

**Motherwell, 10 December 2001 at 9.30 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**CHAIR**

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Superintendent Buchan, Sergeant Urban and A. Cook, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Cefferty, Devine 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 - MARTIN GALLAGHER,  
20 HUTCHISON PLACE, COATBRIDGE**

1. With reference to paragraph 4 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 Martin Gallagher, 20 Hutchison Place, Coatbridge 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.

**Decided:** that the application by Martin Gallagher for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

**(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS - ALAN MCBRIDE, 1 KENMUIR STREET, KIRKWOOD, COATBRIDGE**

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application by Alan McBride, 1 Kenmuir Street, Kirkwood, Coatbridge for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and a Private Hire Car 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 Councillor Burns, who had been asked to represent him, speak in support of the application 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 Alan McBride for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and a Private Hire Car Licence be granted.

**(3) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - JOHN GRANT, 1 KINGSLEY COURT, SPINDLEHOWE, UDDINGSTON**

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the Special Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that consideration of an application by John Grant, 1 Kingsley Court, Spindlehowe, Uddingston 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, and (2) that John Grant was unable to be present.

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

**(4) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - GARY BROWN, 33 LIBERTY ROAD, BELLSHILL - NEW APPLICATION**

4. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that consideration of an application by Gary Brown, 33 Liberty Road, Bellshill for a Window Cleaner's Licence had, for the reasons detailed, been continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee; (2) that objections to the application had been received from Mr. Stephen Thornbury, 138 Corsewall Street, Coatbridge and Miss Lorraine Ross, 22d Montgomery Street, Coatbridge, and (3) that Gary Brown had certain convictions.

The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) then advised that Mr. Thornbury and Miss Ross were not in attendance although a written objection had been received from Mr. Thornbury's agent, Connell and Connell, Solicitors.

There were then tabled the original objections dated 11 July 2001 by Mr. Thornbury and Miss Ross, together with the submission by Mr. Thornbury's agent, Connell and Connell, Solicitors.

The Sub-Committee then heard Gary Brown and his agent, Mr. Higgins, Bradshaw and Company, Solicitors, speak in support of the application and give details of the convictions.

The Sub-Committee then viewed a video presentation, previously submitted by Mr. Thornbury, in support of his objection.

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr. Higgins sum up his client's position.

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

The applicant, his agent and representatives of the Police were re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by Gary Brown for a Window Cleaner's Licence be granted.

**(5) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - DAVID HUGHES, 199 MITCHELL STREET, COATBRIDGE - NEW APPLICATION**

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2001, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application by David Hughes, 199 Mitchell Street, Coatbridge for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade from his mobile ice cream van in the Kirkwood and Old Monkland areas of 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 David Hughes was not in attendance.

**Decided:** that the application by David Hughes for a Street Trader's Licence be continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.