

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2013 at 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, McLuckie and Nicol.

CONVENER: Councillor Nicol.

ATTENDING: Chief Governance Officer; Licensing Co-ordinator; Senior Solicitor (F Kobiela); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

CL1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Hughes, McNally, Ritchie and Turner.

CL2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

CL3. MINUTE

There was submitted and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 13 March 2013.

CL4. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY 2013

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 2 April 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 February to 28 February 2013 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2002; and (b) notifications of public processions received during the same period.

CL5. 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 Paragraphs 3 & 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

CL6. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT - MARCH 2013

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 3 April 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer giving an overview of enforcement action taken with regard to Civic Licensing activities during March 2013.

NOTED.

CL7. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr B, together with his representative, Mr S, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 2 April 2013 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 the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

The applicant's representative, Mr S, spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED to **RENEW** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions.

CL8. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr L, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 2 April 2013 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 the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr L spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED:-

- (1) to **RENEW** the licence for a period of six months with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of taxi drivers and subject to the standard conditions; and
- (2) that in the event of a renewal application being submitted, authority to determine the application without appearance before the Committee was delegated to officers provided that no supervening circumstances occurred which would require the application to come before Committee.

CL9. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr M, was not in attendance. The Licensing Co-ordinator advised that he had spoken with the applicant by telephone and was advised that the applicant wished to withdraw the application at this time. This was subsequently confirmed in writing by the applicant.

NOTED.