

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 25 January 2006 at 11.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Denis Agnew, Douglas McAllister and Connie O'Sullivan.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor and David Rooney, Senior Administrative Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Linda McColl and Duncan McDonald.

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

<u>Name and Address of Applicant</u>	<u>Date Applied</u>
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Francis Meehan 22 Davidson Street Whitecrook Clydebank	27 July 2005
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8011 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.

8012 Having heard the Principal Solicitor it was noted:-

- (a) that whilst it had previously been agreed that a suspension hearing against Mr. Meehan would be deferred to an appropriate future meeting of the Committee and, if relevant, would proceed after determination of an application for renewal of his licence, it was considered appropriate at the present time to consider only the application for renewal;
- (b) that a letter had been received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority intimating an objection in relation to the application on behalf of the Chief Constable;
- (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 a hearing may take place; and

(d) that Chief Inspector Gilligan and Sergeant Brier were in attendance and that the applicant was present.

8013 Sergeant Brier was heard in relation to the objection which had been submitted. It was noted that it was the contention of the Chief Constable that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a licence having regard to the convictions against him, as detailed in the letter of objection, a copy of which had been attached to the report on the application, and the outcome of further recent court proceedings against the applicant, as detailed in the report.

8014 The applicant was then invited to come forward by the Convener and was given the opportunity to address the Committee in support of his application. Thereafter the applicant answered questions from Members of the Committee, particularly in relation to the circumstances associated with certain of his convictions which had resulted from incidents which had occurred whilst he had been operating as a taxi driver.

8015 After consideration it was unanimously agreed that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The meeting closed at 11.22 p.m.