#### 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.

**AGENDA ITEM 4** 

#### FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: LIST OF **APPLICATIONS** GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS NOTIFICATIONS AND OF **PUBLIC PROCESSION RECEIVED IN MARCH 2013** Meeting: CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE Date: 8 May 2013 Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide to Members details of all applications made under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 which were granted by officers under delegated powers along with notifications of Public Processions between 1 March and 31 March 2013.

#### 2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Appendices to this report provide details of applications granted by officers under delegated powers and notifications of Public Processions during March.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 details new and renewal applications made under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in relation to taxi and private hire.

Application Type	Private Hire Operator	Private Hire Driver	Taxi Operator	Taxi Driver
New	2	3	2	4
Renewal	19	9	43	77

#### March 2013 – Appendix 1

2.3 Appendix 2 details all other types of new and renewal applications made under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

#### March 2013 – Appendix 2

Application	Туре	Number
Late Hours Catering	New	1
Late Hours Catering	Renewal	1
Metal Dealer	New	1
Miscellaneous Permission	Temporary	2
Public Charitable Collection	Temporary	4
Skin Piercing and Tattooing	New	1
Skin Piercing and Tattooing	Renewal	2
Street Trader (Static)	Temporary	1
Window Cleaner	New	2

2.4 Appendix 3 details the parades and marches notified to the licensing authority. This differs from the other applications received as the statutory requirement is for the Licensing Authority to be notified of a proposed parade or march rather than for an organisation to apply for a licence to hold a parade or march. During March 19 notifications were received.

# 3. **RECOMMENDATION**

# 3.1 It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

Chief Governance Officer Date: 30 April 2013

Contact Officer: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator (telephone 501262)

# LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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APPENDIX 1

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26	031	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	18/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Flemings Taxis (Falkirk)
27	027	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	18/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Flemings Taxis (Falkirk)
28	083	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	18/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Stowe, Robert
29	034	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	19/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	McFarlane, lan
30	082	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	27/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Young, Barry Andrew
31	074	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	28/02/2013	Delegate	15/03/2013	Bruce Taxis Ltd
32	075	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	28/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Bruce Taxis Ltd
33	073	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	28/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Bruce Taxis Ltd
34	0949	Taxi Driver	New	04/02/2013	Delegate	05/03/2013	Clark, Fiona
35	1915	Taxi Driver	New	18/02/2013	Delegate	19/03/2013	Singh, Tajinder Pal
36	1914	Taxi Driver	New	18/02/2013	Delegate	28/03/2013	McGlynn, Kevin Robert
37	1916	Taxi Driver	New	20/02/2013	Delegate	21/03/2013	Black, Seona Cunningham
38	0455	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Mackie, John
39	1472	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Glyde, John Robert M
40	1051	Taxi Driver	Renewal	28/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Mallet, John Richard
4	0368	Taxi Driver	Renewal	28/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Cafferty, Kelvin McKenzie
42	0991	Taxi Driver	Renewal	28/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Martin, Derek
43	1009	Taxi Driver	Renewal	28/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	West, Robert
44	1476	Taxi Driver	Renewal	29/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	McMeechan, Louise
45	0301	Taxi Driver	Renewal	29/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Fawcett, George Rankine
46	0953	Taxi Driver	Renewal	29/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Paterson, John
47	0343	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Armstrong, Gordon
48	0063	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Christie, James
49	6000	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Day, Daryoosh Djamshidy
50	0390	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Brookes, George Rankin Wallace
51	0243	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Dalgliesh, Gordon Brownie
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78	1721	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Acheson, Francis King
62	1479	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Russell, William Wyllie
80	1828	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Strang, David
<u>8</u>	0053	Taxi Drīver	Renewal	19/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Anderson, George
82	0141	Taxi Driver	Renewal	19/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Bowie, Maureen June
83	0938	Taxi Driver	Renewal	19/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Laidlaw, David
84	1776	Taxi Driver	Renewal	20/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Mackie, Richard James
85	1716	Taxi Driver	Renewal	20/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Peacock, Lee Callaghan
86	1527	Taxi Driver	Renewal	20/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Smith, Stewart Craig
87	1727	Taxi Driver	Renewal	21/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Imrie, William
88	1777	Taxi Driver	Renewal	21/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Brunyee, Paul Michael
88 89	0693	Taxi Driver	Renewal	22/02/2013	Delegate	22/03/2013	Crawford, Peter
6	1774	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Green, Scott John
9	0148	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Pryde, Peter
92	1296	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Tulloch, James
93	1868	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Brodie, Craig
8	0762	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Duncan, Andrew
95	1295	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Black, Alan John
96 06	1586	Taxi Driver	Renewai	26/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Risk, Andrew Robert
26	1048	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	McGrandles, David
86 86	1044	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Shepherd, Ronald
66	1430	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Griffiths, Philip Henry
0 <sup>+</sup> 0	1031	Taxi Driver	Renewal	27/02/2013	Delegate	30/03/2013	Adam, David
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8 1	279	Taxi Operator	Renewal	28/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Cafferty, Kelvin McKenzie
11 0	337	Taxi Operator	Renewal	29/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Flemings Taxis (Falkirk)
12 0	320	Taxi Operator	Renewal	29/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Fawcett, George Rankine
12	391	Taxi Operator	Renewal	29/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	McArthur, Derek
5 73	318	Taxi Operator	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Christie, James
12 3	313	Taxi Operator	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Brookes, George Rankin Wallace
12	343	Taxi Operator	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Day, Daryoosh Djamshidy
12 5	306	Taxi Operator	Renewal	30/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Dalgliesh, Gordon Brownie
12 6	352	Taxi Operator	Renewal	31/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Paterson, Anne
12	308	Taxi Operator	Renewal	31/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Mill, George
8 12	315	Taxi Operator	Renewal	31/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Barker, Paul Michael
9	274	Taxi Operator	Renewal	31/01/2013	Delegate	01/03/2013	Dunn, Malcolm
0 13	432	Taxi Operator	Renewal	04/02/2013	Delegate	08/03/2013	Fourways Taxis
13	183	Taxi Operator	Renewal	05/02/2013	Delegate	08/03/2013	McNelly, Laura

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# APPENDIX 3

# Procession applications received between 01/03/2013 and 31/03/2013

Ref Number	Notification	Organisation Name	Procession
11-17	01/03/2013	Save Grangemouth Children's Day Funds	27/04/2013
11-18	05/03/2013	Bannockburn Orange & Purple District No. 2	18/05/2013
11-19	06/03/2013	1st Polmont Boys' & girls Brigade	24/03/2013
11-20	08/03/2013	Grangemouth Children's Day	22/06/2013
11-21	15/03/2013	Grangemouth Divine Truth LOL 187	29/06/2013
11-22	15/03/2013	Grangemouth Divine Truth LOL 187	29/06/2013
11-23	15/03/2013	Grangemouth Divine Truth LOL 187	29/06/2013
1 <b>1-24</b>	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-25	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-26	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland	29/06/2013
11-27	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-28	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-29	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-30	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-31	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland	29/06/2013
11-32	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-33	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-34	15/03/2013	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, Falkirk District 36	29/06/2013
11-35	26/03/2013	Caldercruix & Slamannan Walker Club	25/05/2013

#### FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject:CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT - MARCH 2013Meeting:CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEEDate:8 May 2013Author:CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members will recollect that at the February meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee, the activity of enforcement within Civic Licensing was introduced for information.
- 1.2 It was agreed that future reports detailing enforcement action undertaken recently would be brought before Members for information.
- 1.3 Various aspects of enforcement undertaken by the Licensing Enforcement Officer in April 2013 are outlined in the following sections of the report.

# 2. TAXI/ PRIVATE HIRE CAR CHECKS

- 2.1 The Licensing Enforcement Officer routinely carries out spot checks of taxis and private hire car vehicles to ensure compliance with licence conditions.
- 2.2 The checks take place at various taxi ranks and other places within the district. The checks consist of a range of items including the following:-
  - Id badge/ Licence
  - Plates displayed
  - Tariff Sheet
  - Fire Extinguisher
  - First Aid Kit
  - Taximeter seal
  - No commercial adverts displayed on the vehicle
  - No smoking signs displayed
  - Taxi roof sign
  - Condition of vehicle
- 2.3 In April 2013, 35 taxis and 4 private hire cars were inspected by the Licensing Enforcement Officer. All of these checks were in order with the exception of the following matters:-

Taxi Operator 440 – The taximeter was found to be running 4 minutes slow. This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 26.

Taxi Operator 435 – The first aid kit and fire extinguisher were missing from the vehicle. In relation to the first aid kit this is a breach of the taxi inspection test. The fire extinguisher is a breach of taxi licence condition number 8.

Taxi Operator 067 – The rear taxi plate was positioned in the rear window. This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 5.

Taxi Driver 165 – The driver did not have his taxi driver licence. This is a breach of taxi driver licence condition number 8.

Taxi Operator 146 – The tariff sheet was missing from the vehicle. This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 16.

Taxi Operator 445 – The fire extinguisher was missing from the vehicle. This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 8.

Taxi Operator 415 – The taximeter was found to be running 4 minutes slow. This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 26.

Private Hire Car Operator 032 – The taximeter seal was missing. This is a breach of private hire car licence condition number 23.

Private Hire Car Operator 006 – The rear private hire car plate was positioned in the rear window. This is a breach of private hire car licence condition number 5.

Taxi Operator 397 – The taximeter was found to be running 4 minutes slow. This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 26.

Private Hire Car Driver 346 – The driver did not have his private hire car driver licence. This is a breach of private hire car driver licence condition number 8.

Taxi Operator 086 – The taximeter seal was missing and the rear taxi plate was positioned in the rear window. The taximeter seal is a breach of taxi licence condition number 25. The rear plate is a breach of taxi licence condition number 5.

Private Hire Car Operator 043 – The taximeter seal was missing and the vehicle was found to have two defective tyres. The taximeter seal is a breach of private hire car licence condition number 23. The defective tyres are a breach of private hire car licence condition number 1.

2.4 All driver/ operators with outstanding issues were written to and requested to present the vehicle with missing equipment/ documentation at the Licensing section. All have now fully complied.

# 3. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT CHECKS

- 3.1 During April 2013, the Licensing Enforcement Officer undertook 23 civic licensing compliance checks/enquiries.
- 3.2 The compliance checks/enquiries involved the following civic activities:-
  - Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's) three enquiries carried out.
  - Street Trader two checks carried out.
  - Second Hand Dealers nine checks carried out.
  - Late Hours Catering four checks carried out.
  - Skin Piercing three checks carried out.
  - Market Operator one enquiry carried out.
  - Metal Dealer one check carried out.
- 3.3 These checks consist of a range of items including the following:-
  - Licence type
  - Licence holder details
  - Day to day manager details (if applicable)
  - Id badge/ Licence
  - Register check (if applicable)
  - Vehicle details (if applicable)
  - Occupants details
- 3.4 All of these checks were in order with the exception of the following matters:-
  - Unlicensed late hours catering premises at Main Street, Bainsford. The owner of the business did not renew the late hours catering licence. The premises were subsequently visited to and it was established that the owner had forgotten to renew his licence. The owner was given appropriate advice and thereafter written to confirming that the premises should close at 11pm until such times as a late hours catering licence has been granted. A new application has since been received.
  - A busker performing in the High Street, Falkirk was found to be selling CD's of his music. He was advised that such an activity required a street trader licence and to cease trading. A letter and application form was subsequently posted out to him.
- 3.5 In addition to the above, the Licensing Enforcement Officer carried out 3 taxi Knowledge tests involving 11 candidates. 14 site notice checks were also carried out.

# 4. CIVIC LICENSING COMPLAINTS

4.1 No complaints were received during April 2013.

- 4.2 One complaint carried over from March 2013, was dealt with as follows:-
  - A female motorist complained about a taxi driver allegedly pulling away into the path of her vehicle causing her to stop abruptly. The taxi driver allegedly left his taxi and was verbally abusive to the complainer. The taxi driver was interviewed and claimed that he had stopped and left his taxi when the complainer had allegedly sounded her horn in a continuous manner. He was quite adamant that he had not been verbally abusive to the complainer. A warning letter reminding the taxi driver to conduct himself in a civil and proper manner at all times was issued and his file updated. A letter advising of the course of action undertaken was sent to the complainer.

# 5. **RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

Chief Governance Officer Date: 30 April 2013

Contact Officer: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator (telephone 501262)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS None