

CORPORATE SERVICES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB – 1 July 2008

Motherwell, 1 July 2008 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Hogg (Vice-Convener); Councillors Goldie, Grant, Nolan and Stocks.

CHAIR

Councillor Hogg (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Representing the Notifiers: John Gordon, David Law, John McClurg and John Renwicks.
Representing Strathclyde Police: Constable McLaughlan

APOLOGIES

Councillors McAuley and Martin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. No declarations were made.

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL BY COATBRIDGE LOYAL ORANGE LODGE 303 TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN COATBRIDGE ON SATURDAY, 5 JULY 2008

2. There was submitted (1) Notification dated 2 June 2008 of a proposal by Coatbridge Loyal Orange Lodge 303 to process in Coatbridge on Saturday, 5 July 2008; (2) letters of representation dated 10 and 19 June 2008 from Councillor John Higgins; and (3) circulated at meeting e-mail of representation by Mrs. Nicola McParland.

The Sub-Committee (1) having noted that neither Councillors Higgins nor Mrs. McParland were present, heard Mr. Fleming outline the representations in respect of the proposal; (2) heard Mr. Gordon speak with regard to the proposal; and (3) heard Constable McLaughlan speak on behalf of the Chief Constable.

Following questioning the Sub-Committee noted, also, the assurance given by Mr. Gordon that music would begin to be played only after the parade commenced and the assurance given that no music would be played while the parade was stationary prior to commencement.

Thereafter, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Law, Mr. McClurg, Mr. Renwicks and Constable McLaughlan withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Mr. Gordon, Mr. Law, Mr. McClurg, Mr. Renwicks and Constable McLaughlan were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the notifier had given assurances that no music would be played prior to the commencement of the parade and, in particular, no music would be played while the parade was stationary, and
- (2) that, after full consideration of all representations made and having regard to the assurances given, no Order be made in terms of Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL BY COATBRIDGE LOYAL ORANGE LODGE 89/122 TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN COATBRIDGE ON SATURDAY, 5 JULY 2008

3. There was submitted (1) notification dated 2 June 2008 of a proposal by Coatbridge Loyal Orange Lodge 89/122 to process in Coatbridge on Saturday, 5 July 2008; (2) copy of letter of 18 June by John Gordon, District Secretary, clarifying the proposed route; and (3) copy of letter of 19 June 2008 by Councillor John Higgins making representations.

The Sub-Committee (1) having noted that Councillor Higgins was not present, heard Mr. Fleming outline the nature of the representations made; (2) heard Mr. Fleming outline a complaint made by a resident of Calder Avenue in respect of a similar event in 2005; (3) heard Mr. Gordon in response to the representations; and (4) heard Constable McLaughlan speak on behalf of Strathclyde Police.

In the course of discussions, Mr. Gordon advanced the proposal that the route be amended to commence in Davidson Street at its junction with Shawhead Avenue, thereafter proceed southwards to the junction with Rosehall Avenue and thence westwards along Rosehall Avenue to Whifflet Street and Constable McLaughlan confirm that Strathclyde Police would have no objection to that amendment. The Sub-Committee noted, also, Mr. Gordon's assurance that no music would be played while the procession was stationary and that music would begin to be played only after the procession moved off.

Thereafter, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Law, Mr. McClurg, Mr. Renwicks and Constable McLaughlan withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Mr. Gordon, Mr. Law, Mr. McClurg, Mr. Renwicks and Constable McLaughlan were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that after discussion and careful consideration of all representations made, and having regard to the amendment of the route to commence at Davidson Street at its junction with Shawhead Avenue, proceed southwards to Rosehall Avenue and thence westwards to Whifflet Street and the assurance that no music would be played at any time while the parade is stationary prior to its commencement, the Sub-Committee agreed that no Order be made in terms of Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in respect of the notification.