

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 2 March 2005 at 11.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Denis Agnew, Linda McColl and Connie O'Sullivan.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dennis Brogan and Duncan McDonald.

APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

5337 The Principal Solicitor invited the Committee to appoint a Chair for this meeting of the Committee.

5338 It was agreed that Provost Macdonald be appointed as Chair. Accordingly, Provost Macdonald assumed the Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5339 The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 3 November 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5340 The Minutes of Special Meeting of the Committee held on 19 November 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5341 The Minutes of Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 26 January 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

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

Name and Address of Applicant

Scott Grace
356 Pappert
Bonhill
Alexandria

Date Applied

23 December 2004

5342 Having heard the Principal Solicitor it was noted:-

- (a) that a letter had been received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority intimating an objection in relation to the application on behalf of the Chief Constable; and
- (b) that in view of the above the applicant and a representative of the local Police authority had been invited to attend the meeting in order that a hearing may take place.

5343 The applicant and Superintendent Irvine and Sergeant Brier, who were in attendance, were invited to come forward by the Convener. The Committee heard Superintendent Irvine in relation to the objection which had been submitted on behalf of the Chief Constable.

5344 The applicant was then given the opportunity to address the Committee in support of his application.

5345 After consideration it was agreed that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR. F. MEEHAN

5346 With reference to the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Committee held on 26 January 2005 (Page 1380, paragraph 4834 refers), a further report was submitted by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services concerning whether proceedings for possible suspension should be taken against the holder of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

5347 After consideration and having heard the Principal Solicitor, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that proceedings for possible suspension should now be instigated against Mr. Meehan; and
- (2) that a hearing on possible suspension be held at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, on 4 May 2005.

REVIEW OF MARCHES AND PARADES IN SCOTLAND

5348 A report was submitted by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services on the outcome of the independent review of marches and parades in Scotland carried out by the former Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police, Sir John Orr and advising the Committee of the likely implications for West Dunbartonshire Council.

5349 The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the recommendations contained in the report by Sir John Orr;
- (2) to note that the Scottish Executive proposed the setting up of a joint working group with local authorities and the police in respect of the various recommendations that do not require legislation with a view to their early implementation; and
- (3) that CoSLA be asked to continue to make representation to Ministers to ensure that the requisite level of additional resource was made available to local authorities to enable them to carry out their additional duties and that the legislative framework to be put in place clearly identified the duties not only of the authorities, but also those of the organisers.

The meeting closed at 11.13 a.m.