

Licensing Committee
30 June 2009

IRVINE, 30 June 2009 - At a Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

William Gibson, Robert Barr, Ruby Kirkwood, John Moffat, and Joan Sturgeon.

In Attendance

N. Alexander, Chief Legal Officer and A. Livingstone, Solicitor (Licensing and District Court) (Legal and Protective); and M. McKeown, Team Leader - Committee Services (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Chief Inspector Rorrison, Strathclyde Police.

Chair

Councillor Gibson in the Chair.

1. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As amended by the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Order 2006); Application for Parade

The Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) advised the Committee in relation to a proposed public procession by Dalry Walker Club in the town of Dalry on 1 July 2009.

Dalry Walkers Club (Apprentice Boys of Derry) have applied to hold a parade on the evening of Wednesday 1 July 2009 in the town of Dalry. 50 people will be involved in the parade which will be accompanied by Dalry Young Citizen's Flute Band.

As part of the consultation process, Strathclyde Police have raised concerns regarding the organisation and stewarding of an event involving the Flute Band held on 25 April 2009 in North Ayrshire, and in respect of an incident involving a member of the band at a parade in the East Renfrewshire area in August 2008. Mr R. Clark and Mr D. Harkins were in attendance at the hearing and addressed the issues raised by the Police. Members of the Committee asked questions of both parties.

The Committee (a) agreed that (i) an Order be made under Section 63 (ii) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, as amended, granting the public procession subject to the Council's standard conditions; (ii) Strathclyde Police report to the Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) on the outcome of the parade; and (b) reminded the applicant of his duty to ensure that the parade is properly organised and adequately stewarded and that any adverse incidents reported by the Police in relation to the event may have a bearing on future applications.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.