

Motherwell, 12 December 2002 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Connelly, Devine, Gormill, Hebenton, 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 and Sergeant Urban, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Barrie and Cefferty.

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

HEARINGS

(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - DAVID CARROLL, 62 REDBURN ROAD, WHITELEES, CUMBERNAULD

1. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by David Carroll, 62 Redburn Road, Whitelees, Cumbernauld for a Private Hire Car Licence had been received, and (2) of the background relative thereto.

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.

Councillor J Martin, seconded by Councillor Love, moved that the application by David Carroll for a Private Hire Car Licence be refused.

Councillor Chadha, seconded by Councillor Connelly, moved, as an amendment, that the application by David Carroll for a Private Hire Car Licence be granted for a period of one year.

On a vote being taken, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 2 Members voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Decided: that the application by David Carroll for a Private Hire Car Licence be granted for a period of one year.

(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE AND TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - DANIEL BURNS, 27 BROWNSHILL AVENUE, OLD MONKLAND, COATBRIDGE

2. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that applications (tabled) by Daniel Burns, 27 Brownhill Avenue, Old Monkland, Coatbridge for a Private Hire Car Licence and a Taxi Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that a late objection (tabled) to the applications had been received from the Chief Constable.

Having heard Chief Superintendent Buchan explain the reason for the Chief Constable's objection being submitted late, the applicant advised that he had no objections to the Chief Constable's objection being considered.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan outline the Chief Constable's objection to the applications and Daniel Burns 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 applications by Daniel Burns for a Private Hire Car Licence and a Taxi Driver's Licence be refused.

(3) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - GORDON BUCHANAN, 18 FERGUSON WAY, AIRDRIE

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 November 2002, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Gordon Buchanan, 18 Ferguson Way, Airdrie for the renewal of his 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 Chief Superintendent Buchan speak in relation to 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 Gordon Buchanan for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

(4) TAXI LICENCE - VARIATION - EDWARD JENSON, 161 MORAR DRIVE, CONDORRAT, CUMBERNAULD

4. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that an application (tabled) by Edward Jenson, 161 Morar Drive, Condorrat, Cumbernauld for the variation of his Taxi Licence to add James Kerr, 20 Marmion Place, Greenfaulds, Cumbernauld as a joint Licence holder had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard Edward Jenson and James Kerr speak in support of the application. Thereafter, Edward Jenson, James Kerr and representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Edward Jenson, James Kerr and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Edward Jenson to vary his Taxi Licence to add James Kerr as a joint Licence holder be refused.

**(5) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - WILLIAM MURPHY,
4F DRYBURGH PLACE, COATBRIDGE**

5. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 November 2002, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by William Murphy, 4F Dryburgh 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 Administrative Officer then indicated that William Murphy was not in attendance.

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

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