

Motherwell, 18 January 2001 at 9.30 am.

A Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Chadha, Connelly, Gormill, Irvine, Love and J. Martin.

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer; Head of Legal Services and Chief Solicitor (Licensing).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent McKelvie, Sergeant Urban and Constable McCann, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY

Councillor Heberton.

HEARINGS

(1) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - WILLIAM RAMSAY, 12 BAIRD PLACE, BELLSHILL

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 December 2000, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by William Ramsay, 12 Baird Place, Bellshill for a Taxi Driver's Licence had been continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent McKelvie speak in respect of the application.

Thereafter, the applicant and representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

William Ramsay and representatives of the Police were then readmitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by William Ramsay for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

(2) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - VARIATION - COLLETTE WOTHERSPOON, 20 HILLRIGG AVENUE, AIRDRIE

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 December 2000, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application by Collette Wotherspoon, 20 Hillrigg Avenue, Airdrie for a variation of her Street Trader's Licence to enable her to relocate her static snack van from the A89 at Forrestfield, Caldercruix to Earn Avenue,

55 yards from the junction with Melford Road, Righead Industrial Estate, Bellshill had been continued to allow the applicant a further opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of her application, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Director of Planning and Environment.

Decided: that the application by Collette Wotherspoon to vary her Street Trader's Licence be further continued to allow her another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of her application.

SUSPENSION HEARINGS

(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - COMPLAINT - ALEXANDER CORRISON DUNN, 16 OUDENARDE COURT, CARLUKE

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2000, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Alexander Corrison Dunn, 16 Oudenarde Court, Carluke who currently held a Private Hire Car Licence had been continued to allow Alexander Corrison Dunn an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the complaint.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent McKelvie outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Alexander Corrison Dunn's agent, John McKissock, Nicholas J. Scullion and Company, Solicitors, speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter Alexander Corrison Dunn, John McKissock and representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Alexander Corrison Dunn, John McKissock and representatives of the Police were then readmitted to the meeting.

Decided: that consideration of the hearing and complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Alexander Corrison Dunn be further continued.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINTS

(a) MARK SHIELDS, 15 WELLINGTON PLACE, COATBRIDGE

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2000, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Mark Shields, 15 Wellington Place, Coatbridge, who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence, in relation to alleged unauthorised ranking had been continued to allow Mark Shields an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the complaint.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent McKelvie outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Mark Shields speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter, Mark Shields and representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Mark Shields and representatives of the Police were then readmitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the Taxi Driver's Licence, currently held by Mark Shields, be not suspended, on the understanding that the Head of Legal Services would issue the Licence holder with a letter warning him as to his future conduct.

(b) ROBERT DILLON, 7E CENTENARY GARDENS, COATBRIDGE

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2000, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Robert Dillon, 7E Centenary Gardens, Coatbridge, who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence, in relation to alleged unauthorised ranking had been continued to allow Robert Dillon an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the complaint.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Robert Dillon was not in attendance.

Thereafter the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Decided: that the Taxi Driver's Licence, currently held by Robert Dillon, be not suspended, on the understanding that the Head of Legal Services would issue the Licence holder with a letter warning him as to his future conduct.

**(3) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE AND TAXI LICENCE - COMPLAINT - DAVID McALROY,
7X HAMILTON ROAD, BELLSHILL**

6. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2000, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of David McAlroy, 7X Hamilton Road, Bellshill who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence and a Taxi Licence been continued to allow David McAlroy an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the complaint.

The Administrative Officer indicated that David McAlroy was not in attendance.

Thereafter the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Decided: that consideration of the complaint by the Chief Constable in respect of the Taxi Driver's Licence and Taxi Licence held by David McAlroy be further continued.