

Motherwell, 5 March 2007 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Dillon, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Provost Connelly and Councillors Cefferty, Chadha, 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.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION

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

Applicant: David Cook, 74 Laignmuir Street, Uddingston

Decided: that the application by David Cook for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence be granted.

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

2. The Sub-Committee considered applications received for a Taxi Driver's Licence, and resolved as follows, viz:-

Applicant: James Dickson, 198 North Dryburgh Road, Wishaw

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

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Applicant: Matthew Graham, 22 Brogan Crescent, Motherwell

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

Applicant: Andrew Moxen, 1 Allan Grove, Bellshill

Councillor Gormill, seconded by Councillor Barrie, moved that consideration of the application be continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor McKenna, moved as an amendment that the application be granted.

On a vote being taken, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 2 Members voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Decided: that the application by Andrew Moxen for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

SUSPENSION HEARINGS

(1) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - COMPLAINT - MICHAEL KEELAN, 11 JAMES HAMILTON DRIVE, BELLSHILL

3. The Head of Legal Services advised that, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a complaint (tabled) had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police relative to the behaviour of Michael Keelan, 11 James Hamilton Drive, Bellshill who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence and a Private Hire Car Licence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Dillon outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Michael Keelan's agent, Mr. Grant, Jack Grant and Company, Solicitors speak in respect of the complaint.

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

Michael Keelan, Mr. Grant and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the complaint relative to the behaviour of Michael Keelan be not upheld.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT - STEVEN MCGOWAN, 30 BELLVUE CRESCENT, BELLSHILL

4. The Head of Legal Services advised that, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a complaint (tabled) had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police relative to the behaviour of Steven McGowan, 30 Bellvue Crescent, Bellshill who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Dillon outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Steven McGowan speak in respect of the complaint.

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

Steven McGowan and representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the complaint relative to the behaviour of Steven McGowan be upheld and his Taxi Driver's Licence be suspended with immediate effect.