

Motherwell, 16 December 2002 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Connelly, Gormill 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

Superintendent Docherty and Sergeant Urban, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Barrie, Cefferty, Chadha, Devine, Heberton and Martin.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 (LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION) ORDER 2000 - NEW APPLICATIONS

(1) ABBEYFIELD (MOTHERWELL AND WISHAW) SOCIETY, 17 DOUGLAS STREET, MOTHERWELL

1. There were submitted (1) an application by the Abbeyfield (Motherwell and Wishaw) Society, 17 Douglas Street, Motherwell for a Licence to operate a house in multiple occupation at 17 Douglas Street, Motherwell; (2) a report (docketed) dated 28 November 2002 by the Director of Planning and Environment setting out his recommendations in relation to the application, and (3) a report (docketed) dated 16 April 2002 by the Firemaster, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, detailing his observations and recommendations in relation to the application.

The Head of Legal Services advised that the outstanding matter for determination was a dispute between the Firemaster, Strathclyde Fire Brigade and the applicant as to the necessity of the works detailed in paragraph 7 of the Firemaster's report dated 16 April 2002.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Mr. Smith, Senior Fire Officer outline the Firemaster's position in relation to the application; (2) Mr. Dodds, Building Control Manager and Mr. Steenson, Environmental Health Officer, Department of Planning Environment outline their observations on the application, and (3) Mr. Dunn, Chairman, Abbeyfield (Motherwell and Wishaw) Society and Mr. Martin, Independent Fire Consultant speak in support of the application.

Thereafter, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Steenson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Martin and representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Steenson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Martin and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Abbeyfield (Motherwell and Wishaw) Society for a Licence to operate a house in multiple occupation at 17 Douglas Street, Motherwell be granted, subject to the works, proposed by the Director of Planning and Environment and the Firemaster, as set out in their reports, with the exception of those relating to the treatment of internal timber cladding as contained within paragraph 7 of the report by the Firemaster, being completed within six months.

(2) SHARON JANET LOWE, 501-503 CAMBUSNETHAN STREET, WISHAW

2. There were submitted (1) an application by Sharon Janet Lowe, 501-503 Cambusnethan Street, Wishaw for a Licence to operate a house in multiple occupation at 501-503 Cambusnethan Street, Wishaw; (2) a report dated 2 May 2002 by the Director of Planning and Environment setting out his recommendations in relation to the application; (3) a report dated 10 May 2002 by the Firemaster, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, detailing his observations and recommendations in relation to the application; (4) letters of objection to the application from local residents (a) dated 7 April 2002 by Mr. Dempster, and (b) dated 27 March 2002 by Mr. Andrew, and (5) a letter dated 8 August 2002 from Councillor D. McKendrick in support of the application.

The Head of Legal Services then advised (1) that Mr. Andrew had indicated that, due to work commitments, he was unable to be in attendance, and (2) Councillor McKendrick was not in attendance.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Mr. Dempster outline his objection to the application; (2) Mr. Dodds, Building Control Manager and Mr. Steenson, Environmental Health Officer, Department of Planning and Environment outline their observations on the application, and (3) the applicant speak in support of the application.

Thereafter, the applicant, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Steenson and Mr. Dempster withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

The applicant, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Steenson and Mr. Dempster were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Sharon Janet Lowe for a Licence to operate a house in multiple occupation at 501-503 Cambusnethan Street, Wishaw be granted, subject to the outstanding works, as set out in the report by the Director of Planning and Environment, being completed within 4 months.