

Motherwell, 30 June 2003 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Chadha, Gormill, McKenna and J. Martin.

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent McGuire, Sergeant Fabian and Constable McCann, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Provost Connelly and Councillor Saunders.

HEARINGS

(1) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

(a) NEW APPLICATION - RAYMOND WILLIAM MARSHALL, 21 STRATHALLAN CRESCENT, AIRDRIE

1. The Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Raymond William Marshall, 21 Strathallan Crescent, Airdrie 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.

The Committee Services Officer then indicated that Raymond William Marshall was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Raymond William Marshall for a Taxi Driver's Licence be refused.

(b) RENEWAL - DAVID ALEXANDER SCOTT, 18 HAWICK STREET, COLTNESS, WISHAW

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 14 November 2002, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by David Alexander Scott, 18 Hawick Street, Coltness, Wishaw for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence had been refused, and (2) that David Alexander Scott had appealed to the Sheriff, who had remitted the application back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Superintendent McGuire explain the reason for the Chief Constable's objection being submitted late, and (2) the Head of Legal Services and David Alexander Scott's agent, Mr. Quinn, Freeland, Solicitors speak in respect of the late objection.

Thereafter the Sub-Committee agreed that the late objection by the Chief Constable be considered.

It was then agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of this item 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.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent McGuire outline the Chief Constable's objection (tabled) to the application and Mr. Quinn speak in respect of the objection.

The Sub-Committee then heard David Alexander Scott speak in support of his application.

Thereafter, David Alexander Scott, Mr. Quinn and representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

David Alexander Scott, Mr. Quinn and representatives of the Police were re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by David Alexander Scott for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be refused.

Councillor Chadha being the mover of a motion which failed to attract a seconder asked that his dissent be recorded.

(2) SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) ANDREW GREGOR HEPBURN, 176 MAIN STREET, CHAPELHALL, AIRDRIE

3. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Andrew Gregor Hepburn, 176 Main Street, Chapelhall, Airdrie for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence to enable him to trade in caravan sales, motor homes and tents from the premises at 176 Main Street, Chapelhall, Airdrie had been received; (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Director of Planning and Environment, and (3) Andrew Gregor Hepburn had intimated that he was unable to be in attendance due to a holiday commitment.

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr. McDonald, Department of Planning and Environment advise that the Director of Planning and Environment had subsequently withdrawn his objection to the application.

Decided: that the application by Andrew Gregor Hepburn for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence be granted.

(b) ALEXANDER SMITH, 56 ALEXANDER STREET, AIRDRIE

4. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Alexander Smith, 56 Alexander Street, Airdrie for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence to enable him to trade in car sales at the premises at 56 Alexander Street, Airdrie had been received, and (2) that a number of objections to the application had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard the Head of Legal Services advise that Alexander Smith had subsequently withdrawn his application.

Decided: that it be noted that Alexander Smith had withdrawn his application for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence.