

Motherwell, 3 November 2003 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Butler and Sergeant Fabian, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Provost Connelly and Councillors Irvine and McAuley.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION

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

Applicant: Craig Scott Berry, 8 The Fairways, Kilwinning Road, Ayrshire.

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

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

(a) ANTHONY BLAIR, 61 MONTGOMERY AVENUE, SUMMERLEE, COATBRIDGE

2. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application by Anthony Blair, 61 Montgomery Avenue, Summerlee, Coatbridge for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that a late representation had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Anthony Blair was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Anthony Blair for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be continued to allow Anthony Blair another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

(b) JOHN COLE, 35 SILVERBURN CRESCENT, MOTHERWELL

3. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by John Cole, 35 Silverburn Crescent, Motherwell for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received; (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, and (3) that John Cole had spent convictions.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Butler give details of the spent convictions and outline the Chief Constable's objections and John Cole 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 John Cole for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

(c) JAMES CONNELL, 158 HEATHFIELD, WISHAW

4. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by James Connell, 158 Heathfield, Wishaw for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) of the background relative thereto.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Butler 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 James Connell for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(d) GARRY GUNN, 9 EAST AVENUE, VIEWPARK, UDDINGSTON

5. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Garry Gunn, 9 East Avenue, Viewpark, Uddingston for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that Garry Gunn had spent convictions.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Butler give details of the spent convictions, and the applicant 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 Garry Gunn for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(e) MARTYN GERRARD HUTTON, 7 DUNAVON PLACE, COATBRIDGE

6. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Martyn Gerrard Hutton, 7 Dunavon Place, Coatbridge for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) of the background relative thereon.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Butler 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 Martyn Gerrard Hutton for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) ALAN BOYLE, 16 MARGARET STREET, COATBRIDGE

7. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Alan Boyle, 16 Margaret Street, Coatbridge for a Taxi Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that Alan Boyle had spent convictions.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Butler give details of the spent convictions, and the applicant 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 Alan Boyle for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) SCOTT GEORGE McALLISTER, 51 MORAR DRIVE, CONDORRAT, CUMBERNAULD

8. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that consideration of an application by Scott George McAllister, 51 Morar Drive, Condorrat, Cumbernauld for a Taxi Driver's Licence had been received; (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, and (3) that Scott George McAllister had spent convictions.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Scott George McAllister was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Scott George McAllister for a Taxi Driver's Licence be continued to allow Scott George McAllister another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.