

**MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2015 at 9.30 a.m.**

**COUNCILLORS:** Jim Blackwood  
Baillie William Buchanan  
Baillie Joan Paterson  
Gordon Hughes  
Depute Provost John Patrick  
Provost Pat Reid  
Sandy Turner

**OFFICERS:** Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator  
Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer  
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer  
Brian Samson, Enforcement Officer (for items CL45 & CL46)

**CL42. APOLOGY**

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Ritchie.

**CL43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were intimated.

**CL44. MINUTE**

**Decision**

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 17 June 2015 was approved.

**CL45. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN MAY/JUNE 2015 AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS PENDING**

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 May and 30 June 2015 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, and (b) notifications of pending public processions.

**Decision**

The committee noted the report.

Baillie Paterson entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

#### **CL46. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – MAY/JUNE**

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer giving an overview of enforcement action taken with regard to Civic Licensing activities during May and June 2015.

**The committee noted the report.**

#### **CL47. 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 ground that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

#### **CL48. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF FIVE NEW PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR LICENCES**

Mr B, a director of the applicant company, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on applications received for the grant of five new private hire car operator licences (a) advising of the background to the applications, and (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received.

Mr B spoke in support of the applications.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

##### **Decision**

**The committee agreed to grant the five private hire car operator licences for a period of one year, subject to the standard conditions.**

#### **CL49. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant, Mr A, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new private hire car driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr A spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

##### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to instruct officers to arrange for the applicant to undertake a medical and should the applicant pass the medical to grant the private hire car driver licence, subject to the standard conditions.**

**CL50. REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM CARRYING A GUIDE DOG, A HEARING DOG OR AN ASSISTANCE DOG**

After hearing from the Licensing Co-ordinator on the reason why the applicant, Mr M, was not in attendance, the committee agreed to consider the application in his absence.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application from the licence holder requesting a notice of exemption from the requirement to carry guide dogs, hearing dogs or assistance dogs in his taxi.

The report set out the background to the application and the implications of the 'Taxi Drivers' Licences (Carrying a Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs) (Scotland) Regulations 2003, and there was attached as appendices, letters from both the applicant and his GP, outlining his medical condition.

**Decision**

**The Committee agreed to grant a notice of exemption from the requirement to carry a guide dog, a hearing dog or an assistance dog for a period of 12 months.**

**CL51. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant, Mr M, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr M spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

**Decision**

**The Committee agreed to renew the taxi driver licence with a warning letter, for a period of one year, subject to the standard conditions.**

**CL52. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE NO. 221**

The applicant, Mr D, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a late hours catering licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) attaching as appendices 1 to 4 respectively, the late hours catering policy, the late hours catering conditions and location plans.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed that there remained justification to depart from Council policy with regard to these premises and to renew late hours catering licence No.221 for a period of three years.**

#### **CL53. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE NO. 46**

The applicant, Mrs D, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a late hours catering licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) attaching as appendices 1 to 4 respectively, the late hours catering policy, the late hours catering conditions and location plans.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed that there remained justification to depart from Council policy with regard to these premises and to renew late hours catering licence No.46 for a period of three years.**

#### **CL54. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE NO. 49**

The applicant, Mrs D, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a late hours catering licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) attaching as appendices 1 to 4 respectively, the late hours catering policy, the late hours catering conditions and location plans.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed that there remained justification to depart from Council policy with regard to these premises and to renew late hours catering licence No.49 for a period of three years.**

#### **CL55. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A WINDOW CLEANER LICENCE**

The applicant, Mr G, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a window cleaner licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b)

detailing the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr G spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to renew the window cleaner licence with a warning letter, for a period of three years, subject to the standard conditions.**