

Motherwell, 24 May 2007 at 9.30 am.

A Meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Hogg, Convener; Councillor McAuley, Vice-Convener; Councillors Clarke, Harmon, Homer, Irvine, S. Love, McElroy and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Chief Solicitor (Licensing) and Licensing Solicitor, Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty and McShannon.

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

(1) NEW APPLICATION

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

Applicant: Denis Carlin, 53 Heritage View, Coatbridge

Decided: that the application by Denis Carlin for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(2) RENEWAL

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

Applicant: John Keegans, 2 Adams Place, Kilsyth

Decided: that the application by John Keegans for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

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

Applicant: Robert Buchanan, 106 Juniper Road, Viewpark, Uddingston

Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor S. Love, moved that the application by Robert Buchanan for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

Councillor McAuley, seconded by Councillor Homer, moved, as an amendment, that consideration of the application by Robert Buchanan be continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 5 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

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

Applicant: James Wolloshin, 35 Coalhall Avenue, 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.

HEARINGS

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

(a) BRIAN COSTELLO, 36 ASHGROVE, WHIFFLET, COATBRIDGE

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the special meeting of the General Purposes (Licensing) Sub-Committee held on 22 February 2007, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Brian Costello, 36 Ashgrove, Whifflet, 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.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Dorrian 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 Brian Costello for a Private Hire Care Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) RICHARD ROSS, 122 CEDAR ROAD, ABRONHILL CUMBERNAULD

5. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the special meeting of the General Purposes (Licensing) Sub-Committee held on 29 March 2007, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by Richard Ross, 122 Cedar Road, Abronhill, Cumbernauld 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 dated 26 March 2007 had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard Superintendent Dorrian explain the reason for the representation from the Chief Constable being submitted late.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Dorrian 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 Richard Ross for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

Councillor Wallace, declared an interest in the following application due to the applicant's family being known to him, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration thereof.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - RENEWAL - DAVID BIRKENSHAW, 15 LANRIG PLACE, MUIRHEAD

6. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by David Birkenshaw, 15 Lanrig Place, Muirhead for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Licence had been received, and (2) of the background relative thereto.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Superintendent Dorrian speak in relation to 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 David Birkenshaw for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Licence be granted for a period of 18 months.

Councillor Wallace re-entered the meeting.

SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - CAMERON DALZIEL, 8 LISMORE AVENUE, MOTHERWELL

7. The Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Cameron Dalziel, 8 Lismore Avenue, Motherwell for the renewal of his Second Hand Dealer's Licence in respect of the Car Breakers and Second Hand Car Sales at 21a Meadow Road, Motherwell 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 the applicant's agent, Mr. Watters, Watters Stevens and Company, Solicitors, speak in support of the application.

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

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

Decided: that the application by Cameron Dalziel for the renewal of his Second Hand Dealer's Licence be refused.

STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - WILLIAM ANDERSON, 40 FORGLEN STREET, EASTERHOUSE, GLASGOW

8. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the special meeting of the General Purposes (Licensing) Sub-Committee held on 26 March 2007, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that consideration of an application (tabled) by William Anderson, 40 Forglan Street, Easterhouse, Glasgow for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade from a Mobile Ice Cream Van in Craigneuk, Wishawhill and Wishaw 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 Dorrian 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 William Anderson for a Street Trader's Licence be granted.