

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2008 commencing at 11.15 A.M.

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Councillors Blackwood, Hughes, Kenna, McLuckie, McNally, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick, Thomson and Waddell.

CONVENER: Councillor Nicol

APOLOGIES: Councillors

ATTENDING: Consumer Protection Manager; Food and Safety Regulation Manager; Licensing Coordinator (B Douglas); Environment Coordinator (R Broadley); Solicitor (F Kobiela) and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

CL56. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following item of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

CL57. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 19 November 2008 (minute CL54 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 14 November 2008 by the Director of Development Services on an application for the grant of a public entertainment licence to operate a Paintball business within Loanfoot Wood, Bonnybridge.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

Mr B, the applicant's agent, was heard in support of the application.

Mr L, the applicant, was heard in support of the application.

Ms D, an objector, was heard in support of her written objection.

Mr McL, an objector, was heard in support of his written objection.

The objectors were concerned with the following issues:-

- the impact of the proposals on the safety of horses and riders as a result of increased noise;
- the loss of amenity and the erosion of open and green space;
- the loss of tranquillity for other users of the area such as walkers and cyclists;
- the effects on badgers, geese, other wildlife and woodland;

- the effects on road safety of increased traffic; and
- the inadequate parking provision and single access point.

The applicant's representative replied addressing the concerns raised.

Mr W, representing owners of the land, was heard in respect of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Patrick, as a local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor Thomson, as a local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor Lemetti, as a local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by a special meeting of the Committee on 8 December 2008.