

Motherwell, 24 June 2003 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Gormill, McAuley, J. Martin and Saunders.

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer, Chief Solicitor (Licensing) and Senior Solicitor (Licensing).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Provost Connelly and Councillor Chadha.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

1. The Sub-Committee considered applications received for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence, and resolved as follows, viz:-

Applicant: Alan Heckford Hughes, 177 Bridgeburn Drive, Moodiesburn

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

Applicant: Steven James Galloway, 104 Springfield Road, The Village, Cumbernauld

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

Applicant: Joseph McPake, 50 Merryston Court, Coatbridge

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

Applicant: Michael Whiteford, 11 Anderson Crescent, Queenzieburn, Kilsyth

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

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - RENEWAL

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

Applicant: Peter Cummings, 28 Willow Crescent, Coatbridge

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

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

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

Applicant: Derek Sharkey, 114 Bankholm Brae, Hillhouse, Hamilton

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

TAXI LICENCE - COMPLAINT

4. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised the Sub-Committee of a complaint received relative to the behaviour of Alan Ferguson, 6 Atholl Lane, Moodiesburn.

Decided: that the complaint be not upheld.

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL

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

Applicant: Gordon Henry Brodie, 32 Aitkenhead Avenue, Coatbridge

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

STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION

6. The Sub-Committee considered an application received for a Street Trader's Licence, and resolved as follows, viz:-

Applicant: George MacAuley, 23 Westergill, Airdrie (Employer)

Nature of Business: Mobile Snack Van

Location: Airdrie, Allanton, Bargeddie, Bellshill, Carfin, Chapelhall, Cleland, Coatbridge, Eastfield, Harthill, Holytown, Jerviston, Motherwell, Newarthill, Newmains, New Stevenston, North Motherwell, Salsburgh, Shotts, Uddingston and Wishaw.

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

WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

7. The Sub-Committee considered applications received for a Window Cleaner's Licence, and resolved as follows, viz:-

Applicant: William Stirling Airns, 61F Chapel Street, Airdrie

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

Applicant: Andrew Arbuckle, 90 Allan Street, Coatbridge

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

Applicant: Charles Tonner, 27 Stirling Street, Coatbridge

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

It was agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

HEARINGS

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - JOHN JAMES GRAHAM

8. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by John James Graham for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that a late objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan explain the reason for the Chief Constable's objection being submitted late and the applicant advise that he had no objection to the Chief Constable's objection being considered.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan outline the Chief Constable's complaint (tabled) and the applicant speak in respect of the complaint.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Superintendent Buchan advise that he wished to withdraw the Chief Constable's complaint.

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 James Graham for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ANDREW DEMPSEY, 10 BURNSIDE WALK, COATBRIDGE

9. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Andrew Dempsey, 10 Burnside Walk, Coatbridge for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade from his static snack van at Kilmartin Place, Tannochside, Uddingston had been received, and (2) that objections (tabled) to the application had been received from (a) the Director of Planning and Environment; (b) the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, and (c) Graham & Sibbald, on behalf of the Estate Managers.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Andrew Dempsey was no longer in attendance.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Mr. Craw, Department of Planning and Environment outline the Director of Planning and Environment's objection to the application; (2) Mr. Black, Graham & Sibbald, on behalf of the Estate Managers, outline their objection to the application, and (3) Chief Superintendent Buchan outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application.

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

Mr. Craw, Mr. Black and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Andrew Dempsey for a Street Trader's Licence be refused.