

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 29 November 2022

Chair:

Councillor Andy Carmichael

Councillors Present:

Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Margaret Cowie (*substitute for Councillor Monique McAdams*); Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Bert Thomson (Depute), Councillor Helen Toner

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Joe Fagan (ex officio), Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Monique McAdams

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

M Gordon, Administration Assistant; C Lyon, Administration Officer; G Mays, Legal Services' Adviser; J Roebuck, Licensing and Registration Team Leader; N Weir, Solicitor; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 8 November 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

4 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 Paragraph 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

5 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Application for Grant of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

A report dated 11 November 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for the grant of a private hire car driver's licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended).

On 8 November 2022, this Committee agreed that detailed information be requested on the spent convictions of the applicant to allow full consideration of the application.

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 B O'Donnell, Solicitor. An objection had been received from Police Scotland and Sergeant Brown was heard.

A letter of support and testaments had also been received.

The Committee decided: that the application by G Hogg, 63a Mount Annan Drive, Glasgow for the grant of a private hire car driver's licence in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone be granted for a period of 1 year.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 November 2022 (Paragraph 8)]

6 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Application for Grant of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

A report dated 10 November 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for the grant of a private hire 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 represented by N Asmelash. A representation had been received from Police Scotland and Sergeant Brown was heard.

The Committee decided: that the application by A G Zewoldy, Flat 2/1, 26 Stroma Street, Glasgow for the grant of a private hire car driver's licence in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone be granted.

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The Committee decided: that the application by R O'Neill, 27 Merlin Wynd, East Kilbride for the grant of a private hire car driver's licence in the East Kilbride zone be refused.