

Motherwell, 29 March 2007 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Provost Connelly; Councillors Barrie, Gormill, Irvine, McKenna, J. Martin 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

Superintendent Dorrian and Sergeant Harkin , "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

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 - NEW APPLICATION

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

Applicant: Richard Ross, 122 Cedar Road, Abronhill, 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.

SUSPENSION HEARINGS

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

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the Special Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 5 March 2007, the Head of Legal Services advised that, in terms of paragraph 11 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 Private Hire Car Licence.

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The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Dorrian 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.

The Sub-Committee, on resuming consideration of the matter, determined that the complaint be upheld.

The Sub-Committee, then heard Mr. Grant in mitigation.

Thereafter, Michael Keelan, Mr. Grant and representatives of the Police again 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 11 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Taxi Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence currently held by Michael Keelan be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence, effective from 27 April 2007.

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

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the Special Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 5 March 2007, the Head of Legal Services advised that, in terms of paragraph 11 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 Dorrian outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Steven McGowan speak in respect of the complaint.

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

The Sub-Committee, on resuming consideration of the matter, determined that the complaint be upheld.

The Sub-Committee then heard Steven McGowan in mitigation.

Thereafter, Steven McGowan and representatives of the Police again 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 11 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Taxi Driver's Licence currently held by Steven McGowan be suspended for the unexpired duration of the Licence.

HEARINGS

**(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - DAVID MCMULLAN,
32 ST. BRIDES AVENUE, VIEWPARK, UDDINGSTON**

4. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application by David McMullan, 32 St. Brides Avenue, Viewpark, Uddingston for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that David McMullan was not in attendance.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Dorrian 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.

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

Decided: that the application by David McMullen for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

**(2) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - FRANCIS MCGUINNESS, 34 PEEL
PLACE, KIRKWOOD, COATBRIDGE**

5. The Head of Legal Services advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Francis McGuinness, 34 Peel Place, Kirkwood, Coatbridge 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 Dorrian outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Francis McGuinness 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 Francis McGuinness for a Window Cleaner's Licence be refused.