

Motherwell, 26 November 2001 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer; Chief Solicitor (Licensing), and Senior Solicitor (Licensing).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Barrie, Cefferty, Heberton and Irvine.

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

HEARINGS

(1) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - BREACH OF LICENCE CONDITION

(a) SIMON TAYLOR, 89 MILLCROFT ROAD, CUMBERNAULD

1. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an alleged Breach of Licence Condition by Simon Taylor, 89 Millcroft Road, Cumbernauld, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had been continued to allow Simon Taylor an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the allegation.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Simon Taylor was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Simon Taylor be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, effective from 24 December 2001.

(b) PETER MCGILL, 49 MORRISON QUADRANT, LINNVALE, CLYDEBANK

2. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an alleged Breach of Licence Condition by Peter McGill, 49 Morrison Quadrant, Linnvale, Clydebank, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had been continued to allow Peter McGill an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the allegation.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Peter McGill was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Peter McGill be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, effective from 24 December 2001.

(c) DARREN RIX, 58 GALLOWHILL ROAD, PAISLEY

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an alleged Breach of Licence Condition by Darren Rix, 58 Gallowhill Road, Paisley, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had been continued to allow Darren Rix, an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the allegation.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Darren Rix was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Darren Rix be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, effective from 24 December 2001.

(d) KEVIN QUINN, 21 TIMMONS TERRACE, CHAPELHALL, AIRDRIE

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an alleged Breach of Licence Condition by Kevin Quinn, 21 Timmons Terrace, Chapelhall, Airdrie, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had been continued to allow Kevin Quinn an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the allegation.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Kevin Quinn was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Kevin Quinn be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, effective from 24 December 2001.

(e) THOMAS McMANUS, 21 LOCHINVER ROAD, CUMBERNAULD

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an alleged Breach of Licence Condition by Thomas McManus, 21 Lochinver Road, Cumbernauld, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had been continued to allow Thomas McManus an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the allegation.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Thomas McManus was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in Thomas McManus absence.

Decided: that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Thomas McManus be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, effective from 24 December 2001.

(2) INDOOR SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE - RENEWAL - NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL PER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, BUCHANAN BUSINESS PARK, CUMBERNAULD ROAD, STEPPS AND JOHN McCANCE, WISHAW SPORTS CENTRE, ALEXANDER STREET, WISHAW

6. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 19 November 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that consideration of an application by North Lanarkshire Council per Director of Community Services, Buchanan Business Park, Cumbernauld Road, Stepps, and John McCance, Wishaw Sports Centre, Alexander Street, Wishaw, for the renewal of the Indoor Sports Entertainment Licence in respect of Wishaw Sports Centre, Alexander Street, Wishaw, had been continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the application, and (2) that an objection to application had been received from the Director of Planning and Environment.

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr. Cowie, Building Control Manager, outline the Director of Planning and Environment's objections to the application and John McCance speak in support of the applications.

Decided: that the application by North Lanarkshire Council per Director of Community Services and John McCance for the renewal of the Indoor Sports Entertainment Licence in respect of Wishaw Sports Centre, Alexander Street, Wishaw, be granted.

(3) PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - RICHARD ROYAN, 23 BINNIEHILL ROAD, BALLOCH, CUMBERNAULD

7. 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 Richard Royan, 23 Binniehill Road, Balloch, Cumbernauld for a Private Hire Car Licence and 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 applications.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Law speak in respect of the applications.

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 Richard Royan for a Private Hire Car Licence and a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(4) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - DAVID MURDOCH, 19 MAULDSLIE DRIVE, LAW, BY CARLUKE

8. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application by David Murdoch, 19 Mauldslie Drive, Law, by Carluke, 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 Law 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 David Murdoch for a Taxi Driver's Licence be refused.

(5) TAXI LICENCE - VARIATION - ALAN McCONVILLE, 77 CAWDER ROAD, CARRICKSTONE, CUMBERNAULD

9. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that an application by Alan McConville, 77 Cawder Road, Carrickstone, Cumbernauld, for a variation of his Taxi Licence, to allow Gavin Masterton, 65 Binniehill Road, Cumbernauld, to be added as a joint Licence holder had been received.

The Administrative Officer indicated that although Alan McConville was not in attendance, Gavin Masterton was in attendance to speak on Alan McConville's behalf.

The Sub-Committee then heard Gavin Masterton speak in support of Alan McConville's application.

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

Gavin Masterton and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Councillor Chadha, seconded by Councillor Love, moved that the application by Alan McConville to vary his Taxi Licence be refused.

Councillor J Martin, seconded by Councillor Gormill, moved, as an amendment, that the application by Alan McConville to vary his Taxi Licence be continued to allow Alan McConville another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

On a vote being taken four Members voted for the amendment and three Members voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Decided: that the application by Alan McConville to vary his Taxi Licence be continued to allow Alan McConville another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of the application.

(6) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE

(a) BREACH OF LICENCE CONDITION - BARRY KEVIN DICKSON, 41 BURNSIDE TOWER, MOTHERWELL/39 MICHAEL TERRACE, CHAPELHALL, AIRDRIE

10. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an alleged Breach of Licence Condition by Barry Kevin Dickson, 41 Burnside Tower, Motherwell/39 Michael Terrace, Chapelhall, Airdrie, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had been continued to allow Barry Kevin Dickson an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the allegation.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Barry Kevin Dickson was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in Barry Kevin Dickson's absence.

Decided: that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Barry Kevin Dickson be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, effective from 24 December 2001.

(b) COMPLAINT - BARRY KEVIN DICKSON, 41 BURNSIDE TOWER, MOTHERWELL/39 MICHAEL TERRACE, CHAPELHALL, AIRDRIE

11. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that a complaint had been received from the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Barry Kevin Dickson, 41 Burnside Tower, Motherwell/39 Michael Terrace, Chapelhall, Airdrie, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Barry Kevin Dickson was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in Barry Kevin Dickson's absence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Law outline the Chief Constable's complaint.

Decided:

- (1) that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Barry Kevin Dickson be suspended with immediate effect, and
- (2) that consideration of the complaint by the Chief Constable be continued to allow Barry Kevin Dickson another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee.

(7) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT - WILLIAM MICHAEL GRIBBON, 28 WILLOW CRESCENT, COATBRIDGE

12. With reference to paragraph 6 of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of William Michael Gribbon, who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence, had been continued to allow William Michael Gribbon an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the complaint.

The Administrative Officer indicated that William Michael Gribbon was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in William Michael Gribbon's absence.

Decided: that the Private Hire Car Driver's Licence currently held by William Michael Gribbon be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, with effect from 24 December 2001.