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**MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 29 MAY 2014 at 9.30 A.M.**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Jim Blackwood  
Baillie William Buchanan  
Baillie Joan Paterson  
Depute Provost John Patrick  
Provost Pat Reid  
Sandy Turner

**OFFICERS:**

Shona Barton, Committee Services Officer  
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 CL14))

**CL10. APOLOGIES**

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Ritchie.

**CL11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**CL12. MINUTE**

**Decision**

**The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee on 23 April 2014 was approved.**

**CL13. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS RECEIVED IN MARCH 2014**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 and 31 March 2014 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.**

**CL14. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – MARCH 2014**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer giving an overview of enforcement action taken with regard to Civic Licensing activities during March 2014.

**Decision**

**The Committee noted the Report.**

**CL15. 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.

**CL16. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING LICENCE**

The applicant Ms R entered the meeting along with John Sleith, Food and Safety Regulation Manager.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new skin piercing and tattooing licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) outlining the licence conditions; (c) detailing the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (d) summarising the experience and training of the proposed tattooist.

Mr Sleith confirmed the premises had been inspected and were suitable.

Ms R spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

**Decision**

**The Committee agreed to grant the skin piercing and tattooing licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions.**

**CL17. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A TEMPORARY STREET TRADER LICENCE**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a temporary street trader licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr Douglas advised the Committee that the applicant was unlikely to be in attendance at the meeting. Following contact with her prospective employer, he had been advised that the applicant was no longer a prospective employee.

**Decision**

**The Committee noted that the application for a temporary street trader licence was dropped due to want of insistence.**

**CL18. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW WINDOW CLEANER LICENCE**

The applicant Mr M entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new window cleaner licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr M spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

**Decision**

**The Committee agreed to grant the application for a new window cleaner licence for a shorter period of 12 months, having regard to the applicant's record, subject to the standard conditions.**

**CL19. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR LICENCE**

The applicant Mr C 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 (c) narrating a request from the applicant for dispensation from the condition requesting certain information to be affixed to the licensed vehicle by means of stickers.

Mr C spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to renew the private hire car operator licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions as approved but with a variation to condition 8 to allow the applicant a dispensation from displaying the signs referred to when engaged on executive and corporate work.**

## **CL20. VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Provost Reid advised of a variation to the order of business from that detailed on the agenda for the meeting. The following items have been recorded in the order that they were taken.

## **CL21. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant Mr D entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report 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 D spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to renew the taxi driver licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of taxi drivers.**

## **CL22. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant Mr M entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a private hire 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 M spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to renew the private hire car driver licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of private hire car drivers.**

## **CL23. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE**

The applicant Mr W entered the meeting along with his friend Mr K.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a taxi operator 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 W and Mr K spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to renew the taxi operator licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions.**

**Having been advised that the applicant also held a taxi driver licence, the Committee determined that, should a renewal application for that licence be received, authority to grant it without appearance before the Committee should be delegated to the Chief Governance Officer provided that there was no change in the applicant's circumstances in the intervening period.**

## **CL24. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant Mr J entered the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new private hire car driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr J spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

## **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to grant the application for a new private hire car driver licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of private hire car drivers.**