

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2007 at 9.30 AM.

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Councillors Blackwood, Hughes, Kenna, McLuckie, Nicol, Thomson and Waddell.

CONVENER: Councillor Nicol.

APOLOGIES: Councillors McNally and Nimmo.

ATTENDING: Director of Development Services; Acting Director of Law and Administration Services; Committee Services Officer (B Douglas) and Senior Licensing Assistant (I Renton).

CL1. MINUTE

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** Minute of Special Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 27 March 2007.

CL2. 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.

CL3. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant Mr W, Chief Inspector Hutchison and Sergeant McIntyre entered the meeting at this point.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 9 August 2007 by the Director of Development Services on an application for a new taxi driver licence advising (a) on the background to the application; (b) that the applicant had previous spent and unspent convictions recorded against him, and (c) on a letter of objection received from Central Scotland Police.

No preliminary matters being raised on the Police letter of objection, copies were tabled.

The Chief Constable's representative was heard in support of the police objection.

Questions were then asked of the Chief Constable's representative by members.

The applicant was heard in support of his application and on the circumstances of the spent and unspent convictions.

Questions were then asked of the applicant by members.

AGREED that a short adjournment take place to enable the Committee to hear advice from the Acting Director of Law and Administration Services.

The applicant and the Chief Constable's representatives left and were then recalled to the meeting.

AGREED that the application for a new taxi driver licence be **REFUSED** on the grounds referred to in Paragraph 5, sub paragraph 3 (a)(ii) of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, namely that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a licence.

The applicant and the Chief Constable's representatives left the meeting at this point.

CL4. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 9 August 2007 by the Director of Development Services on an application for the renewal of a taxi operator licence advising on the background to the application.

The applicant was not in attendance.

AGREED that the matter be adjourned to a future meeting of the Committee to enable the applicant to address the Committee.

CL5. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 9 August 2007 by the Director of Development Services on an application for the renewal of a taxi operator licence advising on the background to the application.

The applicant was not in attendance.

Copies of a faxed letter with appended garage invoices from the applicant were circulated to members.

AGREED that the matter be adjourned to a future meeting of the Committee to enable the applicant to address the Committee.

CL6. CIVIC APPLICATIONS HEARD BY THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services dated 9 August 2007 providing details of two civic licensing applications for the grant of two new taxi driver licences that were determined by the Director of Development Services during the recess using delegated powers.

NOTED the decisions taken by the Director of Development Services at the meeting on 3 August 2007.