

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 15 February 2023 at 2.01 p.m.

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

Attending: Michael McDougall, Section Head – Licensing; Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors John Millar and Hazel Sorrell.

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill, Chair, welcomed Councillor James McElhill as a new Member of the Licensing Committee.

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 7 December 2022 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.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee agreed to approve the following Resolution:-

“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.”

VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Having heard the Chair, the Board agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

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

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration asking Members to consider an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Ross McKinney, 17 Highdykes Hill, Bonhill, Alexandria, G83 9AB.

Members heard from Mr McDougall, Section Head – Licensing, and Sergeant Holmes, Police Scotland, detailing that the Chief Constable's objection to the renewal application had been withdrawn and as such the application could be dealt with by the Licensing Section without a determination by the Committee.

DECIDED:-

The objection to the application from Police Scotland was withdrawn therefor the application could be dealt with by the Licensing Section without a determination by the Committee.

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

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration asking Members to consider an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Robert Young, 129 Melbourne Avenue, Clydebank G81 4QB.

Members first heard from Sergeant Holmes, Police Scotland, who vocalised the full letter of objection from Police Scotland. Members then heard from Mr McDougall, Section Head – Licensing, detailing that there was a pending court case in May 2023 for the applicant. On discussion, Members agreed to continue the application hearing until the Licensing Committee meeting in June 2023, pending the verdict of the trial.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to continue the application to the Licensing Committee meeting being held in June 2023.

The meeting closed at 2.12 p.m.