

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

At a Hybrid Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

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

**Attending:** Nigel Ettles, Section Head – Litigation; Robert Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer; Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officer and Lynn Straker and Nicola Moorcroft, Committee Officers.

**Also Attending:** Councillor Jim Bollan; Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland; Eugene Boyle, Solicitor and Representative for Mark Winters; Mark Waters, Solicitor and Representative for Craig McMeekan; Mark Winters; Stephen Eaton, Craig McMeekan and Simon Wade and Ian Brown, Representatives from Dumbarton Orange and Purple District No. 27.

**Apology:** An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Diane Docherty.

**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.

### **RECORDING OF VOTES**

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by Roll Call vote to ensure an accurate record.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 PART V PUBLIC PROCESSIONS  
– POLICE, PUBLIC ORDER AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 –  
NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION: DUMBARTON  
ORANGE & PURPLE DISTRICT NO. 27**

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting that the Committee consider whether to depart from the Code of Conduct, which prohibits the playing of music until 9.00 a.m., to allow the playing of music at 8.30 a.m. as requested by the Dumbarton Orange & Purple District No. 27.

**DECIDED:-**

Having heard from Section Head – Litigation, Senior Officer (Licensing) and Sergeant David Holmes (Police Scotland) the Committee then heard from Councillor Jim Bollan who submitted an objection and suggested the march be rerouted to avoid Care Homes and Play Park areas.

Simon Wade (Dumbarton Orange and Purple District No. 27) was then heard in support of the application to allow the accompanying band on the march to play music at 8.30 a.m.

After hearing from Sergeant Holmes in response to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to grant the request from Mr. Simon Wade to allow the accompanying band, The Pride of the Rock Flute Band, to play music at 8.30 am as the Dumbarton Orange & Purple District No. 27 procession passes through Alexandria on the morning of Saturday 2 July 2022; and
- (2) that this grant be for one year with consideration to be given by Dumbarton Orange and Purple District No. 27 and Police Scotland to rerouting the procession in future years and with consideration to be given to no Care Homes or no play zones on the route, and no music allowed prior to 9.00 a.m.

Note: Councillor Bollan left the meeting after conclusion of this item.

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

**Name and Address of Applicant**

**Date Applied**

Mark Winters  
8 Brisbane Street  
Clydebank  
G81 4LP

24 February 2022

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 which has been continued since the 27 April 2022 Licensing Committee meeting.

**DECIDED:-**

Having heard from the Section Head – Litigation, Senior Officer (Licensing), Sergeant David Holmes (Police Scotland), Eugene Boyle, Solicitor and Representative for Mark Winters and in answer to Members’ questions, the Committee agreed to grant the renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver’s Licence for Mark Winters, and that the next application for renewal of the Licence would be submitted to the Licensing Committee for determination.

**GRANT OF TAXI / PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER’S LICENCE**

**Name and Address of Application**

**Date Applied**

Stephen Eaton  
18 Smollett Street  
Alexandria  
G83 0DS

16 March 2022

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

**DECIDED:-**

Having heard from the Section Head – Litigation (Legal Officer) and Sergeant Holmes (Police Scotland) the Committee agreed to entertain the late objection from the Police and having heard further from the Legal Officer the Committee agreed that the applicant’s protected convictions should be disclosed and taken into consideration. Then, having heard further from Sergeant Holmes, and from Stephen Eaton, and in answer to Members’ questions, the Committee agreed to grant the Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver’s Licence.

**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.”

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

**Name and Address of Licence Holder**

Craig McMeekan  
10 Gavins Road  
Hardgate  
Clydebank  
G81 6AA

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning a letter received from Chief Constable, Police Scotland proposing a Suspension or Revocation of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

**DECIDED:-**

Having heard from Section Head – Litigation (Legal Officer), Senior Officer (Licensing Services), Mark Waters, Solicitor and Representative for Craig McMeekan and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed not to suspend the Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence held by Mr Craig McMeekan.

The meeting closed at 3.11 p.m.