

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2014 at 9.30 AM.

COUNCILLORS:

Jim Blackwood
Gerry Goldie
Linda Gow
Adrian Mahoney
Craig Martin
Dr Craig R Martin
Malcolm Nicol
Alan Nimmo

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF RELIGIOUS
BODIES:**

Hector Cairns
Margaret Coutts
Rev Michael Rollo

CO-OPTEES:

Martin Craigen (Parent Representative)
Marnie McKay (Pupil Representative)
Margaret Smith (Teacher Representative)

OFFICERS:

Shona Barton, Committee Services Officer
Danny Cairney, Accountancy Services Manager
Nigel Fletcher, Joint Acting Director of Education
Gary Greenhorn, Joint Acting Director of Education
Eileen Hutton, Childcare Provision Co-ordinator
Kenny McNeill, Acting Head of Service Support, Resources
and Infrastructure
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
Anne Pearson, Acting Head of Schools/Curriculum Support

EE30. APOLOGIES

Councillor D Goldie, Jude Ainsley (Parent Representative), Fiona Craig (Teacher Representative) and Ross Nixon (Pupil Representative).

EE31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

EE32. MINUTE

Decision

The minutes of meeting of the Education Executive held on 29 October 2013, and the special meeting of the Education Executive held on 16 December 2013 were approved.

EE33. REPORT BACK ON THE FINDINGS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE EXPANSION OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE TO 600 HOURS PER ANNUM

The Education Executive considered a report by the joint Acting Director of Education which (a) informed of the results of the consultation exercise undertaken in relation to the expansion of early learning and childcare to 600 hours per annum, and (b) outlined the proposals and made recommendations for implementing the changes to existing service provision and delivery from August 2014.

As part of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill, the Scottish Government proposes to introduce an additional 125 hours per annum of early learning and childcare provision as from August 2014. The Education Executive, at the meeting on 29 October 2013, agreed that a consultation be undertaken by Education Services on the options for families and children to access these extra hours.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed:-

- 1) to note the contents of the responses contained within the consultation report attached as Appendix 1 of the report;
- 2) to endorse the proposals of Education Services to implement option 2 as detailed in section 5.1 of the report;
- 3) to note that the Nursery Education Admissions Policy will be reviewed and submitted to the Education Executive for approval in due course;
- 4) that Education Services will provide a further report to Education Executive in April 2014 providing:
 - an implementation update
 - details of the proposed capital investment, and
- 5) that Education Services will carry out a further consultation early in 2015 as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report.

Councillor Gow entered the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item of business.

EE34. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2014-17

The Education Executive considered a report by the joint Acting Director of Education which presented for approval the draft Local Improvement Priorities for the 3 year period 2014-17.

The report outlined the background to the planning process, including providing information on the consultation process and how the priorities will contribute to the council's corporate goals. Information was also provided on how each of the individual priorities will be developed and used by schools to develop individual plans. The priorities will also be incorporated into the Service Improvement Plan for 2014-17 which will be presented to the council's Performance Panel at the appropriate time.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed to endorse the draft Local Improvement Priorities for Education for inclusion in the Education Services Performance Plan for 2014-17.

EE35. POLITICAL LITERACY AND THE REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE FOR SCOTLAND

The Education Executive considered a report by the joint Acting Director of Education which set out how Education Services and Falkirk schools plan to address the issues of political literacy and the referendum on independence for Scotland.

Political literacy is an important component of the Curriculum for Excellence and is central to citizenship education. The issue of political literacy has been given added significance by the referendum on independence for Scotland which will take place on 18 September 2014 as 16 and 17 year olds will be entitled to vote. A strategy paper has been developed to assist schools in developing political literacy amongst pupils and prepare them for the referendum. The strategy paper was attached as an appendix to the report for approval.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed to:-

- 1) note the Curriculum for Excellence Briefing 14 and the guidance 'Political literacy and the referendum on independence for Scotland', and**
- 2) approve the strategy paper 'Educating Young People for the Referendum in Falkirk Schools'.**

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY 2014
Meeting: CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date: 23 April 2014
Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide to Members details of all applications made under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 which were granted by officers under delegated powers along with notifications of Public Processions between 1 and 28 February 2014.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Appendices to this report provide details of applications granted by officers under delegated powers and notifications of Public Processions during February 2014.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 details new and renewal applications made under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in relation to taxi and private hire.

February 2014 – Appendix 1

Application Type	Private Hire Operator	Private Hire Driver	Taxi Operator	Taxi Driver
New	1	0	1	1
Renewal	3	4	13	17

- 2.3 Appendix 2 details all other types of new and renewal applications made under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

February 2014 – Appendix 2

Application	Type	Number
Booking Office	New	1
Late Hours Catering	Renewal	1
Public Entertainment	New	1
Window Cleaner	Renewal	1

- 2.4 Appendix 3 details the parades and marches notified to the licensing authority. This differs from the other applications received as the statutory requirement is for the Licensing Authority to be notified of a proposed parade or march rather than for an organisation to apply for a licence to hold a parade or march. During February, 8 notifications were received.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.



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Chief Governance Officer

Date: 10 April 2014

Contact Officer: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator (telephone 501262)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Taxi/Private Hire

Appendix 1

	Reference No.	Type	Type	Date Received	Status	Decision Date	Individual
1	365	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	Mahmood, Asad
2	364	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	06/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Hagen, David James
3	338	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	07/01/2014	Delegate	17/02/2014	Prentice, James Craig
4	302	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	10/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Robb, Arthur
5	086	Private Hire Car Operator	New	08/01/2014	Delegate	07/02/2014	Falkirk Taxi Cabs Ltd
6	063	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	07/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Prentice, James Craig
7	058	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	15/01/2014	Delegate	26/02/2014	Bruce Taxis Ltd
8	059	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	15/01/2014	Delegate	26/02/2014	Bruce Taxis Ltd
9	1949	Taxi Driver	New	25/11/2013	Delegate	04/02/2014	McArthur, William
10	0185	Taxi Driver	Renewal	03/01/2013	Delegate	08/02/2014	Briggs, Alan
11	1281	Taxi Driver	Renewal	02/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	MacKenzie, Cameron Glen
12	1826	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/12/2013	Delegate	25/02/2014	Wisdom, Brian Stewart
13	1632	Taxi Driver	Renewal	27/12/2013	Delegate	12/02/2014	Graham, James Edward George
14	1579	Taxi Driver	Renewal	27/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	Young, Barry Andrew
15	1521	Taxi Driver	Renewal	27/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	Martin, Richard
16	0852	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	12/02/2014	Doig, Alistair Thomson
17	1463	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	Simpson, Derek Thomas
18	1691	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	Cairns, Norman Thomas
19	0927	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	Watson, Robert David
20	1908	Taxi Driver	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	18/02/2014	McDonald, Martin Daniel
21	1473	Taxi Driver	Renewal	06/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Orr, Ian Duncan
22	1230	Taxi Driver	Renewal	06/01/2014	Delegate	24/02/2014	Paterson, Alan
23	0455	Taxi Driver	Renewal	07/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Mackie, John
24	0886	Taxi Driver	Renewal	07/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Faichney, David John
25	1689	Taxi Driver	Renewal	08/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Struthers, Allan John
26	1590	Taxi Driver	Renewal	13/01/2014	Delegate	12/02/2014	White, James

	Reference No.	Type	Type	Date Received	Status	Decision Date	Individual
27	323	Taxi Operator	New	10/01/2014	Delegate	10/02/2014	Connell, Brian
28	193	Taxi Operator	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	Forsyth, Steven
29	273	Taxi Operator	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	McKee, Andrew
30	128	Taxi Operator	Renewal	30/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	McMeechan, Louise
31	002	Taxi Operator	Renewal	31/12/2013	Delegate	08/02/2014	Gibb, John Binnie Sinclair
32	127	Taxi Operator	Renewal	31/12/2013	Delegate	08/02/2014	White, Belinda Jane
33	346	Taxi Operator	Renewal	31/12/2013	Delegate	17/02/2014	McLaughlan, James
34	272	Taxi Operator	Renewal	03/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Briggs, Alan
35	175	Taxi Operator	Renewal	03/01/2014	Delegate	18/02/2014	Easton, Roy
36	301	Taxi Operator	Renewal	07/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Mackie, John
37	264	Taxi Operator	Renewal	09/01/2014	Delegate	08/02/2014	Chatburn, Roland Lindsay
38	269	Taxi Operator	Renewal	13/01/2014	Delegate	17/02/2014	McAlpine, Ian
39	319	Taxi Operator	Renewal	13/01/2014	Delegate	17/02/2014	Corrie, Brian
40	288	Taxi Operator	Renewal	14/01/2014	Delegate	17/02/2014	MacDonald, Hugh

Civic Applications

Appendix 2

	Licence No.	Type	Date	Name	Premises	Status	Date of Decision	Employee Name	Type
1	015	Booking Office	14/01/2014	Falkirk Taxi Cabs Ltd	7 Abbotsinch Court Grangemouth FK3 9UN	Delegate	28/02/2014	Gordon Alexander	New
2	230	Late Hours Catering	29/11/2013	Haji Muhammad	Natural Spice 6A Union Road Grangemouth FK3 8AB	Delegate	18/02/2014		Renewal
3	162	Public Entertainment	19/11/2013	Kenny Lightbody	Dye Hard 2 Burnbank Road Bainsford Falkirk FK2 7PE	Delegate	11/02/2014		New
4	378	Window Cleaner	09/01/2014	Gary McMillan		Delegate	12/02/2014		Renewal

APPENDIX 3

Procession applications received between 01/02/2014 to 28/02/2014

Ref No.	Notification	Organisation Name	Procession
14-01	03/02/2014	Apprentice Boys of Derry (Falkirk)	24/05/2014
14-02	03/02/2014	Apprentice Boys of Derry (Falkirk)	24/05/2014
14-03	05/02/2014	1 st Polmont Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade	30/03/2014
14-04	06/02/2014	Bonnybridge Sons of William Loyal Orange Lodge No. 211	15/03/2014
14-05	10/02/2014	Falkirk Delivers	12/04/2014
14-06	11/02/2014	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland Falkirk District 36	12/04/2014
14-07	21/06/2014	Grangemouth Children's Day	21/06/2014
14-08	17/05/2014	Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland Falkirk District 36	17/05/2014

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Subject: CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – FEBRUARY 2014
Meeting: CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date: 23 April 2014
Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Licensing Enforcement Officer undertook various aspects of enforcement in February 2014. Details of these are outlined in the following sections of the report.

2. TAXI/ PRIVATE HIRE CAR CHECKS

- 2.1 The Licensing Enforcement Officer routinely carries out spot checks of taxis and private hire car vehicles to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

- 2.2 The checks take place at various taxi ranks and other places within the district. The checks consist of a range of items including the following:-

- Id badge/ Licence
- Plates displayed
- Tariff Sheet
- Fire Extinguisher
- First Aid Kit
- Taximeter seal
- No commercial adverts displayed on the vehicle
- No smoking signs displayed
- Taxi roof sign
- Condition of vehicle

- 2.3 In February 2014, 24 taxis and 6 private hire cars were inspected by the Licensing Enforcement Officer. All of these checks were found to be in order.

3. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT CHECKS

- 3.1 During February 2014, the Licensing Enforcement Officer undertook 28 civic licensing compliance checks/enquiries.

- 3.2 These checks consist of a range of items including the following:-

- Licence type
- Licence holder details
- Day to day manager details (if applicable)

- Id badge/ Licence
- Register check (if applicable)
- Vehicle details (if applicable)
- Occupants details

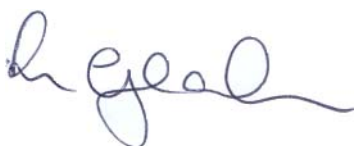
3.3 The compliance checks/enquiries involved the following civic activities:-

- Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's) – three enquiries were carried out in relation to three properties. Two of the properties were found to be not operating as an HMO. Investigations are still ongoing in relation to the other property.
- Second Hand Dealers – nine routine checks of licensed premises were carried out. All of the premises were found to be in order.
- Late Hours Catering – six routine checks were carried out and found to be in order. In addition, an enquiry was carried out into premises previously licensed. As a result a new application has been submitted.
- Street Trader – two routine checks were carried out with both being found to be in order.
- Window Cleaners – four checks were carried out as part of a joint exercise with the Police. All four persons were charged for operating without a licence. Three of them subsequently submitted applications for a licence.
- Booking Office – two checks were carried out and were both found to be in order.
- Public Entertainment – one check was carried out on licensed premises and was found to be in order.

3.4 In addition to the above, the Licensing Enforcement Officer carried out 2 knowledge tests involving 3 candidates. 6 site notice checks were also carried out.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.



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