
DECISION MADE IN RELATION TO THE DUNGIVEN LOL 2036 PARADE NOTIFIED TO TAKE PLACE IN DUNGIVEN ON SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2019

1. The following is the decision of the Parades Commission in relation to the Dungiven LOL 2036 parade notified to take place on Sunday 9 June 2019.
2. Section 8 (1) of the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, provides that:

“The Commission may issue a determination in respect of a proposed public procession imposing on the persons organising or taking part in it or on any persons supporting it such conditions as the Commission considers necessary.”
3. The Commission has noted the details provided on the Form 11/1 submitted on 8 May 2019 concerning the Dungiven LOL 2036 parade notified for Sunday 9 June 2019.
4. The Commission has given careful consideration to whether to exercise its power under Section 8. It has done so within the relevant legal and statutory framework, constituted in the main by the 1998 Act, the various instruments made thereunder (in particular the “Guidelines”) and the Human Rights Act 1998.
5. The notified purpose of the parade is “*Annual Sunday Service*”. There are 75 participants notified. The proposed parade’s outward route is from Presbyterian Church, New Street to Dungiven Church of Ireland, Main Street, with the return to the Presbyterian Church along the same route.
6. This annual parade alternates its route year on year and the timing of this year’s parade reflects that of 2017. The outward route is notified to take place from 9.30am-9.55am with the return route notified from 11.05am-11.30am.
7. The Commission understands that there is a local accommodation that this parade will not exceed 75 participants. This arrangement has contributed to reducing community tensions surrounding this parade. The Commission also understands that, as in previous years, parade participants will comprise only of Orange Order members from the local District.
8. The Commission has considered the need to issue a determination as outlined at paragraph 2. above, against the factors outlined in its statutory Guidelines.
9. The Commission has considered all representations and information received. It has considered the parade’s purpose, timing, recent history and other relevant issues. The Commission has decided that the imposition of conditions upon this parade at this time is not necessary or proportionate.

10. In reaching a decision, the Commission has reflected fully on the significance of the local accommodation about this parade and its impacts on improving community relations in the Dungiven area.

Signed: Ane Henderson
(On behalf of the Commission)

Date: 22/5/19