LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 4 June 2019

Chair:

Councillor David Shearer

Councillors Present:

Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor George Greenshields, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Julie Marrs (Depute), Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor Graham Scott (*substitute for Councillor Catherine McClymont*), Councillor Bert Thomson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor John Ross (ex officio), Councillor Jim Wardhaugh

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

M M Cairns, Legal Services Manager; C Lyon, Administration Officer; C McKee, Licensing and Registration Co-ordinator; G Mays, Solicitor; T Stone, Licensing and Registration Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair referred to the death of Councillor Sheena Wardhaugh, elected member for Council Ward 8 (East Kilbride Central North). As a mark of respect, all present observed a minute's silence.

The Chair also referred to the imminent retirement of T Stone, Licensing and Registration Manager and, on behalf of the Committee, wished her well for the future.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

3 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee decided:

that, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information in terms of Paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) – Application for a Late Hours Catering Licence

A report dated 16 May 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for a late hours catering licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended).

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the applicant who was present and represented by L Johnstone, Solicitor.

The Committee decided:	that the following application for a late hours catering licence be granted subject to the conditions specified by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources):-
Applicant:	A G Restaurants Limited, The Wright Business Centre, Lonmay Road, Glasgow and F Wilson
Type of Licence:	Late hours catering
Premises:	McDonalds, 3 Douglas Park Lane, Hamilton
Days/Hours Requested:	Monday to Sunday from 11.00pm to 5.00am
Days/Hours Granted:	Monday to Sunday from 11.00pm to 5.00am

5 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) – Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence

A report dated 16 May 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended).

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the applicant who was present and heard in support of his application. A late objection had been received from Police Scotland. The reason for the lateness of the objection was accepted and Sergeant Rankin was heard on behalf of Police Scotland.

Councillor Gray, seconded by Councillor Nelson, moved that the application be refused. Councillor Thomson, seconded by Councillor Callaghan, moved as an amendment that the application be granted for a period of 1 year. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 9 members voted for the amendment and 11 for the motion which was declared carried.

The Committee decided:

that the application by P McDougall, 88 Glenside Drive, Rutherglen for a taxi driver's licence in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone be refused.