

**Motherwell, 15 February 2007 at 11 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Gormill, Irvine, McKenna and Saunders.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Inspector Brown and Sergeant Harkin, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Barrie, Cefferty, McAuley and Wallace.

**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.**

**TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION**

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

**Applicant:** Gordon Menzies, 72 Ainslie Road, Kildrum, 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.

**PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - VARIATION**

2. The Sub-Committee, having heard the Head of Legal Services advise (1) that an application for a variation of a Private Hire Car Licence had been received, and (2) of the background relative thereto, resolved as follows, viz:-

**Applicant:** John Martin, 5 Edward Place, Stepps

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

**PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - RENEWAL**

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

**Applicant:** Francis Croal, 6 Bishopburn Drive, 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.

**SUSPENSION HEARING**

**PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT - JOHN HUNTER, 3 CHRISTIE STREET, MOSSEND, BELLSHILL**

4. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a complaint had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police relative to the behaviour of John Hunter, 3 Christie Street, Mossend, Bellshill who currently held a Private Hire Car Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence, and (2) that John Hunter had subsequently surrendered both Licences.

**Decided:** that it be noted that John Hunter had surrendered his Private Hire Car Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

**HEARINGS**

**(1) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - JOHN HUGHES, 127 DALRIADA CRESCENT, MOTHERWELL**

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 19 January 2007, the Head of Legal Services advised that an application (tabled) by John Hughes, 127 Dalriada Crescent, Motherwell 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 Chief Inspector Brown speak in respect of the application and Mr. Hastings, Taxi Owner, in support of the applicant's character.

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

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

**Decided:** that the application by John Hughes for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

**(2) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS**

**(a) ALLAN MACINTYRE, 52 CHERRYBANK WALK, AIRDRIE**

6. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 19 January 2007, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Allan MacIntyre, 52 Cherrybank Walk, Airdrie for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade from a static snack van at Drumpellier Country Park, Coatbridge 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 the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police had submitted a late representation.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Brown outline the reasons for the Chief Constable's representation (tabled) being submitted late.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Chief Inspector Brown 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 Allan MacIntyre for a Street Trader's Licence be granted.

**(b) ALEN WILKIE, 42 THORNTREE DRIVE, COATBRIDGE**

7. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 19 January 2007, the Head of Legal Services advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Alen Wilkie, 42 Thorntree Drive, Coatbridge for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade from a static snack van at the former Luggie Glen Sewage Works, Glasgow Road, Coatbridge 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 objections (tabled) to the application had been received from the Director of Housing and Property Services and the Director of Planning and Environment.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that although Alen Wilkie was not in attendance, his father, John Wilkie was in attendance, and had a letter (tabled) from his son authorising him to speak on his behalf.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Mr McRoberts, Department of Housing and Property Services, outline the Director of Housing and Property Services' objection to the application; (2) Mr. Woods, Traffic and Transportation Section, Department of Planning and Environment, outline the Director of Planning and Environment's objection to the application, and (3) Mr. Wilkie speak in support of his son's application and table photographs.

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

Mr Wilkie, Mr McRoberts, Mr. Woods and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by Alen Wilkie for a Street Trader's Licence be granted.

**(3) LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - SAEID MOHEBBY,  
16 CORSEWALL STREET, COATBRIDGE**

8. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Saeid Mohebbi, 16 Corsewall Street, Coatbridge for a Late Hours Catering Licence in respect of the premises Hot Chillis, 493 Main Street, Coatbridge had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from Mr. Hashmi, local resident.

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr Hashmi's agent, Miss Singh, Trainor Alston, Solicitors, outline Mr. Hashmi's objections to the application and John Batters, John Batters and Company, Solicitors, speak in support of Saeid Mohebbi's application.

Thereafter, the applicant, John Batters, Miss Singh 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 Saeid Mohebbi for a Late Hours Catering Licence be granted for a period of one year.

**(4) SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - JOHN BROWN, 93A CAMPBELL STREET, WISHAW**

9. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by John Brown, 93A Campbell Street, Wishaw for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence had been received, and (2) that objections (tabled) to the application had been received from (a) Mari Lindsay, Patrick and Tracy Miller and Sheena Raghavan, local residents; (b) Trust Housing Association, the owners of Houldsworth Court Sheltered Housing Complex; (c) Mr. Keats on behalf of the residents at Houldsworth Court Sheltered Housing Complex, and (d) the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Sheena Raghavan and Mr. Keats outline their objections to the application; (2) Chief Inspector Brown outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application, and (3) John Brown speak in support of his application.

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

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

**Decided:** that the application by John Brown for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence be refused.