

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Civic Space on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 at 2.02 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Dickson, Gurpreet Singh Johal, June McKay, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Chris Pollock and Hazel Sorrell.

Attending: Michael McDougall, Manager of Legal Services; Robert Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer; Eilidh Paton, Environmental Health Officer; Jason Smith, Building Standards Officer and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland; Ms Fiona Craig; Mr Andrew Scott; Ms Nicole Greene; Mr Allan McIntyre and Mr Kenny McSheaffrey.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor James McElhill.

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor O'Neill, Chair, noted Councillor McElhill had stepped down from his position on the Licensing Committee due to ill health and would be replaced by Councillor Jonathan McColl in the near future. Councillor O'Neill thanked Councillor McElhill for his work during his time on the Licensing Committee and wished him well.

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 MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 January 2024 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE – THE OLD SMIDDY, HALDANE TERRACE, BALLOCH G83 8ER

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting consideration of an application for grant of a Short Term Let Licence for The Old Smiddy, Haldane Terrace, Balloch G83 8ER.

The Committee first heard from the Manager of Legal Services in introduction to the report and then from the Building Standards Officer in regards to their comments on the application.

After discussion and having heard from the applicant, Ms Fiona Craig, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to grant the Short Term Let Licence to the Manager of Legal Services further to the confirmation of the completion of outstanding matters to the satisfaction of Building Standards.

DECIDED:-

The Committee agreed to delegate authority to grant the Short Term Let Licence to the Manager of Legal Services subject to the completion of outstanding matters being resolved to the satisfaction of Building Standards.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE – FLAT 1/1 57 ALBERT ROAD, CLYDEBANK G81 3BQ

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting consideration of an application for grant of a Short Term Let Licence for Flat 1-1 57 Albert Road, Clydebank G81 3BQ.

The Committee first heard from the Manager of Legal Services, in introduction to the report and noted that there was only one objector to the application but they were unfortunately unable to attend the meeting to note their objection and answer any questions.

The applicant, Mr Andrew Scott, was then given the opportunity to address the Committee in support of his application.

After further discussion, and having heard Mr Scott in answer to Members questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to continue the hearing to a future meeting of the Committee on a mutually convenient date and time to allow both the applicant and the objector the opportunity to attend; and
- (2) to note that the applicant by operation of law could still continue to trade in this time.

DECIDED:-

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting of the Committee to allow both the applicant and the objector the opportunity to attend..

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING LICENCE –
NICOLE GREENE**

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting consideration of an application for grant of a Skin Piercing and Tattooing Licence for Ms Nicole Greene.

The Committee first heard from the Manager of Legal Services, in introduction to the report. The Environmental Health Officer then advised that an inspection of the premises could not be carried out at this stage as the applicant was waiting on planning permission before fitting the premises. It was estimated that the premises would be ready for inspection in June 2024.

The Committee also heard from Ms Nicole Greene in relation to the outstanding planning permission and subsequent Environmental Health inspection. The Committee agreed to grant the Skin Piercing and Tattooing Licence subject to the licence being retained by the Chief Officer: Regulatory and Regeneration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to the satisfaction of Environmental Health.

DECIDED:-

The Committee agreed to grant the Skin Piercing and Tattooing licence subject to the licence being retained by the Chief Officer: Regulatory and Regeneration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to the satisfaction of Environmental Health.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee agreed to approve the following resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting to allow the following item to be heard:-

“That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.”

HEARING REGARDING POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A TAXI / PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting consideration of the possible suspension or revocation of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

Members first heard from Sergeant Holmes, Police Scotland, who read out the letter of objection from Police Scotland. Members then heard from Mr McSheaffrey and Mr McIntyre who provided further information on the incident and answered Members questions. Members noted that there was currently a court case pending.

After further discussion, the Committee decided to take no action.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to take no action.

The meeting closed at 2.41 p.m.