

Motherwell, 26 February 2001 at 9.15 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Docherty, Sergeant Urban and Constables McCann and Wilson, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

PROPOSALS FOR A TAXI STANCE AT HOZIER STREET, COATBRIDGE

1. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 23 August 2000, when it was agreed that consideration and determination of a proposal by the local taxi trade for a taxi rank at Hozier Street, Coatbridge be delegated to this Sub-Committee, there were submitted (1) a plan submitted by the Director of Planning and Environment showing the location of the proposed rank, and (2) letters of objection from Mrs Fyfe, Cinder Ellas, 2-4 Hozier Street, Coatbridge, and Mr Murdoch, Classic TV, 6 Hozier Street, Coatbridge, local traders; Mr and Mrs Smith, 1b Hozier Street, Coatbridge, Mr Patterson, 6a Hozier Street, Coatbridge and Mr McDonald, 9 Margaret Street, Coatbridge, local residents; Miss Murray, Head Teacher, St Mary's Primary School, and Father Dempsey, St Mary's R C Church.

The Sub-Committee then visited and inspected the proposed site for the taxi rank.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Mr. Gunn, representing the Taxi Trade Association in support of the application; (2) Alex. Ramsay, Transportation Officer, Department of Planning and Environment, and Superintendent Docherty's observations thereon, and (3) Father Dempsey, Miss Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe who submitted a plan of the area which the Sub-Committee agreed to accept for the purpose of the site visit, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, all of whom outlined their objections to the application.

Thereafter Mr. Gunn and representatives of the Taxi Trade, Mr. Ramsay, representatives of the Police, Father Dempsey, Miss Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe and Mr. and Mrs. Smith withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Mr. Gunn and representatives of the Taxi Trade, Mr. Ramsay, representatives of the Police, Father Dempsey, Miss Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe and Mr. and Mrs. Smith were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the proposal for a rank at Hozier Street, Coatbridge be refused.