

Motherwell, 23 January 2003 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Connelly, Gormill, Heberton, 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

Chief Superintendent Buchan and Sergeant Urban, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty, Devine and Irvine.

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - RENEWAL

1. The Sub-Committee considered an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence and a Private Hire Car Licence, and resolved as follows, viz:-

Applicant: David Ian McDonald, 91 Arran Drive, Ravenswood, Cumbernauld

Decided: that consideration be continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his applications.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - RECALL OF SUSPENSION

2. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Strathclyde Police had suspended the Private Hire Car Licence held by Jacqueline Callaghan, 63 Bellsdyke Road, Airdrie, and (2) that Jacqueline Callaghan had subsequently written to the Council seeking the recall of that suspension for the reasons detailed therein.

Decided: that consideration of the request by Jacqueline Callaghan be continued to allow her an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of her request.

HEARINGS

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

(a) JAMES McVEIGH, C/O 7 ST. MONICA'S WAY, COATBRIDGE

3. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by James McVeigh, c/o 7 St. Monica's Way, Coatbridge for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) of the background relative thereto.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that James McVeigh was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by James McVeigh for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

(b) WILLIAM MURPHY, 4F DRYBURGH PLACE, COATBRIDGE

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 12 December 2002, the Head of Legal Services 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 refused.

(2) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - DERECK GORDAN CAMPBELL, 122 STANHOPE PLACE, WISHAW

5. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Dereck Gordan Campbell, 122 Stanhope Place, Wishaw for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade from an ice cream van in Pather and Wishaw 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 had objected to the application, and (3) that Dereck Gordan Campbell 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 Dereck Gordan Campbell's 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, (tabled), and outline the Chief Constable's objections and Dereck Gordan Campbell 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 Dereck Gordan Campbell for a Street Trader's Licence be refused.

(3) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - MARTIN LINDSAY, 20 CUMBERLAND PLACE, KIRKWOOD, COATBRIDGE

6. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Martin Lindsay, 20 Cumberland Place, Kirkwood, Coatbridge for a Window Cleaner's Licence had been received, and (2) that Martin Lindsay had failed to submit to the Council a copy of the appropriate insurance documents.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Martin Lindsay was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Martin Lindsay for a Window Cleaner's Licence be refused.