

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, 5 Hall Street, Clydebank G81 2NR on Wednesday, 11 October 2023 at 2.02 p.m.

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

Attending: Michael McDougall, Manager of Legal Services; Bob Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer; Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer; and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland; Mr Archie McIvor, Solicitor and Representative for Licence Holder, Mr Shafiqullah Khalil, Aladdin Hot For You and Mr John Waters, Representative for Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors James McElhill and John Millar.

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in 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 MEETING

The Minutes of Meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 2 August 2023 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.

CONTINUATION OF HEARING REGARDING POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCAION OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration asking Members to consider a request from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland for the suspension of a Late Hours Catering Licence, held by Mr. Shafiqullah Khalil, for the premises, Aladdin Hot For You, located at 6, High Street, Dumbarton G82 1LL. Members were also given the option to revoke the licence.

Members first heard from Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland, who detailed the letter from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, and the request for suspension of the Late Hours Catering Licence at Aladdin Hot For You.

Members then heard from Mr Archie McIver, Solicitor and Representative for Mr Shafiqullah Khalil, Aladdin Hot For You, who noted the Late Hours Catering Licence holder, Mr Khalil, had now returned to the UK and was now resident in the premises daily. Mr McIver provided assurance to Members that Mr Khalil would be remaining in the country for the foreseeable future.

Councillor O'Neill, Chair, moved to take no action on the basis that the licence holder was giving an undertaking to submit an application to West Dunbartonshire Council before Friday, 20 October 2023 for a Late Hours Catering licence under the name of Afghan Cuisine Ltd. If no application was made, a report would be brought by the Civic Licensing Standards Officer to a future meeting of the Committee.

Mr McIvor, on behalf of Mr Khalil, accepted the motion and advised the application would be submitted for the required deadline.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to take no action on the basis that the licence holder was giving an undertaking to submit an application to West Dunbartonshire Council before Friday, 20 October 2023 for a Late Hours Catering licence under the name of Afghan Cuisine Ltd. If an application is not received by the requested date, a further report regarding the licence will be brought to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: REVIEW OF TAXI FARES AND CHARGES - DUMBARTON AND VALE OF LEVEN TAXI LICENSING ZONE

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing information on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone.

Having heard from Michael McDougall, Manager of Legal Services and Bob Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer, and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to the proposed fares and charges as detailed within the report.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to the proposed fares and charges as detailed within the report.

The meeting closed at 2.43 p.m.

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