

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, 5 Hall Street, Clydebank on Wednesday, 7 August 2024 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Gurpreet Singh Johal, Ian Dickson, Jonathan McColl, June McKay, Chris Pollock and Hazel Sorrell.

Attending: Michael McDougall, Manager of Legal Services; Robert Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer; Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officer and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Sergeant Ben Rusden, Police Scotland and Judi Ferguson, Building Services Team Leader.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors John Millar and Lawrence O'Neill.

Councillor Gurpreet Singh Johal 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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 5 June 2024 were submitted and approved as correct record.

OPEN FORUM

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

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee agreed to approve the following resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting to allow the following item to be heard:-

“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 TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. David Butchart.

After discussion and having heard the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the Licence subject to noted and agreed conditions.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the Licence subject to noted and agreed conditions.

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

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. James McCallum.

After discussion and having heard Sergeant Rusden, Police Scotland and the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to a continuation of the hearing for the Licence until a future date of the Licensing Committee and the outcome of pending court case in this matter.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to a continuation of the hearing for the Licence until a future date of the Licensing Committee and the outcome of pending court case in this matter.

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

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Martin Mullen.

After discussion and having heard Sergeant Rusden, Police Scotland and the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the licence.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the licence.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for grant of a Short Term Let Licence submitted by Mr. Martyn Taylor in respect of premises at Flat 2/1 13 Carrochan Gardens, Balloch, Alexandria G83 8FF.

Members first heard from a number of objectors to the application and their reasons for their objection. They then heard from the applicant in support of the application.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Johal, Chair, adjourned the meeting for a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 4.22 p.m. with all those present in the sederunt in attendance.

After discussion and having heard the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor Johal, seconded by Councillor Pollock moved a motion to grant the licence with conditions in place as noted.

Councillor McColl, seconded by Councillor Dickson, moved an amendment to not grant the licence, due to a number of reasons as detailed by objectors at the meeting.

Having heard the Manager of Legal Services in clarification of certain matters, a roll call vote was taken. Three Members voted for the motion, namely Councillors Johal, Pollock and McKay and three Members voted for the amendment, namely Councillors Dickson, McColl and Sorrell. The Manager of Legal Services noted as it was a tied roll call vote, in line with Standing Orders the deciding vote would be passed to Councillor Johal as Chair. The motion was accordingly declared carried for the licence to be granted subject to noted conditions.

DECIDED:-

On the outcome of a roll call vote, the licence was granted subject to noted conditions.

VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Having heard the Chair, the Board agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for grant of a Short Term Let Licence submitted by Ms. Laura Clark in respect of premises at Milton House, Milton Brae, Milton G82 2TU.

The Manager of Legal Services noted the concerns from Environmental Health had now been resolved in this matter. Members then heard from Building Services Team Leader who detailed their concerns.

After discussion and having heard the Building Services Team Leader and the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the licence subject to the conditions noted and concerns from Building Standards being addressed appropriately within the next 6 months or the application would be brought back to the Committee.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the licence subject to the conditions noted and concerns from Building Standards being addressed appropriately within the next 6 months or the application would be brought back to the Committee.

Note:- Councillor Dickson left the meeting after this item.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for grant of a Short Term Let Licence submitted by Mr. Edward McVey, Waterman's Cottage, Blairlinnis, Blairlinnis House, Gartocharn, Alexandria G83 8ND.

After discussion and having heard the Building Standards Team Leader and the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to a continuation of the hearing to a future date of the Licensing Committee to allow applicant to suitably resolve concerns with Building Services.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to a continuation of the hearing to a future date of the Licensing Committee to allow the applicant to suitably resolve concerns with Building Services.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for grant of a Short Term Let

Licence submitted by Ms. Kelly Maxwell-Brown in respect of premises at 62 Middleton Street, Alexandria G83 0DG.

After discussion and having heard the Building Services Team Leader and the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the licence subject to conditions noted and all concerns being suitably resolved with Building Services.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the licence subject to conditions noted and all concerns being suitably resolved with Building Services.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for grant of a Short Term Let Licence submitted by Mr. Jonathan Rankin and Mr. Scott Piatkowski in respect of premises at South Lodge, Old Luss Road, Balloch G83 8QP.

After discussion and having heard the Building Standards Team Leader and the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the licence subject to the conditions noted.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the licence subject to the conditions noted.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration requesting the Committee to consider an application for grant of a Short Term Let Licence submitted by Ms. Leslie McLellan, Sheildaig Farm, Upper Stoneyhallan Road, Alexandria G83 8QY.

After discussion and having heard the Building Services Team Leader and the applicant in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to continue the hearing to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee to allow the applicant to suitably resolve concerns held by Building Standards.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to continue the hearing of the application to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee to allow the applicant to suitably resolve concerns held by Building Standards.

The meeting closed at 5.06 p.m.

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