

Motherwell, 16 January 2012 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Hogg, Convener; Councillor McAuley, Vice-Convener; Councillors Ferrie, S. Love and McElroy.

CHAIR

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Harmon, Irvine and Sullivan.

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

1. No declarations were made.

HEARINGS

(1) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE

(a) NEW APPLICATION - PETER HART

2. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Peter Hart for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade from a static snack van at the Cleland Club Car Park, Cleland had been received, and (2) that objections (tabled) to the application had been received from Mr. Aslam, Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Moug, local traders.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Mr. Aslam was not in attendance.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Moug outline their objections to the application and Peter Hart speak in support of his application.

Thereafter, the applicant, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Moug 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 Peter Hart for a Street Trader's Licence be granted.

(b) RENEWAL - PATRICIA HARDY

3. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Patricia Hardy for the renewal of her Street Trader's Licence to enable her to trade from a static snack van at land to the west of 53 Waverley Drive, Wishaw had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services.

The Sub-Committee then heard Paul Corrigan, Education Officer, outline the Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services' objections to the application and Mr. Hardy speak in support of his wife's application.

Thereafter, Mr. Hardy, Paul Corrigan 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 Patricia Hardy for the renewal of her Street Trader's Licence be granted.

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 item 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.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT - NEIL ROBERTSON

4. 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 Neil Robertson who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee heard Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Neil Robertson speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter, Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick and Neil Robertson withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick and Neil Robertson 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 Neil Robertson be upheld and that his Taxi Driver's Licence be suspended with immediate effect.