

Licensing Committee  
17 July 2009

**IRVINE, 17 July 2009** - At a Special meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2:00 p.m.

**Present**

Elisabethe Marshall, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, Ruby Kirkwood and Alan Munro.

**In Attendance**

N. Alexander, Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) and A. Toal, Administrative Assistant (Licensing and District Court) (Legal and Protective), and J. Stevenson, Communications Officer and P. Shiach, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Mrs M. Roberts representing the applicant, Bobby Roberts Circus and Ms L. Anderson representing Advocates for Animals

**Chair**

Councillor Marshal in the Chair

**Apologies for Absence**

William Gibson, Ryan Oldfather, Robert Rae and Joan Sturgeon.

**1. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Public Entertainment Licence**

The Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) advised the Committee of the submission of an application for a Public Entertainment Licence on behalf of Bobby Roberts Circus for an event to be held on the Beach Park, Stevenston from 21 to 26 July 2009, and of the submission of a letter of objection on behalf of Advocates for Animals.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) advised the Committee that letter of objection had been submitted outwith the statutory time period for objections. Having heard the objector on the reasons for the late submission, the Committee unanimously agreed that the letter of objection be considered.

The Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) set out the background to the application. The objector then addressed the Committee on the reasons for the objection and responded to questions. Thereafter the applicant addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

Both parties then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

**Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed that the application be granted subject to conditions in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (b) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

The meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.