

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2013 at 2.00 P.M.

COUNCILLORS: Baillie William Buchanan
Baillie Joan Paterson (Depute Convener)
Provost Pat Reid (Convener)
Sandy Turner

OFFICERS: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator
Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor
Brian Samson, Licensing Enforcement Officer (for agenda item 5 (minute CL68))
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Officer

CL64. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Blackwood.

CL65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

CL66. MINUTE

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee on 4 September 2013 was approved.

CL67. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS RECEIVED IN AUGUST 2013

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 August to 31 August 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.

Decision

The Committee noted the Report.

CL68. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – AUGUST 2013

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer giving an overview of enforcement action taken with regard to Civic Licensing activities during August 2013.

Decision

The Committee noted the Report.

CL69. 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.

CL70. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF AN ADDITIONAL TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE

A Director of the applicant company, Mr F, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of an additional taxi operator licence (a) advising of the background to the application, and (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received.

Mr F spoke in support of the application and submitted a letter from himself in support of the application, a copy of which was circulated to the Committee.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions.

CL71. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr H, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application, and (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received.

Mr H spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the applicant be given a final opportunity to take and pass the knowledge test;
- (2) that, should the applicant fail the knowledge test, to authorise the Chief Governance Officer to refuse the licence without further reference to Committee;
- (3) that, should the applicant pass the knowledge test, officers would arrange for the applicant to sit the Council's medical test;
- (4) that, should the applicant pass both tests, to authorise the Chief Governance Officer to grant the taxi driver licence; and
- (5) that, should the applicant pass the knowledge test but fail the medical test, that the application be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.