

Motherwell, 18 September 2003 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Chadha, Gormill, Homer, Irvine, McAuley, McKenna, J. Martin and Saunders.

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 Law and Sergeant Fabian, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY

Provost Connelly.

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.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter Minuted.

HEARINGS

(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

(a) NEW APPLICATION - GRAHAM JAMES TODD, 13 WYVIS PLACE, SPRINGHILL, SHOTTS

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2003, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Graham James Todd, 13 Wyvis Place, Springhill, Shotts 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 Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Law 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.

Decided: that the application by Graham James Todd for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) RENEWAL - GERARD McTEAR, 160 WESTWOOD ROAD, NEWMAINS

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 18 August 2003, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Gerard McTear, 160 Westwood Road, Newmains for the renewal of his 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 Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Law 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 Gerard McTear for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - ALASDAIR MARTIN, 3 RAMAGE ROAD, CARLUKE

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2003, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Alasdair Martin, 3 Ramage Road, Carluke 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's agent, Mr. McCarron, Ness Gallacher, Solicitors, and Superintendent Law speak in relation to the application.

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

The applicant, Mr. McCarron and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Alasdair Martin for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

(3) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - GARY HUGH McCUTCHEON, C/O 68 TORBREX ROAD, NORTH CARBRAIN, CUMBERNAULD

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2003, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Gary Hugh McCutcheon, c/o 68 Torbrex Road, North Carbrain, Cumbernauld for the renewal of his 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, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Law outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Gary Hugh McCutcheon speak in support of his application.

The applicant and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Gary Hugh McCutcheon for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(4) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWALS

(a) ALEXANDER FRIEL, 0/1, 28 GARTCRAIG PLACE, RUCHAZIE, GLASGOW

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2003, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Alexander Friel, 0/1, 28 Gartcraig Place, Ruchazie, Glasgow 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 Superintendent Law 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 Alexander Friel for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) JAMES MCKAY, 26 GLENHOVE ROAD, NORTH CARBRAIN, CUMBERNAULD

6. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by James McKay, 26 Glenhove Road, North Carbrain, Cumbernauld for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) of the background relative thereto.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Law 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 James McKay for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

(c) GORDON HENRY BRODY, 32 AITKENHEAD AVENUE, COATBRIDGE

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2003, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Gordon Henry Brody, 32 Aitkenhead Avenue, Coatbridge 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 Superintendent Law 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 Henry Brody for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

**(5) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION
DEREK ROBERT LOVELOCK, 25 SPRINGBANK ROAD, SHOTTS**

8. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Derek Robert Lovelock, 25 Springbank Road, Shotts for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Derek Robert Lovelock was not in attendance.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Law outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application.

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

Representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Derek Robert Lovelock for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.