

Motherwell, 9 October 2013 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillors Farooq, Irvine, McVey and Sullivan.

CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor W. Hogg, Councillor Sullivan presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant McGovern, Lanarkshire Division, Police Scotland

APOLOGIES

Councillors Clinch, Hogg, Love, McAuley, McKendrick and Nolan.

The Chair 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. 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 - NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) THOMAS CLYDE

2. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Thomas Clyde for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received; (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, and (3) that Thomas Clyde had contacted the Council to advise that he was unable to attend the meeting due to a hospital appointment and requested that the Sub-Committee consider the application in his absence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Sergeant McGovern outline the Chief Constable's objection 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 Thomas Clyde for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

Councillor McVey, being the mover of a motion which failed to attract a seconder, asked that her dissent be recorded.

(b) STEVEN KIRKLAND

3. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Steven Kirkland for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Steven Kirkland was not in attendance.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued to allow Steven Kirkland another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

(c) MICHAEL McATASNEY

4. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Michael McAtasney for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Steven Kirkland was not in attendance.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued to allow Michael McAtasney another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

(d) JOHN NAPIER

5. The Principal Solicitor advised that an application (tabled) by John Napier for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Sergeant McGovern speak in respect of the 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 John Napier for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(e) MUHAMMAD SHAHID

6. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 July 2013, the Principal Solicitor advised that an application (tabled) by Muhammad Shahid 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 Sergeant McGovern speak in respect of the 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 Muhammad Shahid for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - RENEWAL - JOHN BROWN

7. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by John Brown for the renewal of Private Hire Car Licence had been received, and (2) John Brown did not have a vehicle that was compliant with the Council's specification.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant speak in respect of the 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 John Brown for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Licence be granted until 30 June 2015 subject to six monthly testing of the vehicles suitability for use as a private hire car.

WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ANDREW THOMSON

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 18 September 2013, the Principal Solicitor advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Andrew Thomson for a Window Cleaner'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 an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland.

The Sub-Committee then heard Sergeant McGovern outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Andrew Thomson speak in support of his 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 Andrew Thomson for a Window Cleaner's Licence be refused.