

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

EXCEPTION TO CINEMA LICENCE CONDITIONS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, GOVERNANCE AND CHANGE

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to consider the request from The Montrose Playhouse Project Limited (Licence Number CL 6) to permit the exhibition of twenty (20) unclassified films as detailed in **APPENDIX 1**.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) determine whether to permit the exhibition of twenty (20) unclassified films; and
- (ii) if the Committee is minded to permit the showing of the twenty (20) unclassified films, determine what, if any, conditions apply to the permission.

2. BACKGROUND

Condition 3 of Cinema Licence number CL 6 granted to The Montrose Playhouse Project Limited under the Cinemas Act 1985 requires that:-

- 3. No film shall be exhibited unless –
 - a. It has received a 'U', 'PG', '12', '15' or '18' certificate of the British Board of Classification; or
 - b. It is a current newsreel which has not been submitted to the British Board of Film Classification.

Condition 7 states:

- 7. Notwithstanding the conditions herein before contained, a film may be exhibited, or persons or any class of persons, may be admitted thereto if the permission of the licensing authority is first obtained and any condition of such permission is complied with.

In an email dated 15th August 2023 from the licence holder and subsequent email from LandxSea Film Festival Producers, an application for permission to exhibit twenty (20) unclassified films was received as they had not received a certificate from the British Board of Film Classification. The BBFC considers a wide number of factors when considering what age rating a film should receive – a copy of their guidance is set out in **APPENDIX 2**.

Members of the Committee have had the opportunity to view the films.

It is recommended that the Committee determine whether to permit the exhibition of the twenty (20) unclassified films; and if the Committee is minded to permit the showing of the twenty unclassified films, determine what, if any, conditions apply to the permission.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights issues arising directly from this report.

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Montrose Playhouse LandxSea Film Festival 15-17th September 2023

1. The Golden Thread
2. Into The Ice
3. Riverwoods
4. The North Drift
5. The Ice Mile
6. The Oil Machine
7. Patrick and the Whale
8. By Leaves We Live
9. Change Direction
10. Beavers About Town
11. The Last Ski Maker in Scotland
12. Chilly Dipper
13. The Water Holds Me
14. The Ghost Rainforest
15. Haulout
16. If Turtles Could Talk
17. Ol Ka Houna
18. Belle River
19. Seabird
20. The Rock Pool Waltz