

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2014 at 9.30 A.M.

COUNCILLORS:

Jim Blackwood
Gordon Hughes
Baillie Joan Paterson
Provost Pat Reid (Convener)
Anne Ritchie

OFFICERS:

Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor
Brian Samson, Licensing Enforcement Officer (for agenda item 5 (minute CL101))
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Officer

CL97. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie Buchanan, Depute Provost Patrick and Councillors McNally and Turner.

CL98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

CL99. MINUTE

Decision

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

CL100. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER 2013

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 and 30 November 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.

CL101. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – NOVEMBER 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 November 2013.

Decision

The Committee noted the Report.

CL102. 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.

CL103. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR LICENCE

The applicant, Mr S, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a private hire car operator licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received; and (c) narrating a request from the applicant for partial exemption from the condition requesting certain information to be affixed to the licensed vehicle by means of stickers.

Mr S spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED that a short adjournment take place to enable the Committee to consider the submission.

The applicant, Mr S, left and was then recalled to the meeting.

Decision

The Committee agreed to renew the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions as approved but with a variation to condition 8 to allow the sign referred to, to be a magnetic sign of similar size and design supplied by the Licensing authority and paid for by the applicant. The licenceholder will be excused the duty to display the sign when undertaking executive and corporate hire work but must affix it to the vehicle when undertaking another private hire car activities. The magnetic sign must be kept within the vehicle at all times.

CL104. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A STREET TRADER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr G, entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a renewal of a street trader 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 G spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to renew the licence for a period of three years subject to the standard conditions.