

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 4 February 2004 at 11.12 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Jack Duffy, Linda McColl, Duncan McDonald, Connie O'Sullivan and Raymond Young.

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Denis Agnew and Dennis Brogan.

Councillor Jack Duffy in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1777 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3 December 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

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

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

John Cullen
49 Braehead
Bonhill
Alexandria

19 November 2003

1778 A report was submitted by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services concerning an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence by the above named person.

1779 Having heard the Principal Solicitor it was noted:-

- (a) that a representation in relation to the application had been submitted on behalf of the Chief Constable and that 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;

- (b) that the applicant had been charged with two separate charges of assault on 29 June 2003 and a report regarding the circumstances had been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal at Dumbarton, with a trial date of 22 December 2003 having been fixed; and
- (c) that it had recently been established that the applicant's trial had been deferred until 10 February 2004 at Dumbarton Sheriff Court.

1780 Following consideration, it was agreed that the application be continued to the next meeting of the Committee and that the applicant and a representative of the local Police authority again be invited to attend the meeting.

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

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Craig Da Silva
73 Speirs Road
Bearsden

4 December 2003

1781 A report was submitted by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services concerning an application for grant of a Temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence by the above named person.

1782 Having heard the Principal Solicitor it was noted:-

- (a) that a letter had been received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority making representation in relation to the application on behalf of the Chief Constable;
- (b) that the letter confirmed that the applicant had been convicted as detailed in the report and suggested that the Committee may wish to consider, in light of the information provided, if the applicant was a fit and proper person to be the holder of a licence; and
- (c) that in view of the above the applicant and a representative of the Police authority had been invited to attend the meeting in order that the application may be determined.

- 1783 The applicant and Sergeant Brier, who were in attendance, were invited to come forward by the Convener. The Committee heard Sergeant Brier in relation to the representation which had been submitted on behalf of the Chief Constable. The applicant was then given the opportunity to address the Committee in support of his application and to explain the circumstances with respect to the two convictions that had been recorded against him in October 2003. The applicant and the representative of the Police authority then returned to the public gallery whilst the application was deliberated.
- 1784 After consideration the Committee agreed that the application be granted on the basis that the conduct of the applicant would be closely monitored.

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - REVIEW OF TAXI FARES
AND CHARGES – CLYDEBANK TAXI LICENSING ZONE**

- 1785 A report was submitted by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Clydebank Taxi Licensing zone.
- 1786 After consideration the Committee agreed:-
- (a) to approve, in principle, the proposals that had been submitted in respect of the Clydebank Taxi Licensing zone on the basis outlined in the report; and
 - (b) that officers be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the advertisement of the proposed increases in the fares and charges.

The meeting closed at 11.25 a.m.