

Minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

**Councillors:** David Aitchison

David Balfour Lorna Binnie Robert Bissett Jim Blackwood

Provost William Buchanan Gordon Hughes (Convener) Depute Provost Ann Ritchie

Officers: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator

Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer

Dale Inglis, Licensing Assistant Frances Kobiela. Senior Solicitor

# CL68. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Flynn.

### CL69. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

### CL70. Minute

## **Decision**

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 28 November 2018 was approved.

CL71. List of Applications Granted Under Delegated Powers in November and December 2018, Notifications of Public Processions Pending, Breakdown of Taxi and Private Hire Licences in Operation

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing the applications granted under delegated powers during November and December 2018 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

### Decision

The committee noted the report.

# CL72. Knowledge Test Failures

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing details of five applications for new taxi driver licences, the knowledge test opportunities, and the options available to members.

#### Decision

The committee refused to grant taxi driver licences for Ms Lewis; Mr Ferri; Mr Inglis; Ms Smith, and Mr Nelson in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 13(5) on the grounds that the applicants, having failed to pass the knowledge test, had failed to satisfy the Authority that they had adequate knowledge of the area to which the licence relates; the layout of roads in the area and of the Council's licence conditions.

### CL73. 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.

# CL74. Application for the Renewal of a Private Hire Car Operator Licence

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

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing details of an application for the renewal of a private hire car operator licence, the consultations carried out, the responses received, and detailing the applicant's record.

Sergeant Mackenzie, Police Scotland was heard in relation to the Chief Constable's letter of representation which had been submitted in relation to the application.

There being no questions to Sergeant Mackenzie, the applicant, Mr McC was heard in support of the application.

Questions were asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment. On reconvening, all members were present as per the sederunt.

#### Decision

## The committee agreed:-

- (1) to renew the private hire car operator licence, subject to the standard conditions for a period of 12 months, and
- (2) that if the applicant applies to renew his current taxi driver licence, and if he has not incurred any convictions additional to the convictions considered at this meeting, to authorise the Chief Governance Officer to grant the renewal of the taxi driver licence, without the requirement to refer the matter to committee.

## CL75. Application for the Grant of a New Taxi Driver Licence

The applicant, Mr G, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing details of an application for the grant of a new taxi driver licence, the consultations carried out, the responses received, and detailing the applicant's record.

Mr G was heard in support of the application.

Questions were asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment. On reconvening, all members were present as per the sederunt.

## **Decision**

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

### CL76. Application for the Renewal of a Late Hours Catering Licence No.190

The applicant's agent Mr Sandeman, entered the meeting. The applicant was not in attendance.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the renewal of a late hours catering licence.

The committee noted that one objection had been received in respect of the application but that the objector was not in attendance.

The applicant's agent advised that he had no preliminary matters to raise concerning the validity of the objection. Accordingly, a copy of the objection was circulated to members.

The applicant's agent was heard in response to the issues raised in the objection and in clarification of questions raised by members.

Thereafter the applicant's representative was heard in support of the application.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment. On reconvening, all members were present as per the sederunt.

#### Decision

The committee agreed to renew the late hours catering licence, subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.

# CL77. Application for the Grant of a New Late Hours Catering Licence

Mr R, the director of the applicant company, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the grant of a new late hours catering licence.

Mr R spoke in support of the application.

Questions were asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment. On reconvening, all members were present as per the sederunt.

#### Decision

The committee agreed to grant the late hours catering licence, subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.

## CL78. Application for the Grant of a New Late Hours Catering Licence

Mr R, the director of the applicant company, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the grant of a new late hours catering licence.

Mr R spoke in support of the application.

Questions were asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment. On reconvening, all members were present as per the sederunt.

#### Decision

The committee agreed to grant the late hours catering licence, subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.

## CL79. Application for the Grant of a New Late Hours Catering Licence

Mr R, the director of the applicant company, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the grant of a new late hours catering licence.

Mr R spoke in support of the application.

Questions were asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment. On reconvening, all members were present as per the sederunt.

#### Decision

The committee agreed to grant the late hours catering licence, subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.

## CL80. Application for the Grant of a New Late Hours Catering Licence

Mr R, the director of the applicant company, and Mr C, an objector, both entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the grant of a new late hours catering licence.

The committee noted that an objection had been received in respect of the application and that the objector was in attendance.

The applicant advised that he had no preliminary matters to raise concerning the validity of the objection. Accordingly, a copy of the objection was circulated to members.

The objector was invited to speak in amplification of his objection. At this point, the objector advised that he wished to withdraw his letter of objection.

Thereafter, Mr R spoke in support of the application.

Questions were asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment. On reconvening, all members were present as per the sederunt.

## Decision

The committee agreed to grant the late hours catering licence, subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.