

APPEALS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appeals Committee held within the Council Suite, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Thursday 14 October 1999.

Present: Councillors Anthony Devine (LAB), Mary Campbell (LAB), Duncan McDonald (LAB), Ronald McColl (SNP) and Ian McDonald (SNP).

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

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

Councillor Anthony Devine 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 1 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 Interim Procedures which it was agreed would be adopted at the Appeal Hearing.

The Appellant was neither present nor represented. The Authority was represented by Owen Mullan, Solicitor. Mr Mullan advised the Committee that the Appellant was aware of the date of the Hearing, having been consulted with regard to the date at the time when the Hearing was fixed. The Appellant's Union had attempted to contact the Appellant when preparing for the Hearing but had been unable to do so. The Union had informed Mr Mullan that they did not intend to attend the Hearing.

Mr Mullan outlined the options which he submitted were open to the Committee and provided further information in response to questions from members of the Committee. Mr Ettles gave the Committee advice on each of the available options.

Having fully considered the information before them, the Committee decided that the grounds of the Appeal had not been substantiated and did not uphold the Appeal.