

**Motherwell, 29 July 2002 at 9.30 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**CHAIR**

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGY**

Councillor Connelly.

**TAXI LICENCE - COMPLAINT - REBECCA EDMOND, 48 CEDAR ROAD, CUMBERNAULD**

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 13 December 2001, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of a complaint relative to the behaviour of Rebecca Edmond who currently held a Taxi Licence in relation to an alleged breach of one of her Licence conditions, had been continued to allow her an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the allegation; (2) that the Taxi Licence held by Rebecca Edmond had subsequently expired, and (3) that no further action required to be taken in this instance.

**Decided:** that the position be noted.

**TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE - RENEWAL**

2. The Sub-Committee considered an application for the renewal of a Taxi Operator's Licence, and resolved as follows, viz:-

**Applicant:** Robert McGoldrick, 31 Calderview Avenue, Coatbridge.

**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 AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - GORDON HUNT, 76 OAK ROAD, ABRONHILL, CUMBERNAULD**

3. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application by Gordon Hunt, 76 Oak Road, Abronhill, Cumbernauld for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Operator's Licence had been received, and (2) that a late objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable.

Superintendent Law then explained the reason for the objection by the Chief Constable being submitted late.

The Sub-Committee then decided that the late objection by the Chief Constable be considered.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Law outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Gordon Hunt speak in support of his 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 Gordon Hunt for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

**(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE**

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

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 November 2001, the Head of Legal Services 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 continued to allow John Chalmers another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application, and (2) that a late objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable.

Superintendent Law then explained the reason for the objection by the Chief Constable being submitted late.

The Sub-Committee then decided that the late objection by the Chief Constable be considered.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Law outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and John Chalmers speak in support of his 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 Chalmers for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

**(b) NEW APPLICATIONS**

**(A) PETER ROBERT HARDMAN, 96 CRAIGIEBURN ROAD, NORTH CARBRAIN, CUMBERNAULD**

5. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Peter Robert Hardman, 96 Craigieburn Road, North Carbrain, 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 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 Peter Robert Hardman for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

**(B) MARK JAMES MCKINLAY, 63 NELSON AVENUE, COATBRIDGE**

6. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Mark James McKinlay, 63 Nelson Avenue, 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 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 Mark James McKinlay for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

**(C) RAYMOND SHAW DUNCAN, 22 PAXSTONE DRIVE, HARTHILL**

7. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Raymond Shaw Duncan, 22 Paxstone Drive, Harthill 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 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 Raymond Shaw Duncan for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

### **(3) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE**

#### **(a) NEW APPLICATION - GERARD VALENTE, 38 KILBRENNAN DRIVE, MOTHERWELL**

8. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Gerard Valente, 38 Kilbrennan 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 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 Gerard Valente for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

#### **(b) COMPLAINT - GERARD ANTHONY LLOYD, 25 UNITAS, CRESCENT, CARLUKE**

9. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 10 June 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Gerard Anthony Lloyd, 25 Unitas Crescent, Carluke, who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence had been continued to allow Gerard Anthony Lloyd an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in relation to the complaint; (2) that Gerard Anthony Lloyd had since surrendered his Licence, and (3) that no further action required to be taken in this respect.

**Decided:** that it be noted that Gerard Anthony Lloyd had surrendered his Taxi Driver's Licence and that no further action required to be taken.