

**Motherwell, 27 July 2011 at 10 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Hogg, Convener; Councillor McAuley, Vice-Convener; Councillor McElroy.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

John Waddell, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

In respect of Item 2 – Ms. Minhas, Global Interpreter Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Clarke, Harmon, S. Love and Sullivan.

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

1. No declarations were made.

**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.**

**HEARINGS**

**(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE – COMPLAINT - MOHAMMAD AKBAR**

2. The Chief Solicitor 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 Mohammad Akbar who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence.

The Sub-Committee heard John Waddell outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Mohammad Akbar's agent Theresa McWilliams, Trainor Alston, Solicitors, speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter, John Waddell, Theresa McWilliams, Mohammad Akbar, Parveen Shabana Akbar and Ms. Minhas withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

John Waddell, Theresa McWilliams, Mohammad Akbar, Parveen Shabana Akbar and Ms. Minhas 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 Mohammad Akbar be not upheld and his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence be not suspended.

**(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - RENEWAL - GREIG ROBINSON**

The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Greig Robinson for the renewal of his Private Hire Car 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 John Waddell outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Greig Robinson's agent Steven Lilly, Watters Steven and Company, Solicitors, speak in support of the application.

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

The applicant, Steven Lilly and the representative of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by Greig Robinson for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Licence be granted.

**(3) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - MARK BRYCE**

3. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Mark Bryce for the renewal of his Taxi Driver'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 John Waddell outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Mark Bryce's agent, Mr. Kelly, Mann and Company, Solicitors speak in support of the application.

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

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

**Decided:** that the application by Mark Bryce for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

**(4) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE – RECALL OF SUSPENSION - PAUL ROONEY**

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 March 2011 when consideration of a request by Paul Rooney for the recall of the suspension of his Taxi Driver's Licence had been continued to allow Paul Rooney another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of the request.

The Chief Solicitor advised that (1) Paul Rooney was not in attendance and had requested that the Sub-Committee consider the request in his absence, and (2) an objection (tabled) to the request had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard John Waddell outline the Chief Constable's objection to the request .

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

The representative of the Police was then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that, in terms of paragraph 11(6) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the suspension of Paul Rooney's Taxi Driver's Licence be not recalled.

**(5) ITINERANT METAL DEALER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ANDREW HARKIN**

5. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by John Harkin for a Itinerant Metal Dealer'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 John Waddell outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Andrew Harkin speak in support of his application.

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

The applicant and the representative of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by Andrew Harkin for an Itinerant Metal Dealer's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

**(6) TEMPORARY PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - B IN BELHAVEN COMMITTEE PER HELEN KEENAN**

6. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by B in Belhaven Committee per Helen Keenan for a Temporary Public Entertainment Licence to hold a family fun fair in Belhaven Park, Glenpark Street, Wishaw on 13 August 2011 from 11 am to 11 pm had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Environmental Services.

The Sub-Committee then heard Norrie Oldcorn and Thomas Lennon outline the Executive Director of Environmental Services objections to the application and Helen Keenan speak in support of the application.

Thereafter, the applicant, Norrie Oldcorn, Thomas Lennon and the representative of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

The applicant, Norrie Oldcorn, Thomas Lennon and the representative of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by B in Belhaven Committee per Helen Keenan for a Temporary Public Entertainment Licence be granted subject to the conditions set out by the Executive Director of Environmental Services.

**(7) SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - GARRY BELL**

7. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Garry Bell for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence to trade in part worn tyres at JW Tyres, Block 4, Unit 6, Chapelhall Industrial Estate, Airdrie had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Environmental Services.

The Sub-Committee then heard Leigh Menzies outline the Executive Director of Environmental Services objection to the application and Garry Bell speak in support of his application.

Thereafter, the applicant, Leigh Menzies and the representative of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

The applicant, Leigh Menzies and the representative of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that the application by Garry Bell for a Second Hand Dealer's Licence be granted.