

**Motherwell, 30 March 2011 at 10 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Hogg, Convener; Councillors Ferrie, Irvine, S. Love, McElroy and Sullivan.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Clarke, Harmon and Homer.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. Councillor Love declared an interest in paragraph 5 below as the applicant may have been known to him.

**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 paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.**

**HEARINGS**

**(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – COMPLAINTS**

**(a) WILLIAM MACKENZIE**

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 9 March 2011, when it was agreed that the complaint by the Chief Constable, relative to the behaviour of William MacKenzie, who currently held a Private Hire Car Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be upheld and the Licences be suspended with immediate effect, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that, in terms of paragraph 12(5) 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 William MacKenzie.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that William MacKenzie was not in attendance.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick outline the Chief Constable's complaint.

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

The representative from the Police was re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Private Hire Car Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence held by William MacKenzie be suspended for the unexpired duration with immediate effect.

**(b) GREIG ROBINSON**

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2011, when it was agreed that the complaint by the Chief Constable, relative to the behaviour of Greig Robinson, who currently held a Private Hire Car Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be not upheld and the Licences be not suspended, the Chief Solicitor (Licensing) advised that, in terms of paragraph 12(5) 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 Greig Robinson.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Greig Robinson's agent, Steven Lilly, Watters, Steven and Company, Solicitors speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter, Greig Robinson, Steven Lilly and the representative from the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Greig Robinson, Steven Lilly and the representative from the Police were re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Greig Robinson who currently held a Private Hire Car Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be not upheld and the Licences be not suspended.

**(2) PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE - RENEWAL - JENSON CONNELLY**

4. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Jenson Connelly for the renewal of her Public Entertainment Licence to enable a Street Fair at Main Street and also part of the car park at Emma Jay Road, Bellshill had been received; (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Environmental Services, and (3) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services had subsequently withdrawn his objection although expressed concerns as to the duration of the Licence, if granted.

The Sub-Committee then heard David Laing, Building Standards outline the Executive Director of Environmental Services' concerns regarding the application and Jenson Connelly speak in support of her application.

Thereafter, the applicant, David Laing 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 Jenson Connelly for the renewal of her Public Entertainment Licence be granted for a period of one year.

**Councillor Love declared an interest in the following item of business as the applicant may have been known to him, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**(3) SKIN PIERCING/TATTOOING LICENCE - RENEWAL - DAVID PARTRIDGE**

5. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by David Partridge for the renewal of Skin Piercing/Tattooing 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 Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick outline the Chief Constable's objections to the application and David Partridge and his colleague, Mr. McGowan speak in support of his application.

Thereafter, the applicant, Mr. McGowan 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 Partridge for the renewal of his Skin Piercing/Tattooing Licence be granted for a period of one year.