

Motherwell, 9 January 2013 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor W. Hogg, Convener; Councillors Farooq, Harmon, Irvine, Love, McKendrick, McVey, Majid and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor W. Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGY

Councillor Nolan.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

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

1. Councillor Hogg declared an interest in paragraph 3 below as the applicant was 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 paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

HEARINGS

(1) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - MATTHEW SZRAMKE, T/A GLASGOW RECYCLING LIMITED

2. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Matthew Szramke for a Street Trader's Licence to enable him to trade in second hand textiles at Tryst Road, Cumbernauld 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 an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Environmental Services.

The Sub-Committee then heard Diane Smart outline the Executive Director of Environmental Services' objections to the application and Piotr Wisniewski, Day-to-Day Manager of the proposed operation, and representing the applicant speak in support of the application.

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

Piotr Wisniewski, Diane Smart and the representative of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Matthew Szramke for a Street Trader's Licence be refused.

Councillor Hogg having declared an interest in the following item of business by virtue of the applicant being known to him, vacated the Chair, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration or decision thereon.

Councillor McVey assumed the Chair.

(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - THOMAS CORRIGAN

3. The Principal Solicitor advised that an application by Thomas Corrigan for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Operator's Licence had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard Thomas Corrigan 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 Thomas Corrigan for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted for a period of 18 months subject to six monthly vehicle inspections being undertaken.

Councillor Hogg resumed the Chair.

(3) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - NICOLA STEVENSON

4. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 5 December 2012, the Principal Solicitor advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Nicola Stevenson for a Street Trader's Licence to enable her to trade from a static snack, Ellismuir Way, Tannochside, Uddingston had been continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of her application, and (2) that a representation (tabled) to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Environmental Services.

The Sub-Committee then heard Nicola Stevenson's partner, Alex Nesbit speak in support of the application.

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

Alex Nesbit and the representative of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Nicola Stevenson for a Street Trader's Licence be granted.

(4) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ALLA MOHCENE

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 5 December 2012, the Principal Solicitor advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Alla Mohcene 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 objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Alla Mohcene was not in attendance.

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

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Bland explain the reason for the Chief Constable's objection being submitted late.

The Sub-Committee then determined that the late objection by the Chief Constable be considered.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Bland outline the Chief Constable's objection (tabled) to the application.

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 the application by Alla Mohcene for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be refused.

(5) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - VARIATION - TERRENCE MULLEN

6. The Principal Solicitor advised that an application by Terrence Mullen for a variation to his Street Trader's Licence had been received.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Terrence Mullen was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Terrence Mullen for a variation to his Street Trader's Licence be refused.

(6) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - GERARD MORGAN

7. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Gerard Morgan for a Taxi Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that Gerard Morgan had failed to pass his knowledge test.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Gerard Morgan was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Gerard Morgan for a Taxi Driver's Licence be refused.