

Motherwell, 7 November 2001 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer; Chief Solicitor (Licensing); Senior Solicitor (Licensing), and Neil Slamin and John Taylor, Licensing Enforcement Officers.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Corrigan and Constable McCann, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Barrie, Chadha and Hebenton.

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

HEARINGS

**(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - JAMES MCGROGAN,
1 BEECHWOOD GARDENS, MOODIESBURN**

1. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application by James McGrogan, 1 Beechwood Gardens, Moodiesburn 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 Superintendent Corrigan 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 James McGrogan for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - GARY HARGADON, 52 LODGE TOWER, MOTHERWELL

2. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application by Gary Hargadon, 52 Lodge Tower, Motherwell for the renewal of 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 Corrigan 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 Gary Hargadon for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

(3) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE -

(a) NEW APPLICATION - KATHLEEN O'BRIEN, 3 OLIVE BANK, VIEWPARK, UDDINGSTON

3. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application by Kathleen O'Brien, 3 Olive Bank, Viewpark, Uddingston for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that a late objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable.

Superintendent Corrigan then explained the reasons for the objection by the Chief Constable being submitted late. The applicant then advised that she had no objections to the complaint by the Chief Constable being considered.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Corrigan outline the Chief Constable's objections to the application and Kathleen O'Brien speak in support of her 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 Kathleen O'Brien for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

(b) RENEWAL - JOHN CHALMERS, 3 CYPRESS AVENUE, VIEWPARK, UDDINGSTON

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 October 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that consideration of an application by John Chalmers, 3 Cypress Avenue, Viewpark, Uddingston for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been further continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable.

The Sub-Committee then heard John Chalmers' request, for the reasons detailed, that consideration of his application be again continued.

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

(4) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT - ANTHONY KELLY, 35 GREENSIDE STREET, COATBRIDGE

5. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that a complaint had been received from the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Anthony Kelly, 35 Greenside Street, Coatbridge, who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Corrigan outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Anthony Kelly speak in respect of the complaint.

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 consideration of the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Anthony Kelly be continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the complaint.

(5) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL AND VARIATION - NEIL TRAVIS, 7 KELVINSIDE CRESCENT, BANTON, KILSYTH

6. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application had been received by Neil Travis, 7 Kelvinside Crescent, Banton, Kilsyth for the renewal and variation of his Street Trader's Licence, to include his wife, Angela Travis as a joint Licence holder, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from Mr. Freebairn, Ferni-brae, Colzium, Stirling Road, Kilsyth.

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr. Freebairn outline his objections to the application and Neil Travis speak in support of the application.

The Sub-Committee then heard Neil Slamin, Licensing Enforcement Officer in relation to his visit at the location.

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

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

Decided: that the application by Neil Travis for the renewal and variation of his Street Trader's Licence, to include his wife, Angela Travis, as a joint Licence holder, be granted.