

Motherwell, 10 June 2002 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Docherty, Sergeant McCann and Constable Lannigan, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Barrie and Heberton.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT

1. The Head of Legal Services advised the Sub-Committee of a complaint received relative to the behaviour of Alan Ferguson, 6 Atholl Lane, Moodiesburn who currently held a Private Hire Car Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

Decided: that consideration of the complaint relative to the behaviour of Alan Ferguson be continued pending a report by the Head of Legal Services.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT

2. The Head of Legal Services advised the Sub-Committee of a complaint received relative to the behaviour of James Halliday, 30 Morar Terrace, Viewpark, Uddingston who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

Decided: that the Head of Legal Services issue James Halliday with a letter warning him as to his future conduct.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - COMPLAINT

3. The Head of Legal Services advised the Sub-Committee of a complaint received relative to the behaviour of Desmond Herlihy, 38 Hermitage Crescent, Shawhead, Coatbridge who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

Decided: that consideration be continued to allow Desmond Herlihy an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the complaint

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL

4. The Sub-Committee considered an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence, and resolved as follows, viz:-

Applicant: Thomas McAleese, 30 Livingstone Place, Gartlea

Decided: that consideration be continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

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

HEARINGS

(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) JOHN CALLAGHAN, 109 CLAYHOUSE ROAD, STEPPS

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by John Callaghan, 109 Clayhouse Road, Stepps 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 Docherty 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 John Callaghan for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted for one year.

(b) STEVEN CROOK, 147 BRIDGEBURN DRIVE, MOODIESBURN

6. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Steven Crook, 147 Bridgeburn Drive, 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 Docherty 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 Steven Crook for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

Councillor J. Martin declared a non pecuniary interest in the following application and took no part in the consideration and decision thereof.

(c) JOHN SLAVIN, 11 PARK STREET, CLELAND

7. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by John Slavin, 11 Park Street, Cleland 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 Docherty 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 John Slavin for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(d) ROBERT FOYE, 111 ACHRAY ROAD, CONDORRAT, CUMBERNAULD

8. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Robert Foye, 111 Achray Road, Condorrat, Cumbernauld 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 Docherty 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 Robert Foye for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

(e) TERRY McCALLUM, 94 ESPIESIDE CRESCENT, COATBRIDGE

9. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Terry McCallum, 94 Espieside Crescent, 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 Administrative Officer then indicated that Terry McCallum was not in attendance.

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

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

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - STANLEY ALAN DALE, 3B LOMOND DRIVE, WISHAW

10. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application by Stanley Alan Dale, 3B Lomond Drive, Wishaw 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, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Stanley Alan Dale was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that consideration of the application by Stanley Alan Dale for a Taxi Driver's Licence be continued to allow Stanley Alan Dale another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

(3) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINTS

(a) TALAL HAMODI, 218 ROWAN ROAD, ABRONHILL, CUMBERNAULD

11. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) of a complaint relative to the behaviour of Talal Hamodi, 218 Rowan Road, Abronhill, Cumbernauld, and (2) that a letter had been received from Mr. Hamodi's agent seeking that consideration of the complaint be continued.

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

Decided: that consideration of the complaint relative to the behaviour of Talal Hamodi be continued to allow Talal Hamodi another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the complaint.

(b) GERARD ANTHONY LLOYD, 25 UNITAS CRESCENT, CARLUKE

12. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Gerard Anthony Lloyd, 25 Unitas Crescent, Carluke had been continued to allow Gerard Anthony Lloyd an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the complaint.

The Administrative Officer indicated that Gerard Anthony Lloyd was no longer in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in the absence of Gerard Anthony Lloyd.

Decided: that consideration of the complaint relative to the behaviour of Gerard Anthony Lloyd be continued to allow Gerard Anthony Lloyd another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the complaint.