

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 9 OCTOBER 2024

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Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Jackson, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson (for Curley).

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Officer
Gordon Leitch	Team Leader (Consultancy) – Roads and Transportation
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

In attendance also: Sergeant I Robertson (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Quinn and Reynolds attending remotely.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.

464 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 464

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Curley, with Councillor Robertson substituting, and Councillor Wilson.

Provost McKenzie declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Notification by Loyal Orange Lodge – District 19 to hold a Memorial Procession on 19 October 2024 through parts of Port Glasgow).

Certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:
Agenda Item 5 (Notification by Loyal Orange Lodge – District 19 to hold a Memorial Procession on 19 October 2024 through parts of Port Glasgow) – Councillor Cassidy.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

465 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence 465

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which will be considered at a future meeting, all as detailed in the Private Appendix. There was no Member debate on this item of business.

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which will be considered a future meeting, all as detailed in the Private Appendix. There was no Member debate on this item of business.

Councillor Reynolds joined the meeting at this juncture.

467 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider (1) the immediate suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence, and (2) whether to further suspend the licence as the Board may determine, to which the Board decided, after a vote, (1) to uphold the suspension of the License, and (2) that the suspension be lifted, all as detailed in the Private Appendix.

Following consideration of these items of business the Board returned to public session.

468 Notification by Loyal Orange Lodge – District 19 to hold a Memorial Procession on 19 October 2024 through parts of Port Glasgow

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider the notification by the Loyal Orange Lodge - District 19 to hold a public procession through parts of Port Glasgow on Saturday 19 October 2024 for a memorial parade.

Provost McKenzie declared an interest in this item as he owned a business on the proposed route and left the meeting.

Councillor Cassidy declared a connection as Community Council Champion. He also formed the view that the nature of his connection and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process and was declaring for transparency.

The Board heard Mr J MacLean on behalf of the Loyal Orange Lodge – District 19, and Sergeant Robertson from Police Scotland. The objector was not present, having been invited to attend.

Referring to paragraph 3.4 of the report, Mr Keenan confirmed that a response had been received from the organisers in response to the objection, which had been circulated to the Board prior to the meeting.

The members then retired to consider the matter before returning to public session.

Decided: that neither a prohibition order be made nor additional conditions beyond the Council's standard conditions be imposed on the public procession organised by Loyal Orange Lodge - District 19 through parts of Port Glasgow on Saturday 19 October 2024 for a memorial parade.