ANGUS COUNCIL

SPECIAL CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

TEMPORARY CARAVAN SITE LICENCE - DAVIDSON PARK, KIRRIEMUIR

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES

ABSTRACT: This report deals with an application to grant a temporary caravan site licence at Davidson Park, Kirriemuir in order to allow the use of the site for the purposes of a caravan site.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree:-
 - (i) to grant a temporary caravan site licence to the Traditional Music & Song Association Angus Branch, c/o Mr Bill Carr, 5 Restenneth Place, Lunanhead, Forfar, DD8 3NF subject to conditions based on the "Model Standards" for Touring caravan sites;
 - (ii) that the maximum number of caravans to be stationed on site at any one time be 20; and
 - (iii) that the operating period for the site be limited to 3 consecutive days between 6th and 9th September 2019 to accommodate the Kirriemuir Festival of Music and Song 2019.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

2.1 The proposal contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

An inclusive and sustainable economy.

PLACE

Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Angus Council recently received an application for a temporary caravan site licence in terms of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 from Traditional Music & Song Association – Angus Branch, c/o Mr Bill Carr, 5 Restenneth Place, Lunanhead, Forfar, DD8 3NF. The site is located at Davidson Park Kirriemuir, as detailed in **Appendix 1** to this Report.

Confirmation has been received from the Planning Service that, providing there was no development proposed (e.g. the formations of tracks or the erection of permanent buildings or structures etc.) in association with the caravan siting, they would not seek an application for planning permission, in this instance. They would however clarify that, although permitted development rights generally allow for the temporary change of use of land for a period of up to 28 days in any calendar year without the need for planning permission, these permitted development rights do not apply to the temporary use of land as a caravan site. Having said that, the Service has taken the view that, due to the scale and nature of the proposal and as the proposal is for less than 5 days, this would be considered de minimis in this instance. However, should the location, nature, permanence or scale of the caravan site change, the Planning Service reserves the right to review the above advice at any time.

3.2 It is intended that the land to which this application relates will be used between the dates specified to allow event attendees to site their caravans. Once the event ends the land will be returned to its previous use.

4. DETERMINATION OF LICENCE

- 4.1 The applicant has been requested to consult with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service with a view to ensuring that an adequate fire risk assessment will be carried out prior to opening.
- 4.2 The proposed site has been inspected by Environmental Health staff and no safety or sanitation issues have been identified. Regard has been had to the "Model Standards" for caravan sites in drafting the site licence conditions.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no human rights or equalities implications attached to this report.

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