

Motherwell, 14 November 2002 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Chadha, Devine, Gormill, Homer, Irvine and Love.

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent Buchan, and Constable McCann, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty, Connelly and J. Martin.

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT

1. The Head of Legal Services advised of a complaint received relative to the behaviour of John Marshall Hamilton, 4 Hamilton Place, New Stevenston, Motherwell.

Decided: that consideration be continued to allow John Marshall Hamilton an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the complaint.

HEARINGS

(1) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - DAVID ALEXANDER SCOTT, 18 HAWICK STREET, COLTNESS, WISHAW

2. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application by David Alexander Scott, 18 Hawick Street, Coltness, 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, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan outline the Chief Constable's objections to the application and David Alexander Scott 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 David Alexander Scott for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be refused.

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

(a) FRASER CARRUTHERS, 17 APOLLO PATH, HOLYTOWN

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 14 October 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application by Fraser Carruthers, 17 Apollo Path, Holytown 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; (2) that the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police had objected to the application, and (3) that Fraser Carruthers had spent convictions.

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 Chief Superintendent Buchan who advised why, in the Chief Constable's opinion, full details of Fraser Carruthers spent convictions should be disclosed. The applicant then advised that he had no objections to the spent convictions being disclosed.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan give details of the spent convictions and outline the Chief Constable's objections to the application and Fraser Carruthers 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 Fraser Carruthers for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) CAMPBELL CRAWFORD, 50 MOSS SIDE AVENUE, AIRDRIE

4. The Head of Legal Services advised that an application by Campbell Crawford, 50 Moss Side Avenue, Airdrie for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Campbell Crawford was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Campbell Crawford for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(c) JOHN JENKINS, 50 SPRINGBANK VIEW, PLAINS, AIRDRIE

5. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application by John Jenkins, 50 Springbank View, Plains, Airdrie for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that John Jenkins had spent convictions.

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 Chief Superintendent Buchan who advised why, in the Chief Constable's opinion, full details of John Jenkins' spent convictions should be disclosed. The applicant then advised that he had no objections to the spent convictions being disclosed.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan give details of the spent convictions and outline the Chief Constable's objections to the application and John Jenkins 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 Jenkins for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(3) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - THOMAS REID, 202 MUIRYHALL STREET, COATBRIDGE

6. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 14 October 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application by Thomas Reid, 202 Muiryhall Street, Coatbridge for a Window Cleaner'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 Thomas Reid for a Window Cleaner's Licence be granted for a period of one year.