

ANGUS COUNCIL – 13 SEPTEMBER 2001

REQUEST BY CARNOUSTIE HOTEL, GOLF RESORT AND SPA

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

**Carnoustie Hotel has sought permission from Angus Council for the use of the ground adjacent to host activity events.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Director of Recreation Services recommends that the activity events currently planned for 18 & 19 September 2001 at Carnoustie Links be approved and this be treated solely as a pilot project to allow full assessments of such events to be made with a view to a further report being submitted to Committee.

**2 BACKGROUND**

Carnoustie Hotel has sought permission from Angus Council on a number of occasions to host activity events on the Council land adjacent to the Hotel. These have been refused in the past due to their nature ie laser clay pigeon shooting. Most recently the Hotel have requested the use of ground for activities to be held on 18 & 19 September. The Director of Recreation Services, along with the Council's Safety Manager and Risk Management Officer, met with the activity company, Activate Scotland, to assess their request.

Activate Scotland described in detail the events they wish to hold on Council ground, these being:-

- The Cracker - A four person driving experience involving two front halves of two Toyota Hilux 4 x 4s, joined together, back to back. The maximum speed of this vehicle is approximately 3 mph and is under the constant close control of a course supervisor who can stop the vehicle immediately. The course is approximately 25 metres long and involves steering the vehicle through a course which is marked by traffic cones. It is envisaged that this activity would use a small limited area of the Links adjacent to the Hotel, and last for approximately 3 hours.
- Rocketeer – This involves the team constructing a team rocket. If successfully done the rocket is launched, maximum height 300 metres, returning to earth by parachute. This activity will involve a large area of the Links, from the Seafront to Links Parade, and last for approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

The Council Officers sought further detailed information on staff numbers involved, risk assessments, site locations, etc. These are to be supplied by the company no later than Thursday 13 September.

Members will be aware that the Title Deeds for Carnoustie Links contain a condition that the ground shall be used as 'pleasure ground or place of public resort or recreation'. It is considered that approval for these events will not contravene this condition. The degree of usage, if approval is granted for future events, is likely to be of a minor nature.

### **3 PROPOSAL**

It is proposed that, subject to satisfactory risk assessments being supplied, approval be given to allow the activity events to take place on 18 & 19 September, for these to be closely monitored by Council Officials with a view to a further detailed report being submitted to Committee thereafter.

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no additional costs to the Council associated with allowing these events to take place. The company have guaranteed to undertake any reinstatement work should this be required and a suitable rental will be agreed for the use of Carnoustie Links.

### **5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

### **6 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Personnel and the Director of Property Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**JOHN R ZIMNY**  
**DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.