

Agenda

Special Meeting of Licensing Committee

Date: Thursday, 9 September 2021

Time: 10:00

Format: Zoom Video Conference

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Dear Member

The Convener has directed that the powers contained in Section 18B of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 will be used as the hearing cannot be held in person because of a reason relating to Covid-19 and so Members and parties to the proceedings will attend this special meeting of the **Licensing Committee** remotely. The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

JOYCE WHITE

Chief Executive

Distribution:

Councillor Jim Finn (Chair)
Councillor Karen Conaghan
Councillor Ian Dickson
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Date issued: 26 August 2021

LICENSING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

AGENDA

1 STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR – ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the undernoted items of business on this agenda and, if so, state the reasons for such declarations.

4 OPEN FORUM

The Committee is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

5 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION: DUMBARTON ORANGE & PURPLE DISTRICT NO. 27. 5 - 9

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration advising of an objection which has been received from a member of the public following the submission of a notice of proposal to hold a public procession from the Dumbarton Orange & Purple District No. 27.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Officer – Regeneration and Regulatory Services

Licensing Committee – 9 September 2021

**Subject: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Part V – Public Processions
Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006
Notice of Proposal to hold a Public Procession:
Dumbarton Orange & Purple District No. 27**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of an objection which has been received from a member of the public following the submission of a notice of proposal to hold a public procession from the Dumbarton Orange & Purple District No. 27.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that Members consider the objection and determine whether the procession should take place as detailed in the notice of proposal.

3. Background

- 3.1** A notice of proposal to hold a public procession on 18 September 2021 in Alexandria at 9.00 a.m. and in Dumbarton at 5.30 p.m. was submitted by Mr. Simon Wade on behalf of the Dumbarton Orange & Purple District No. 27 on 29 July 2021. The reason for the procession, stated on the notice of proposal, is for the Annual Boyne Celebration which had been postponed from the traditional date in July due to Covid-19. A risk assessment form was also submitted. The notice of proposal was subsequently advertised on the Council's website on 30 July 2021.
- 3.2** The outward procession is due to commence at 9.00 am starting in Park Street, Alexandria before turning right onto Main Street then dispersing at St. Mungo's Church.
- 3.3** The inward procession is due to commence at 5.30 pm at the castle end of Castle Road before turning right onto Castlegreen Street. At the A814 junction the procession will turn left until the traffic lights adjacent to McDonald's. The procession will then join Castle Street moving onto High Street following the one way system before turning left onto Bridge Street. The procession will travel through Westbridgend until reaching the A814 junction where it will turn right. At the Townend roundabout the procession will turn left onto Townend Road passing beneath the railway bridge before turning left onto Bankend Road and finally reaching Lime Road where the procession will disperse.
- 3.4** Both the outward procession and the inward procession will be accompanied by

the Pride of the Rock Flute Band.

3.5 On 4 August 2021 a letter of objection was received from a member of the public primarily objecting to the inward procession in Dumbarton. A copy of the objection can be seen at Appendix 1.

3.6 A precursory meeting was held on 19 August 2021 with 3 representatives from the Dumbarton Orange & Purple No. 27 and Police Scotland. No adverse issues, other than the objection which has been submitted, were raised and the organiser was advised that in light of the objection, the matter would need to be determined by the Licensing Committee..

4. Main Issues

4.1 There are no aspects of the proposed processions which breach the Council's code of conduct for public processions.

4.2 No adverse comments have been received from either Silvertown Community Council or Dumbarton East & Central Community Council in relation to the evening procession.

4.3 On 2 August 2021 notification of the proposed procession was sent to those elected Members whose ward the processions pass through within Ward 2 - Leven and Ward 3 – Dumbarton. Members of the Licensing Committee were also advised of the proposed procession. No adverse comments were received.

4.4 On 20 August 2021 West Dunbartonshire Council responded stating that there were no conflicting road works planned on the proposed routes.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There is no increased risk to the Council associated with the contents of this report.

8. Equalities, Health & Humans Rights Impact Assessment

8.1 No impact assessment is required because this report does not involve any change to policies or services or financial decisions.

9. Consultation

9.1 Details of the processions were posted on the Council's website on 2 August

2021.

9.2 Members of the Licensing Committee, Members representing Ward 2 and Ward 3, Police Scotland, Silverton Community Council, Dumbarton East & Central Community Council and West Dunbartonshire Council Roads Department were advised of the proposed processions on 2 August 2021.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 There are no strategic implications.

Chief Officer – Regeneration and Regulatory

Date: 20 August 2021

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Appendices: Letter of objection – Debbie Russell

Background Papers:

1. Notice of Proposal to hold a Public Procession submitted 29 July 2021.
2. Email to Elected Members dated 2 August 2021.
3. Email to Silverton Community Council and Dumbarton East & Central Community Council dated 2 August 2021.
4. Email to Police Scotland dated 2 August 2021.
5. Email to Roads Department dated 2 August 2021.

Wards Affected: Dumbarton and Leven Wards

4 August 2021

Dear Carolann

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

PUBLIC PROCESSION- Annual Boyne Demonstration

I wish to object against the proposed procession as described below, specifically against the evening procession.

I note the start time of 5:30pm and the route which is proposed to take place in both residential areas and along one of the main roads in and out of Dumbarton. I object on the following points:

- The proposed route, from the description below, would go along Glasgow Road. This is one of the main roads into Dumbarton and when there is additional congestion or an accident on the A82 this road has considerably more traffic. Given the time of the procession where travellers may be returning east from Loch Lomond, there may be risk of both roads in and out of Dumbarton being heavily congested. I would ask West Dunbartonshire Council to consider how it intends to manage the safe route of emergency services which are expected to navigate this route if both roads are heavily congested,
- The proposed route is beside the main shopping and food outlets in Dumbarton. I do not consider it appropriate for those who wish to go shopping or eat with family or friends to be delayed due to this procession,
- I note the vicinity of the dispersal point to St Patrick's RC Church. I have checked the Church's mass time on a Saturday which is at 6:30pm. I would ask West Dunbartonshire Council to ensure it conducts a risk assessment to ensure the safe dispersal of crowds and the safety of parishioners who may be entering or existing the church at this time.

On a wider note, I would like West Dunbartonshire Council to review the overall risks associated with having a procession of this nature pass through one of the main arteries in and out of Dumbarton on a Saturday evening, where shoppers, travellers and parishioners will be moving around this area.

Kind regards

Debbie Russell