Agenda Item 3

Minute

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Minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

<u>Councillors:</u>	David Aitchison David Balfour Lorna Binnie Robert Bissett Jim Blackwood Gordon Hughes (Convener) James Kerr
<u>Officers</u> :	Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor Stuart Murray, Trainee Governance Assistant Isabel Renton, Senior Licensing Assistant

CL60. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf Depute Provost Ritchie and Councillors Buchanan, Flynn.

CL61. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bissett declared a non-financial interest in Item CL65 as his daughter-in-law assessed this item in her role as the Food and Safety Coordinator within the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Unit, and stated that he would recuse himself from consideration of the item, having regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

CL62. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 1 November 2017 was approved.

CL63. List of Applications Granted Under Delegated Powers in October 2017 and Notifications of Pending Public Processions

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing the applications granted under delegated powers between 1 and 31 October 2017 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and notifications of pending public processions.

Decision

The committee noted the report.

CL64. 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.

In accordance with his earlier declaration, Councillor Bissett left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

CL65. Application for the Grant of New Skin Piercing and Tattooing Licence

The applicant, Mr K, and the proposed tattooist Mr G entered the meeting. L Bissett the Food and Safety Co-ordinator, and A Johnson an Environmental Health Officer also entered the meeting.

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.

L Bissett and A Johnson were heard in regard to the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the committee.

The applicant, Mr K spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 10.20 a.m. and reconvened at 10.35 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt with the exception of Councillor Bissett.

Decision

The committee Agreed to grant the skin piercing and tattooing licence for a period of one year subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. That the Licenceholder is present at all times
- 2. That the Risk Assessment is amended to the satisfaction of Environmental Health and Trading Standards.

Councillor Bissett rejoined the meeting prior to the next item of consideration.

CL66. Application for the Renewal of a Taxi Driver Licence

The applicant, Mr D, and his employer Mr M entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application received for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising on the background to the application; (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

The applicant, Mr D spoke in support of the application.

Mr M, then spoke in support of the character of the applicant.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

Decision

The committee agreed to renew the taxi driver licence subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.

CL67. Application for the Renewal of a Taxi Operator Licence

The applicant, Mr D and colleague Mr M entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application received for the renewal of a taxi operator licence (a) advising on the background to the application; (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

The applicant, Mr D spoke in support of the application.

Mr. M, the colleague of Mr D spoke in support of the character of the applicant.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 10.45 a.m. and reconvened at 10.50 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

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

CL68. Applications for the Grant of 3 New Private Hire Car Operator Licences and 1 New Taxi Operator Licence

Mr B entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on applications for the grant of 3 new private hire car operator licences and 1 taxi operator licence, the consultations carried out and responses received.

Mr B spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 11.10 a.m. and reconvened at 11.15 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant 3 new private hire car operator licences and 1 taxi operator licence subject to the standard conditions for the period of one year.

CL69. Application for the Renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver

The applicant Mr D, and PC G Hutchieson Police Scotland and Sergeant C Mackenzie Police Scotland, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a revised report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application received for the renewal of a private hire car operator licence (a) advising on the background to the application; (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record. The report included a letter of objection submitted by Police Scotland in respect of the licenceholder.

Mr D confirmed that he had no objection to the letter of complaint being circulated, following which the letter was circulated to members.

Sergeant Mackenzie then spoke in amplification of the letter of objection

Questions were asked of PC Hutchieson and Sergeant Mackenzie by members of the Committee.

The applicant spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 11.45 a.m. and reconvened at 11.55 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to renew the private hire car driver licence subject to the standard conditions for a period of six months with a warning letter from the date of the committee.