

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 19 October 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, Jim Finn, Jonathan McColl, John Mooney and Tommy Rainey.

Attending: Raymond Lynch, Section Head (Licensing); Robert Mackie, Senior Officer (Licensing Services); and Scott Kelly, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost McAllister and Councillors Lawrence O'Neill and Hazel Sorrell.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor O'Neill, and the Vice-Chair, Provost McAllister, it was agreed that Councillor Mooney would chair the meeting. Accordingly, Councillor Mooney assumed the Chair.

Councillor John Mooney in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following Minutes of Meetings of the Licensing Committee were submitted and approved as correct records:-

- (1) 10 August 2016 (Ordinary Meeting);
- (2) 31 August 2016 (Special Meeting); and
- (3) 21 September 2016 (Special Meeting).

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TEMPORARY TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

Name and Address of Applicant

Fiona Sweeney
48 Cherry Crescent
Clydebank
G81 3JA

Date Applied

12 September 2016

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory concerning an application for grant of a Temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence by the above named person.

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing), it was noted:-

- (a) that a letter had been received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority providing information in respect of the application for the Committee's consideration; and
- (b) that copies of the letter from the Police authority dated 19 September 2016, providing information in relation to the application, had been issued to Members of the Committee in advance of the meeting.

It was noted that the applicant and a representative of the Police authority, Sergeant Walker, were in attendance. It was also noted that the applicant was represented by her solicitor, Mr Eugene Boyle.

The Committee heard Sergeant Walker in relation to the information which had been provided by the Police concerning the application and she was then heard in answer to questions from Members. Mr Boyle was given an opportunity to comment on matters detailed in the Police letter and the Senior Officer (Licensing Services) was heard in answer to a Member's question.

Thereafter, Mr Boyle was given the opportunity to address the Committee in support of the application and he provided a reference from the applicant's employer which was circulated to Members of the Committee and noted. Mr Boyle was then heard in answer to Members' questions. Sergeant Walker was requested by a Member to clarify a particular matter which had been raised by Mr Boyle in connection with the Police letter and she was heard in response.

DECIDED:-

After consideration, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the application be granted for a period of 6 weeks;

- (2) that should any incident be reported in relation to the applicant's conduct during the period of the temporary licence, any application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence would be referred to a meeting of the Committee for consideration and the applicant would be invited to attend that meeting; and
- (3) that should no incidents be reported in relation to the applicant's conduct during the period of the temporary licence, to delegate to officers the consideration of any application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Peter McCrossan
34 Dumbuie Avenue
Silverton
Dumbarton
G82 2JQ

8 September 2016

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory concerning an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence by the above named person.

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing), it was noted:-

- (a) that a letter had been received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority advising that the Chief Constable had a representation to make in relation to the application; and
- (b) that in view of the representation which had been received from the Police authority, the applicant and a representative of the Police authority had been invited to attend the meeting in order that a hearing may take place; and
- (c) that copies of the letter from the Police authority dated 27 September 2016, containing the representation, had been issued to Members of the Committee in advance of the meeting.

It was noted that the applicant and a representative of the Police authority, Sergeant Walker, were in attendance.

The Committee heard Sergeant Walker in relation to the representation and in answer to a Member's questions.

Mr McCrossan was then given the opportunity of addressing the Committee in support of his application and in connection with the matters detailed in the Police letter, and to be heard in answer to a Member's question. The Section Head (Licensing) and the Senior Officer (Licensing Services) were then heard in answer to Members' questions.

DECIDED:-

After consideration, the Committee agreed that the application be granted.

The meeting closed at 2.40 p.m.