

APPEALS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appeals Committee
held within the Council Offices, Clydebank on Monday 11 November 1996.

Present: Provost Patrick O'Neill (LAB) and Councillors Andrew White (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Duncan Mills (LAB) and Ronnie McColl (SNP).

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

Apology for Absence: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Patricia Rice (LAB).

Provost Patrick O'Neill in the Chair

ARMISTICE DAY

At 11 a.m. all those present for the meeting observed a two minute silence to commemorate Armistice Day.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee approved the following Resolution:-

"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act".

REGRADING APPEAL

There were submitted background papers relating to a Regrading Appeal which had been submitted to the Council. There was also submitted a Note of Interim Procedures to be adopted at the Appeal Hearing.

The Appellant was present and was represented by Bill Keady of UNISON. The Authority was represented by Robert Anderson, Principal Personnel Officer.

Mr Keady presented the case for the Appellant and the Appellant was then questioned by Mr Anderson and Members of the Committee.

Mr Anderson then presented the case for the Authority and called, as a witness, Ian Fernie, Director of Planning and Economic Development. After giving evidence, Mr Fernie was questioned by Mr Keady and Members of the Committee.

Mr Anderson and then the Appellant himself summed up their respective cases and thereafter both parties withdrew from the meeting.

After the Committee had deliberated the matter in private, both parties were readmitted to the meeting and advised that the grounds of appeal had not been substantiated and the Appeal had not been upheld.