

**Motherwell, 12 August 2002 at 11 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Connelly, Devine, Gormill, Hebenton 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 Butler and Constable Lannigan, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Barrie, Cefferty and Love.

**HEARINGS**

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

**(a) JASON LOWRIE, 2 WOODNEUK STREET, CHAPELHALL, AIRDRIE**

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 July 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Jason Lowrie, 2 Woodneuk Street, Chapelhall, Airdrie 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, Mr. Lowrie, Senior, and Superintendent Butler speak in respect of the application.

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

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

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

**Councillor Devine declared a non pecuniary interest in the following item of business and took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**(b) GRAHAM MEECHAN, 9 GOLSPIE AVENUE, CAIRNHILL, AIRDRIE**

2. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application by Graham Meechan, 9 Golspie Avenue, Cairnhill, Airdrie for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received; (2) that a late objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, and (3) that Graham Meechan had spent convictions.

Superintendent Butler 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, having enquired as to the age and general nature of the spent convictions, were provided, in broad terms, with such information by Superintendent Butler who advised why, in the Chief Constable's opinion, full details of Graham Meechan's spent convictions should be disclosed. The applicant's agent, Mr. Fagan, Matteo Fagan & Young, Solicitors then advised that his client had no objections to the spent convictions being disclosed.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Butler give details of the spent convictions and outline the Chief Constable's objection and Mr. Fagan speak in support of the application.

Thereafter, the applicant, Mr. Fagan 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 Graham Meechan for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

**(2) SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - STEVE McCALL, MOLL ROSE HOUSE, CUMBERNAULD ROAD, MOLLINSBURN, CUMBERNAULD**

3. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application by Steve McCall, Moll Rose House, Cumbernauld Road, Mollinsburn, Cumbernauld for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence to enable him to trade from the second hand car sales/parts premises at Burnett & Company, Cumbernauld Road, Mollinsburn, Cumbernauld had been received, and (2) that an objection had been received from the local elected Member.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that the local elected Member was not in attendance.

The Sub-Committee then heard Steve McCall's agent Mr. Mickel, Hamilton Burns & Company, Solicitors speak in respect of the application and Mr. Dean's, Department of Planning and Environment, observations on the application.

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

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

**Decided:** that the applicant by Steve McCall for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence to enable him to trade in second hand car engines only be granted.

**(3) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - COMPLAINT - JOHN IRVINE, 33 MANSFIELD ROAD, BELLSHILL**

4. The Head of Legal Services advised of a complaint received by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of John Irvine, 33 Mansfield Road, Bellshill, who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that John Irvine was not in attendance.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Butler outline the Chief Constable's complaint and John Irvine's agent, Mr. Sweeney, Freeland & Company, Solicitors speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter Mr. Sweeney and representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Mr. Sweeney and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the Taxi Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence currently held by John Irvine be suspended in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

**(4) SECOND HAND DEALERS LICENCE - RENEWAL - PETER ANDERSON, POTTISHAWS FARM, BATHGATE, EAST LoTHIAN**

5. The Head of Legal Services advised that (1) an application by Peter Anderson, Pottishaws Farm, Bathgate, East Lothian for the renewal of his Second Hand Dealer's Licence to enable him to trade from his car sales premises at Motorway Cars & Trailers Limited, Anderson House, Dundyan Road, Coatbridge had been received; (2) an objection to the application had been received from the Director of Planning and Environment, and (3) the objection by the Director of Planning and Environment had now been resolved and the application had subsequently been granted.

**Decided:** that it be noted that the application by Peter Anderson for the renewal of his Second Hand Dealer's Licence had been granted subject also to the additional conditions agreed between the applicant and the Director of Planning and Environment.

**(5) PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - JASON LAWSON, 35 RIGBY STREET, CARNTYNE, GLASGOW**

6. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application by Jason Lawson, 35 Rigby Street, Carntyne, Glasgow for a Public Entertainment Licence to hold a fun fair in Allershaw Road Football Pitch, Wishaw on the undernoted dates and times had been received viz:-

Thursday, 15 August 2002	2 pm-10 pm
Friday, 16 August 2002	2 pm-10 pm
Saturday, 17 August 2002	12 noon-10 pm, and

(2) that an objection to the application had been received from a member of the public named A. Struthers.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that the applicant and the objector were not in attendance.

The Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in the applicant and objector's absence.

**Decided:** that the application by Jason Lawson for a Public Entertainment Licence on the undernoted dates and times be granted viz:-

Thursday, 15 August 2002	2 pm-10 pm
Friday, 16 August 2002	2 pm-10 pm
Saturday, 17 August 2002	12 noon-10 pm