

**Motherwell, 9 June 2004 at 3 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**CHAIR**

Councillor Saunders (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Superintendents Law and McGuire, Strathclyde Police and Mr. Feeley and Mr. McAvoy.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Stocks and Wilson.

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

1. There was submitted (1) notification dated 7 May 2004 of a proposal by West of Scotland Band Alliance to process in Wishaw on Saturday, 12 June 2004; (2) a letter dated 13 May 2004 from Councillor Love expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession; (3) a letter dated 13 May 2004 by Councillor Moran expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession; (4) a report dated 24 May 2004 from Superintendent McGuire, on behalf of the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, containing their observations, and (5) a letter (tabled) dated 8 June 2004 from Superintendent McGuire, on behalf of the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, containing additional information.

The Head of Central Services advised orally (1) that, in the absence of Councillors Love and Moran, their representations would rest on the written submissions contained in their letters dated 13 May 2004; (2) that 557 identical letters of representation had been received from local residents opposed to the procession, and (3) of the receipt of letters from Central Wishaw and Coltness Community Councils, from two private individuals and from Hawthorn Drive Neighbourhood Watch all objecting to the proposed procession.

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

The Sub-Committee determined to resume consideration in close session and the notifier and his associates and the representatives of the Chief Constable withdrew from the meeting.

After discussion and careful consideration of the representations made, the notifier and his associates and representatives of the Police 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 disruption to Wishaw Town Centre and policing logistics, the assembly time be varied from 10 am to 9 am on 12 June 2004.