

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of special meeting held in the Council Chamber, Almada Street, Hamilton on 26 September 2007

Chair:

Councillor Mary McNeill

Councillors Present:

Andy Carmichael, Pam Clearie, Jim Docherty, Beith Forrest, Anne Higgins, John Higgins, Eileen Logan, Archie Manson, Clare McColl, Alice Marie Mitchell, Patrick Ross-Taylor, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Hamish Stewart, Bert Thomson (Depute), David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Eileen Baxendale, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, Lesley McDonald, Jean McKeown, Davie McLachlan, John McNamee

Attending:

Corporate Resources

J Donnelly, Solicitor; C Lyon, Administration Officer; A Shiells, Senior Registrar/Area Team Leader

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 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 item(s) of business on the grounds that it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information in terms of Paragraph(s) 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

3 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licensing of Private Hire Car Drivers - S Gardiner, 45 McArthur Wynd, Cambuslang

A report dated 5 September 2007 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted:-

- ♦ advising on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) due to the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to suspend private hire car driver's licence No 477 held by S Gardiner, 45 McArthur Wynd, Cambuslang pending consideration of the issue by the Committee
- ♦ proposing that consideration be given to whether private hire car driver's licence No 477 should remain suspended

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the licence holder, S Gardiner, who was present and represented by J Grant, Solicitor. Strathclyde Police were not present.

J Grant requested an adjournment to allow him reasonable time to look at the case on the basis that he had only been appointed to represent his client the previous day.

The Committee decided:

that consideration of the suspension of private hire car driver's licence No 477 held by S Gardiner, 45 McArthur Wynd, Cambuslang, be continued to the meeting of the Licensing Committee to be reconvened on Monday 1 October 2007 at 12 noon.

[Reference: Minutes of 18 September 2007 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.