Motherwell, 17 November 2003 at 9.30 am.**

A Special Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Gormill, McAuley, McKenna, J. Martin, Saunders and Wallace.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services, Trading Standards Manager and Senior Planning Officer.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. I. McKay, H.M. Principal Specialist Inspector (Explosives), Inspector G. McKenzie, Strathclyde Police, Divisional Officer M. McKee and Assistant Divisional Officer J. Robertson, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

Representing the Applicant:-

Mr. A. Wallace, Applicant  
Mr. M. Shaw and Mr. R. Koiak, Agents

**APOLOGIES**

Provost Connelly and Councillor Chadha.

**EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875 - APPLICATION FOR EXPLOSIVES FACTORY LICENCE - FORMER MOD SITE, INCHTERF, NR. MILTON OF CAMPSIE**

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 November 2003 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising the Sub-Committee of the receipt of an application from Spook Pyrotechnics Limited for assent to the establishment of a factory for explosives at the former MOD site at Inchterf, near Milton of Campsie; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) containing in an Appendix to the report a description of the site and surrounding area, and (4) recommending that when considering the application for assent to the factory licence under Section 7 of the Explosives Act 1875, the Sub-Committee note the information contained within the report.

In addition, there was submitted for consideration (1) a copy of the draft licence; (2) conditions proposed by the Health and Safety Executive in relation to the licence, and (3) an explosives schedule outlining the types of container to be installed, and the maximum explosive content permissible per container.

Consideration was also given to a written representation made by Councillor J. Jones, local Member.

Furthermore the Sub-Committee considered oral representations made by the agent acting on behalf of the applicant, the Health and Safety Executive Principal Inspector (Explosives), Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

Thereafter the applicant, agents, representatives of the Police, Fire Brigade and Health and Safety Executive withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

The applicant, agents and representatives of the Police, Fire Brigade and the Health and Safety Executive were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application for assent for an Explosives Licence in respect of the former MOD site at Inchterf, near Milton of Campsie be granted subject to the conditions contained within the draft licence and subject also to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the applicant shall, prior to the commencement of the use of the site, provide and for the duration of the use of the site in terms of the licence maintain security perimeter fencing and magazine locks to a standard to be specified by the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, and
- (2) that no operation will commence on site until a fire evacuation procedure has been submitted to and approved by Strathclyde Fire Brigade, and throughout the period of the operation of the site that procedure will be complied with.