

**Motherwell, 11 October 2001 at 9.30 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillors Chadha, Connelly, Devine, Irvine and J. Martin.

**CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Holloway, Councillor Chadha presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Superintendent Buchan and Constable McCann, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Barrie, Cefferty, Gormill, Hebenton and Love.

**HEARINGS**

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

**(1) METAL DEALER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - M.M. HENDERSON LIMITED, 124 CRAIGHALL ROAD, PORT DUNDAS, GLASGOW PER MRS. ELLEN McBRIDE, 1 TINTO WAY, CLELAND**

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2001, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application by M.M. Henderson Limited, 124 Craighall Road, Port Dundas, Glasgow per Mrs. Ellen McBride, 1 Tinto Way, Cleland for the renewal of their Metal Dealer's Licence had been continued to allow the applicants an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of their application, and (2) that the Director of Planning and Environment had objected to the application.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that M.M. Henderson Limited and Mrs. McBride were not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in the applicant's absence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr. Gilmour, Building Control Manager outline the Director of Planning and Environment's objections.

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

Mr. Gilmour and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by M.M. Henderson Limited, per Mrs. Ellen Bride for the renewal of their Metal Dealer's Licence be granted.

**(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - MICHAEL PRESTON, 34 SANNOX DRIVE, MOTHERWELL**

2. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Michael Preston, 34 Sannox Drive, Motherwell 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 Chief Superintendent Buchan 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.

The applicant and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

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

**(3) TAXI LICENCE - RENEWAL AND VARIATION - ALEXANDER STEVENSON, 78 MILNBANK ROAD, WISHAW**

3. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001 when consideration of an application by Alexander Stevenson, 78 Milnbank Road, Wishaw for (1) the renewal of his Taxi Licence, and (2) the variation of his Taxi Licence to add Dewar Stevenson, 125 Gavin Street, Motherwell as a joint licence holder.

The Sub-Committee then heard Alexander and Dewar Stevenson speak in respect of the applications.

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

The applicant, Dewar Stevenson and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by Alexander Stevenson for the renewal of his Taxi Licence and the variation of the licence to include Dewar Stevenson as a joint licence holder be granted.

**(4) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ALAN THOMSON, 11 PARK AVENUE, HOLYTOWN**

4. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2001, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Alan Thomson, 11 Park Avenue, Holytown for a Private Hire Car 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 Chief Superintendent Buchan 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.

The applicant and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

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**Decided:** that the application by Alan Thomson for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

**(5) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - JOHN CHALMERS, 3 CYPRUS AVENUE, VIEWPARK, UDDINGSTON**

5. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001 the Head of Legal Services advised that (1) consideration of an application by John Chalmers, 3 Cyprus Avenue, Viewpark, Uddingston for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been continued to allow John Chalmers an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of the application; (2) the Chief Constable had objected to the application, and (3) although John Chalmers was in attendance his agent Mr. Hughes, Ross Harper, Solicitors was not in attendance.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application by John Chalmers for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be further continued to allow John Chalmers another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of the application.

**(6) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - CHRISTOPHER FRANCIS HUGHES, 28D CORSEWALL STREET, COATBRIDGE**

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2001, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Christopher Francis Hughes, 28D Corsewall Street, Coatbridge for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to carry out his mobile ice-cream van business in various streets in Coatbridge had been continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Christopher Francis Hughes was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in the applicant's absence.

**Decided:** that the application by Christopher Francis Hughes for a Street Trader's Licence be refused.

**(7) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - ROBERT MURCHIE, 2 SANDHEAD CRESCENT, CHAPELHALL, AIRDRIE**

7. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Robert Murchie, 2 Sandhead Crescent, Chapelhall, Airdrie for the renewal of a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to carry out his bin washing business in various locations within the Council's boundary had been continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Robert Murchie was no longer in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in the applicant's absence.

**Decided:** that the application by Robert Murchie for the renewal of a Street Trader's Licence be refused.

**(8) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ROBERT WILLIAM DEREK McSEVENEY, 9 BUTE CRESCENT, SHOTTS**

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application by Robert William Derek McSeveney, 9 Bute Crescent, Shotts for a Private Hire Car 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; (2) that the Chief Constable had objected to the application, and (3) that Robert William Derek McSeveney had spent convictions.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Robert William Derek McSeveney was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in the applicant's absence.

The Sub-Committee, having enquired as to the age and general nature of the spent convictions, were provided, in broad terms, with such information by Chief Superintendent Buchan who advised why, in the Chief Constable's opinion, full details of Robert William Derek McSeveney's spent convictions should be disclosed.

Thereafter representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting.

The Sub-Committee, on resuming consideration of the matter, decided that full details of Robert William Derek McSeveney's spent convictions should be disclosed.

Representatives of the Police were thereafter re-admitted to the meeting.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan give details of the spent convictions and outline the Chief Constable's objections.

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

Representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by Robert William Derek McSeveney for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.