

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held by video conference on Wednesday, 31 March 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Dickson, Jim Finn, Caroline McAllister, Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

Attending: Raymond Lynch, Section Head (Licensing) and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

Also attending: Constable Raymond Borland, Police Scotland.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Marie McNair and Lawrence O'Neill.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Councillor Finn, Chair advised that the two applicants who had been cited to attend the virtual meeting were not in attendance and suggested that the Committee adjourn for a short period to enable the Committee Officer to try to contact both applicants to find out if they would be attending. Thereafter, the Committee agreed to adjourn for a short period.

The meeting reconvened at 10.20 a.m. with all Members listed in the sederunt in attendance.

Having heard from both the Section Head (Licensing) and the Committee Officer, it was noted that neither of the two applicants were in attendance at the meeting and that officers had been unable to make contact with them both ¹immediately prior to the meeting and during the adjournment.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

¹ As corrected by the Committee at its meeting on 5 May 2021

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 3 February 2021 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 RENEWAL OF A TAXI/ PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Kevin Comerford
17 Beeches Avenue
Duntocher
Clydebank
G81 6HX

21 August 2020

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning an Application for Renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

It was noted that the applicant was not in attendance at the meeting and had not advised officers in advance of the meeting that he would be unable to attend.

DECIDED:-

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing) in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to continue the application to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee being held on Wednesday, 5 May 2021 to provide the applicant with a further opportunity to attend; and
- (2) that officers write to the applicant seeking an explanation as to why he did not attend the meeting, despite being cited to attend, and emphasising the importance of attending the meeting at which his application would be further considered by the Committee.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee agreed to approve the following resolution prior to consideration of the undernoted item of business:-

“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.”

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

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Stephen Campbell
8F Bryson Street
Clydebank
G81 5HG

15 February 2021

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning an Application for Grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

It was noted that the applicant was not in attendance at the meeting and had not advised Officers in advance of the meeting that he would be unable to attend.

DECIDED:-

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing) in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to continue the application to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee being held on Wednesday, 5 May 2021 to provide the applicant with a further opportunity to attend; and
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The meeting closed at 10.26 a.m.