

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 4 June 2024

Chair:

Councillor Andy Carmichael

Councillors Present:

Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Bert Thomson (Depute), Councillor Helen Toner

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Joe Fagan (ex officio), Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Mark McGeever

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; S O'Neill, Solicitor; L Steele, Licensing and Registration Assistant/Assistant Registrar; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Order of Business

The Committee decided: that the items of business be dealt with in the order minuted below.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14 May 2024 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 Paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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

A report dated 16 May 2024 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 not present or represented. An objection had been received from Police Scotland.

The Council's Solicitor advised that the applicant was unable to attend today's hearing and intimated that the hearing could be continued to a future meeting to allow the applicant a further opportunity to be present or could be dealt with in the applicant's absence.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the hearing be continued to a future meeting to allow the applicant to be present.

The Committee decided: that the application by D Newlands, 69 Mill Road, Hamilton for the grant of a taxi driver's licence in the Hamilton zone be continued to a future meeting of this Committee.

6 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Consideration of Suspension or Revocation of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No 450

A report dated 16 May 2024 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted proposing that consideration be given to whether private hire car driver's licence No 450 should be suspended or revoked.

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the licence holder who was present and heard in support of retaining his licence. A letter of complaint had been received from Police Scotland and Sergeant Doria was heard.

The Committee decided: that private hire car driver's licence No 450 in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone be suspended for a period of 1 month with immediate effect.

7 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Application for Short Term Let Licence

A report dated 16 May 2024 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for a short term let 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. Objections had been received from local residents and H and J Chisholm were present and heard.

The applicant advised that he wished to withdraw his application.

The Committee decided: to note that the application had been withdrawn at the request of the applicant.