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**MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2014 at 2.00 P.M.**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Jim Blackwood  
Baillie William Buchanan  
Baillie Joan Paterson (Depute Convener)  
Provost Pat Reid (Convener)  
Sandy Turner

**OFFICERS:**

Christopher Cox, Public Transport Officer  
Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator  
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer  
Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor  
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer

**CL41. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Depute Provost Patrick and Councillors Hughes and Ritchie.

**CL42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**CL43. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

In terms of Standing Order 14.2(i), Provost Reid advised of a variation to the order of business from that detailed on the agenda for the meeting. The following items have been recorded in the order that they were taken.

**CL44. NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION - BANNOCKBURN ORANGE AND PURPLE LOYAL ORANGE LODGE DISTRICT NO. 2**

The organiser's representatives, Mr Ceffarty and Mr McLean, entered the meeting.

Mr Cox, Public Transport Officer, Falkirk Council, entered the meeting.

The objectors, Father Dow, Mrs Parker and Mr Law, together with other local residents, entered the meeting.

Councillors Coleman and Gow, local members, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer in relation to a notification from Bannockburn Orange and Purple Loyal Orange Lodge District No. 2 of their intention to hold a public procession on Saturday 5 July 2014 commencing at Foundry Road, Bonnybridge and proceeding along Broomhill Road onto Bridge Street, High Street, Drove Loan, High Street, Bridge Street, Broomhill Road and concluding at Foundry Road. The notification proposed that approximately 250 marchers would be involved. The Report (a) advised of the background to the application; (b) set out the decision making framework and procedures; (c) detailed the consultations undertaken and the responses received; (d) referred to representatives received from the local community council and from the public, and (e) outlined the considerations to be taken into account by the licensing authority.

The organiser's representative, Mr Ceffarty, advised that he had no preliminary points to make on the competency of the objections and representations.

The objectors, Father Dow, Mrs Parker and Mr Law, spoke in amplification of their objections.

Councillors Coleman and Gow, local members, spoke in amplification of concerns on behalf of local residents.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Mr Cox, Public Transport Officer, Falkirk Council spoke in relation to the transport implications and bus services.

Mr Ceffarty spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked of Mr Ceffarty by Father Dow, an objector, and Members of the Committee.

This was followed by Baillie Buchanan asking questions of Mr Ceffarty and presenting visual illustrations of the local road layout within the Town Centre. He then requested consideration by the organisers of possibly amending the starting point to Bonnybridge Community Centre as an alternative to the proposed route submitted. This would address concerns in relation to disruption to the local community. Mr Ceffarty, in response, advised that the starting point at Foundry Road had been recommended by Police Scotland and would remain unchanged.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee and clarification was provided by the Licensing Co-ordinator in relation to advice given by Police Scotland.

**AGREED** that a short adjournment take place to enable the Committee to consider the submissions.

The organiser's representatives, Mr Ceffarty and Mr McLean, objectors Father Dow, Mrs Parker and Mr Law, other local residents, Councillors Coleman and Gow, and Mr Cox, left and were then recalled to the meeting.

#### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed that no order be made in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.**

**NOTE: The applicant was asked to consider an alternative starting point for future processions.**

The organiser's representatives, Mr Ceffarty and Mr McLean, Mr Cox, objectors Father Dow, Mrs Parker and Mr Law, other local residents and Councillors Coleman and Gow, remained in attendance for the next item of business.

#### **CL45. NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION - BONNYBRIDGE SONS OF WILLIAM LOYAL ORANGE LODGE NO. 211**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer in relation to a notification from Bonnybridge Sons of William Loyal Orange Lodge District No. 211 of their intention to hold a public procession on Saturday 5 July 2014 commencing at Foundry Road, Bonnybridge and then proceeding along Broomhill Road, Bridge Street, High Street, Dunure Street, Larbert Road, Peathill Road and concluding at Foundry Road. The notification proposed that approximately 250 marchers would be involved. The Report (a) advised of the background to the application; (b) set out the decision making framework and procedures; (c) detailed the consultations undertaken and the responses received; (d) referred to representatives received from the local community council and from the public, and (e) outlined the considerations to be taken into account by the licensing authority.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

#### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed that no order be made in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.**

**NOTE: Following a request by Councillor Gow, the procession organiser agreed to the procession commencing from Bonnybridge Community Centre.**