



Shetland Islands Council

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Special Shetland Islands Council
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Tuesday 7 December 2004 at 10 a.m.

Present:

A J Cluness R G Feather
F B Grains I J Hawkins
J Henry E J Knight
J P Nicolson J G Simpson
W N Stove T W Stove
W Tait

In attendance:

A Cogle, Service Manager – Administration

Chairperson

Mr A J Cluness, Convener of the Council, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

171/04 Request for Film Classification – ‘Lowrie Dines at Hillsook’

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Administration (Appendix 1).

During discussion, Members considered the criteria for ‘U’ Certification, and agreed that there were no matters requiring censorship. Some Members raised a slight concern regarding the level of drunkenness being portrayed, given the drive to stamp out binge drinking. However, it was recognised that the film was a comedy, and in some aspects it portrayed the after affects of drinking as undesirable. Members, however, recognised that there would always be debate surrounding the potential influence of films on people, but that this film was unlikely to receive such criticism. Some Members expressed the view that whilst the speech was at times difficult to hear, it was an amusing film.

Accordingly, the Council resolved, on the motion of Mr T W Stove, seconded by Mr W N Stove, to impose no censorship and gave the film ‘Lowrie Dines at Hillsook’ a ‘U’ Certification. The Convener, on behalf of the Council, wished the Yell Film and Video Group every success with the film.

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A J Cluness
Convener