

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held via video conference on Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at 10.07 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Dickson, Jim Finn, Caroline McAllister, Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

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

Also Attending: Constable Raymond Borland, Police Scotland.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Karen Conaghan.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor Finn, Chair, welcomed all those present to the meeting which was being held using video conference format. He adjourned the meeting until 10.23 a.m. to allow for all Members and external attendees to join the meeting.

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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 26 October 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.

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

Name and Address of Applicant	Date Applied
Mr Michael Meechan Flat 3/2 3 Cronin Street Dumbarton G82 1AR	30 September 2021

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

Members then heard from Police Constable Raymond Borland in relation to the letter of objection which had been submitted by Police Scotland, the Section Head (Licensing) and the Senior Officer (Licensing Services).

Mr Meechan was given an opportunity to address the Committee in support of the application and was heard in answer to Members' questions.

DECIDED:-

Following consideration, the Board agreed that the application be granted.

Note: Councillor Brian Walker left the meeting during consideration of this item.

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

Name and Address of Applicant	Date Applied
Mr Alexander Mullen Flat 1/2, 12 Boon Drive Glasgow G15 6AT	26 March 2021

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.

Police Constable Raymond Borland intimated that the application had been withdrawn and therefore did not require consideration.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing) in relation to the undernoted item 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.”

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

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

John Paul Hunter
Ladyton Estate
Bonhill
G83 9DJ

26 August 2021

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

The Committee noted that the applicant had joined the meeting remotely, and after taking advice from the Clerk to the Committee it was not deemed appropriate in such circumstances to continue to hear the matter remotely.

Having heard from the Section Head (Licensing Services) and the Senior Officer (Licensing Services), Councillor McColl moved that consideration of the application be continued to a future meeting of the Committee.

DECIDED:-

After consideration, the Committee agreed that the application be continued to a future special meeting of the Licensing Committee to be arranged in January 2022 so that the applicant could attend in person.

HEARING REGARDING POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A TAXI DRIVER’S/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER’S LICENCE

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Letter Received

Mr Kieran Gorman
24 Manse Drive
Alexandria
G83 8HG

28 October 2021

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning a letter received from the Divisional Commander, Police Scotland requesting a suspension or revocation of the Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence held by the above named person.

Having heard from the Section Head (Licensing) and Police Constable Raymond Borland, it was noted the alleged offence as detailed in the letter from the Divisional Commander, Police Scotland was still sub-judice and as such could not be discussed further at this time or any further details provided.

Mr Gorman was then given the opportunity to address the Committee in connection with the circumstances relating to the matters detailed in the Police letter and was heard in answer to Members' questions.

DECIDED:-

After consideration, the Committee agreed that Mr Gorman's licence would be suspended with immediate effect for the unexpired portion of the licence, that being 2 February 2022. The Committee advised Mr Gorman that there may be an opportunity to come back before the Committee if pending court proceedings were determined prior to the expiry of the licence.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.