

APPEALS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appeals Committee held in the Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Monday 17 June 2002 at 9.30 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ronnie McColl, Ian McDonald, Mary Campbell and James Bollan.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

Councillor Ronnie McColl in the Chair

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."

APPEAL AGAINST DISMISSAL

There were submitted background papers relating to an Appeal which had been submitted to the Council in relation to a dismissal. There was also submitted a Note of the procedure to be followed at the Hearing of the Appeal.

The Appellant was present and was represented by Mick Conroy of the GMB. The Department in which the Appellant had been employed was represented by Louise McHugh, Solicitor.

Ms. McHugh called as witnesses Sandra Colrairie, Facilities Officer, Lynda McLaughlin, Section Head - Leisure Services, and Pat Bradley, Departmental Personnel Officer.

The witnesses were questioned by Ms. McHugh, Mr. Conroy, Members of the Committee and again by Ms. McHugh.

Mr. Conroy then called the Appellant as a witness. The Appellant was questioned by Mr. Conroy and Ms. McHugh.

Ms. McHugh and then Mr. Conroy 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 re-admitted to the meeting and advised that the grounds of the Appeal had been substantiated and the Appeal had been upheld. The Appellant was therefore reinstated with effect from the date of dismissal.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.