

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held by video conference on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Finn, Jonathan McColl, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Caroline McAllister, Lawrence O'Neill and Brian Walker.

Attending: Raymond Lynch, Section Head (Licensing); Robert Mackie, Senior Officer (Licensing Services); Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officer and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Sergeant Wendy Maginnis, Police Scotland.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor Finn, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting which was being held remotely, in terms of Section 18B of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Chair advised that a process had been developed for the meeting (a copy of which had previously been circulated to Members). Thereafter, the Committee agreed to note the procedure in place for the conduct of the meeting and the meeting then continued by video conferencing.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 18 August 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.

PROPOSED ADVERTISING ON TAXIS

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration proposing a request for permission to display an advert on a taxi operating in the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Licensing Zone.

Having heard the Chair, Councillor Finn, it was noted that the request had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing) in relation to the undernoted items of business 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 A TAXI DRIVER'S/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning a request from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland for the possible suspension or revocation of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

Having heard Sergeant Maginnis, Police Scotland, Section Head (Licensing) and the Senior Officer (Licensing Services), it was noted that the request for the suspension or revocation of the licence pertained to a pending case as detailed in the letter from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland.

The Licence holder addressed the Committee and advised they would be pleading not guilty in the pending criminal matter.

DECIDED:-

Following consideration, the Committee agreed that the alleged misconduct had not been established at this time however given that the matter related to a pending case, Police Scotland could bring the matter back to Committee at a later date if required. Accordingly, the Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's licence would not be suspended at this time.

The meeting closed at 10.17 a.m.

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