

The background of the slide features a large, light blue watermark of the City of Vancouver's coat of arms. The crest is a shield divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant shows a sailing ship on wavy lines representing water. The top-right quadrant depicts a stag's head with large antlers. The bottom-left quadrant contains a beaver. The bottom-right quadrant shows a grizzly bear standing on its hind legs. Above the shield is a crown with four maple leaves. A banner at the bottom of the shield contains the motto "A NE FOR A".

Agenda Item 3

Minute

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FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of special meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held at Lesser Town Hall, Falkirk on Monday 25 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Councillors: David Balfour
Lorna Binnie
Jim Blackwood
Jim Flynn
Gordon Hughes (Convener)

Officers: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator
Jack Frawley, Team Leader - Committee Services
Rose Mary Hoey, Interim Legal Services Manager
Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor

CL1. Apologies

There was an apology from Councillor Patrick.

CL2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

CL3. Minute

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 8 March 2022 was approved.

CL4. 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 Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

CL5. Order of Business

The Committee agreed to vary the order of business from that stated on the agenda. The following items are recorded in the order they were considered at the meeting.

CL6. Application for the Renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver Licence

The licence holder, Mr Mc, was in attendance.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer which provided information on an application for the renewal of a private hire car driver licence.

The committee heard from the applicant in support of the application.

The committee agreed to a brief adjournment and reconvened with all members present.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant the renewal of the private hire car driver licence, subject to the condition that the licence holder, being afforded one further opportunity, passes the knowledge test within 3 months of the date of this decision.

CL7. Revocation/Suspension Hearing in Relation to a Taxi Driver Licence

Mr G, the licence holder, was in attendance.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer which provided information on an application for the revocation/suspension hearing in relation to a taxi driver licence.

The applicant spoke in support of his application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a brief adjournment and reconvened with all members present.

Decision

The committee agreed to suspend the taxi driver licence with immediate effect for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence or until you meet the DVLA Group 2 Regulations Standard, whichever is sooner.

The decision was on the ground of public safety in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Schedule 1 paragraph 11 (2).

CL8. Application for the Grant of a New Taxi Driver Licence

The committee was advised that this matter had fallen and did not require to be considered.

CL9. Application for the Renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver Licence

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer which provided information on an application for the renewal of a private hire car driver licence.

Questions were asked by members of the committee.

Decision

The committee agreed to refuse the application for renewal of a private hire car driver licence on the ground that the licence holder had failed to sit and pass the knowledge test within 12 months of the licence being granted. The ground was other good reason for refusing the licence in accordance with Section 5 (3) (d) to Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

CL10. Application for the Renewal of a Street Trader Licence

Mr J, the applicant, Mr S, his agent, and Sergeant Simpson, Police Scotland were in attendance.

It had not been possible for an interpreter to be present at the same time as the licence holder's representative.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of the item to a future meeting to allow an interpreter to be in attendance.