

**CORPORATE SERVICES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB – 3 February 2015**

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**Motherwell, 3 February 2015 at 10.30 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Clinch, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, Chadha, Grant, Griffin, Higgins, Irvine, McLaren and Stocks.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Clinch (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services) and Principal Solicitor, Corporate Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Representing the Notifier: Mr. Keenan and Mr. Crielly.

Representing the Chief Constable: Chief Inspector Scott and Inspector Speirs.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Goldie and Nolan.

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

1. The Sub-Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN WISHAW ON SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2015 BY IRBS**

2. There was submitted (1) notification dated 9 January 2015 of a proposal by IRBS to process in Wishaw on Saturday, 7 February 2015; (2) a letter dated 19 January 2015 advising of a number of conflicts in connection with the parade route specified in the notification; (3) a letter received on 26 January 2015 amending the parade route, and (4) a report from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland submitting representations in respect of the proposal.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Chief Inspector Scott outline the Chief Constable's representations in respect of the proposal, and (2) Mr. Keenan speak in support of the proposal in the notification.

A full discussion took place on the nature of the proposed procession, which included the potential of alternatives to those set out in the notification.

Thereafter, it was agreed that the meeting stand adjourned to allow the Police and the organisers to explore alternatives to those set out in the notification.

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Following the reconvening of the meeting, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter and heard (1) Inspector Speirs advise that the Police and the organisers had come to an agreement on an alternative parade route that would help reduce the level of disruption to traffic flow and the extent of disruption to the life of the community; (2) Inspector Speirs outline the alternative parade route as follows:-

Assembling at 11.30 am at Greenhead Road, Wishaw thereafter proceeding at 12 noon along Greenhead Road, Stewarton Street, East Academy Street, Steel Street, Caledonian Road, Alexander Street, Glasgow Road, Shieldmuir Street into John Street for dispersal, and

(3) Mr. Keenan request that the Sub-Committee proceed on the basis that the notification was amended to the alternative parade route.

Thereafter, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Crielly, Chief Inspector Scott and Inspector Speirs withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee gave consideration to the notification.

Mr. Keenan, Mr. Crielly, Chief Inspector Scott and Inspector Speirs were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that, after discussion and careful consideration of all representations made, and having regard to the agreed alternative route assembling at 11.30 am on 7 February 2015 at Greenhead Road, Wishaw thereafter proceeding at 12 noon along Greenhead Road, Stewarton Street, East Academy Street, Steel Street, Caledonian Road, Alexander Street, Glasgow Road, Shieldmuir Street into John Street for dispersal, 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.