

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2008 at 9.30 AM.

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Councillors Blackwood, McLuckie, McNally, Nimmo, Nicol, Thomson and Waddell (for minute CL39 onwards).

CONVENER: Councillor Nicol

APOLOGIES: Councillors Hughes and Kenna.

ATTENDING: Acting Director of Law and Administration Services, Director of Development Services; Solicitor (P Gilmour); Consumer Protection Manager; Senior Licensing Assistant (I Renton) and Committee Services Officer (B Douglas).

DECLARATIONS

OF INTEREST: There were no Declarations of Interest

CL35. MINUTE

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 10 December 2007.

CL36. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following items of business on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

CL37. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant Mr C, entered the meeting at this point.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 11 January 2008 by the Director of Development Services on an application for a new taxi driver licence advising (a) on the background to the application, and (b) that the applicant had previous spent conditional offers recorded against him.

The applicant was heard in support of his application.

Questions were then asked of the applicant by members.

AGREED to give the applicant a final opportunity to pass the knowledge test and that, subject to him obtaining the prescribed mark and successfully passing a medical, it be

delegated to the Director of Development Services to grant a new taxi driver licence and also to refuse a licence should the applicant fail either of these tests.

Mr C left the meeting at this point.

CL38. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant Mr W entered the meeting at this point.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 11 January 2008 by the Director of Development Services on an application for a new taxi driver licence advising (a) on the background to the application, and (b) that the applicant had spent and unspent convictions and an unspent conditional offer recorded against him.

The applicant was heard in support of his application.

Questions were then asked of the applicant by members.

AGREED to **GRANT** the licence for a period of six months subject to the applicant passing the necessary medical test, with a formal warning letter issued in relation to the applicant's previous road traffic offences.

Mr W left the meeting at this point.

CL39. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF 2 ADDITIONAL NEW PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR LICENCES

Two representatives of the applicant company, Mr B and Ms B entered the meeting at this point.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 11 January 2008 by the Director of Development Services on an application for two additional new private hire car operator licences, advising (a) on the background to the application, and (b) that both directors of the applicant company each had an unspent conditional offer recorded against them.

The representatives were heard in support of the application.

Questions were then asked of the representatives by members.

AGREED that the application for two additional private hire car operator licences be **GRANTED**.

Mr B and Ms B left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Waddell entered the meeting at the commencement of the foregoing item of business.

CL40. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant Mr M entered the meeting at this point.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 11 January 2008 by the Director of Development Services on an application for a new private hire car driver licence advising (a) on the background to the application, and (b) that the applicant had previous spent and unspent conditional offers recorded against him.

The applicant was heard in explanation of his conditional offers.

Questions were asked of the applicant by members.

AGREED that a short adjournment take place to enable the Committee to receive clarification from Central Scotland Police on the exact nature of the applicant's spent conditional offers.

The applicant left and was then recalled to the meeting.

The Consumer Protection Manager provided information to the Committee on the nature of three of the applicant's spent conditional offers.

AGREED to grant the licence for a period of six months subject to the applicant passing the necessary medical test, with a formal warning letter issued in relation to the applicant's previous road traffic offences.

Mr M left the meeting at this point.