

APPEALS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 27th March 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors John Hampton (Chair), John Allan, Brian Connolly and Sandra Goldie.
- Apologies: Councillors Mike Peddie and Winifred Sloan.
- Attending: K. Briggs, Legal and Licensing Manager; C. Douglas, HR Manager; and J. McClure, Committee Services Officer.

1. Exclusion of Press and Public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

2. Appeal Against Dismissal.

The appellant, a former employee of the Development and Environment Directorate, was in attendance and accompanied by R. Maclean, Civil Engineer and Arbitration Consultant. C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Performance and Communication, represented the Council.

Prior to the hearing commencing, the Panel adjourned for consideration of a number of preliminary points raised by the appellant on the calling of witnesses, a possible conflict of interest by a Member of the Panel and the possible conflict of interest of the HR representative. On reconvening, the Panel decided not to uphold these requests and the appellant recorded his dissatisfaction at these decisions.

The time being 11.55 a.m., the Panel then adjourned for lunch.

The hearing resumed at 12.50 p.m.

The Panel heard from the Management representative and from two of the witnesses called by her.

Decided: to continue consideration of this matter to a meeting on 28th March 2012 to allow further submissions to be made.

The meeting ended at 3.55 p.m.