

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
24 APRIL 2000**

**REPORT ON: STREET EVENT - DUNDEE CITY CENTRE, REQUEST TO CLOSE
VARIOUS CITY CENTRE STREETS**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 202/2000

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report advises Committee of the application to hold a charity fun/running event in City Square and various City Centre streets on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April 2000.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to grant permission to temporarily close:

- a Crichton Street - full length;
- b Whitehall Crescent - full length;
- c Whitehall Street - full length;
- d High Street - between Whitehall Street and Crichton Street;
- e Reform Street - full length;
- f Meadowside - between Reform Street and Barrack Street;
- g Ward Road - between Barrack Street and Courthouse Square;
- h Courthouse Square - full length;
- i West Bell Street - between Courthouse Square and Constitution Road;
- j Constitution Road - between West Bell Street and Barrack Street.

2.2 The roads are to be closed under Section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to enable Barracuda Public Relations to hold a charity fun/running event as described in this report and subject to the conditions stated.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The applicant will meet all costs associated with the event including:

- a the making and advertising of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order;
- b the closure of roads with barriers and appropriate signing, including signs for the diversion route;

- c the advance publicity costs to advise of public transport alterations;
- d maintaining all signs and barriers;
- e provision of access for emergency services;
- f all repairs to infrastructure damaged as a result of the applicants operations;
- g public liability insurance for all aspects of the event;
- h advising by letter all frontagers in the affected streets.

3.2 The Director of Finance will require satisfactory confirmation of insurance and indemnity provisions.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The proposals within this report are aimed at creating a safer environment, improving the quality of life and encouraging walking as an alternative to the private car, albeit for 3-4 hours. Furthermore, the event is aimed at promoting running as a healthy pastime.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 It is important that all groups within society are encouraged to feel safe whilst walking and shopping within the city centre area during the course of this event.

5.2 This event is aimed at adults and children of both sexes and specifically targets all ages and abilities including wheelchair users.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 A request has been received from Barracuda Public Relations, Market Mews, Market Street, Dundee, DD1 3LA to hold a charity fun event - "the Dundee Millennium City Centre Mile and Three", in aid of Radio Tay's Caring for Kids charity appeal.

6.2 The event is to run over two days Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April 2000 and will involve Roadshows, Exhibits, Fun Fair, Side Stalls and Children's roundabouts as well as the appearance of various celebrities associated with the sport of running. The promoter intends to create a "carnival atmosphere in the biggest event of its type ever held in Dundee". The main theme of the event is running with eleven different races planned for Sunday 30th.

6.3 To allow these running events to be carried out safely the roads listed in 2.1 are to be closed on Sunday 30 April only, and to allow for setting up and taking down it is anticipated that the actual times of the road closure will be between 12.00hrs and 17.00hrs only.

6.4 The event organisers have engaged the services of a Traffic Management company (Contraflow Ltd) who will satisfy the Director of Planning and Transportation, Chief Constable, Emergency Services and bus companies as to the correct traffic management procedures being followed.

- 6.5 This is the first year that such an event will have been held and the organisers have indicated that the event should attract media attention Scotland wide and may have the potential to develop in future years.
- 6.6 The organisers expect 2-3000 participants and 5-8000 spectators, and intend to charge an entry fee to runners and generate income from the sale of merchandise associated with the event.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Leisure and Parks, Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection, Director of Economic Development, Director of Personnel & Management Services, Director of Public Relations, Director of Arts and Heritage and the Chief Constable, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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