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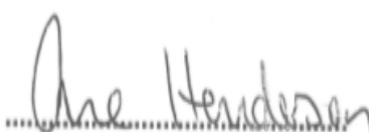
**DECISION MADE IN RELATION TO THE PARADE ORGANISED BY STRATHROY  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTIFIED TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2020 IN STRATHROY, OMAGH**

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1. The following is the decision of the Parades Commission in relation to the Strathroy Community Association 5k walk notified to take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
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 such conditions as the Commission considers necessary.”
3. The Commission has noted the details provided on the 11/1 form submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 concerning the Strathroy Community Association 5k walk notified for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
4. The Commission has given careful consideration as 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 proposed procession is notified for 150 participants, with 50 supporters.
6. The notified route is "*Community Centre, Strathroy Road, Gortin Road, Coronation Cottages, Cappagh Church, Strathroy Road, Community Centre.*”
7. The 5k walk is planned for Saturday afternoon, 19<sup>th</sup> September, for two and a half hours, from 12 noon to 2.30pm. The purpose is stated as '*5k walk.*'
8. The Commission has informed the organiser that responsibility for compliance with current Covid Regulations is a matter for the organiser and the relevant health and enforcement authorities.
9. The Commission has considered the potential disruption to community life arising from the procession.
10. The Commission has not received any representation about the proposed procession, and has therefore no evidence nor information regarding support for the procession, nor opposition to it.

11. The Commission has considered the need to issue a determination as outlined at paragraph 2 above against the factors outlined in its statutory guidelines, including the potential disruption to community life.
12. The Commission has decided that the imposition of conditions upon this procession at this time, is not appropriate.
13. As the public health risks of the parade are the responsibility of the organiser, the Commission has advised the organiser to consult with all relevant authorities regarding such public health risks.
14. Compliance with specific Covid-19 Regulations relating to outdoor groups with more than 15 persons (including the implementation of a risk assessment) is the responsibility of the organiser, enforceable by the PSNI, and outside the remit of the Commission.
15. The proposed procession has been brought to the attention of the Minister of Health, the Chief Constable of the PSNI, the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Advisor.
16. This decision by the Commission does not confer approval of the proposed procession.

Signed:   
(On behalf of the Commission)

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**