

**Motherwell, 30 March 2006 at 9.30 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**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 Barr and Sergeant Fabian, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Cefferty and Chadha.

**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**

**(a) NEW APPLICATIONS**

**(A) PAUL CALLAGHAN, 73 GREENSIDE STREET, COATBRIDGE**

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 2 February 2006, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Paul Callaghan, 73 Greenside Street, 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, and (2) that a late representation to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Barr 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 Paul Callaghan for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

**Prior to consideration of the following items of business the Convener vacated the Chair and Councillor Saunders took the Chair.**

**(B) PAUL DORAN, 69 GREENSIDE STREET, PROVANMILL, GLASGOW**

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 February 2006, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Paul Doran, 69 Greenside Street, Provanmill, Glasgow 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 Barr 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 Paul Doran for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

**(C) JAMES MURPHY, 22 JOHNSTON AVENUE, KILSYTH**

3. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 February 2006, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by James Murphy, 22 Johnston Avenue, Kilsyth 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 Barr 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 Murphy for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

**(b) RENEWAL - GORDON HUNT, 41 LOANHEAD CRESCENT, NEWARTHILL, MOTHERWELL**

4. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Gordon Hunt, 41 Loanhead Crescent, Newarthill, Motherwell for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received; (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, and (3) that Gordon Hunt had submitted a letter, in mitigation, to the Council indicating that he was unable to be in attendance at the meeting due to a family commitment and requested that the Sub-Committee consider the application in his absence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Barr 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 Gordon Hunt for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

**(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - DANIEL HAMILTON, 110 RYDEMAINS ROAD, GLENMAVIS, AIRDRIE**

5. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 2 March 2006, the Head of Legal Services advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Daniel Hamilton, 110 Rydemains Road, Glenmavis, 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 Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Barr 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 Daniel Hamilton for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

**(3) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE**

**(a) NEW APPLICATIONS**

**(A) COLIN KELLY, 65 GLENCALDER CRESCENT, BELLSHILL**

6. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Colin Kelly, 65 Glencalder Crescent, Bellshill for a Window Cleaner's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Barr outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Colin Kelly 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 Colin Kelly for a Window Cleaner's Licence be refused.

**(B) GERARDE THOMPSON, 107 STRATHAVEN ROAD, HAMILTON**

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 2 March 2006, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Gerarde Thompson, 107 Strathaven Road, Hamilton for a Window Cleaner'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 Administrative Officer then indicated that Gerarde Thompson was not in attendance.

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

**Decided:** that the application by Gerarde Thompson for a Window Cleaner's Licence be refused.

**(b) BREACH OF LICENCE CONDITION**

**(A) KEVIN CRAIG, 5 GARNIE OVAL, ERSKINE, RENFREWSHIRE**

8. The Head of Legal Services advised that Kevin Craig, 5 Garnie Oval, Erskine, Renfrewshire, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had allegedly breached a condition of his Licence by not submitting to the Council a copy of his public liability insurance.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Kevin Craig was not in attendance.

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

**Decided:** that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Kevin Craig be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence.

**(B) STEPHEN McAVOY. 44 BARONS ROAD, MUIRHOUSE, MOTHERWELL**

9. The Head of Legal Services advised that Stephen McAvoy, 44 Barons Road, Muirhouse, Motherwell, who currently held a Window Cleaner's Licence, had allegedly breached a condition of his Licence by not submitting to the Council a copy of his public liability insurance.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Stephen McAvoy was not in attendance.

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

**Decided:** that the Window Cleaner's Licence currently held by Stephen McAvoy be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence.