

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015 at 9.30 A.M.

COUNCILLORS: Jim Blackwood
Gordon Hughes
Depute Provost John Patrick
Provost Reid (Convener)
Ann Ritchie
Sandy Turner

OFFICERS: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator
Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor
Brian Samson, Licensing Enforcement Officer

CL15. ORDER OF BUSINESS

In terms of Standing Order 15.2(i), 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.

CL16. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillies Buchanan and Paterson.

CL17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ritchie declared a non financial interest in item CL27 by virtue of having prior knowledge of the applicant, in consequence of which she recused herself from consideration of the item, having regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

CL18. MINUTE

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee on 22 April 2015 was approved.

CL19. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN MARCH 2015 AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS PENDING

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 and 31 March 2015 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, and (b) notifications of pending public processions.

Decision

The committee noted the report.

CL20. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – MARCH 2015

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 2015.

The committee noted the report.

CL21. 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.

CL22. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING LICENCE

The applicant, Ms D, was accompanied by her mother, Mrs D.

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.

Ms D 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.

CL23. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr R, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application, and (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received.

After hearing from the applicant in relation to his application, the committee **NOTED** that Mr R withdrew his application for a new taxi driver licence.

CL24. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr A, entered the meeting.

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

After hearing from the applicant in relation to his application, the committee **NOTED** that Mr A withdrew his application for a new taxi driver licence.

CL25. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr T, was in attendance.

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

Mr T spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the committee.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (a) that the applicant be given a final opportunity to take and pass the knowledge test;**
- (b) that, should the applicant fail the knowledge test, the Chief Governance Officer is authorised to refuse the licence without further reference to committee;**
- (c) that, should the applicant take and pass the knowledge test, officers would arrange for the applicant to sit the Council's medical test;**
- (d) that, should the applicant pass both tests, the Chief Governance Officer is authorised to grant the taxi driver licence, and**
- (e) that, should the applicant pass the knowledge test but fail the medical test, that the application be considered at a future meeting of the committee.**

CL26. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE NO.154

The applicant, Mr P, was accompanied by his wife, Mrs P.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a late hours catering licence no.154 (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) the applicant's record, and (c) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (d) attaching as appendices 1 & 2 respectively, the late hours catering policy and the late hours catering conditions.

Mr P spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

Decision

The committee agreed to renew late hours catering licence No.154 for a period of three years.

In accordance with her declaration of interest, Councillor Ritchie left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

CL27. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr S, was accompanied by his wife, Mrs S and his agent, Mr S. Mr A, Mr C, Mr D and Mr McV, objectors were also in attendance.

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

The applicant's agent, Mr S, raised a preliminary point relating to two material errors contained in the report. The Licensing Co-ordinator confirmed that the two dates referred to were incorrect, and offered apologies to both the applicant and Mr S. Thereafter, the seven letters of objection were circulated.

Mr D, objector, who had been nominated as the objectors' representative was heard in relation to the objections and in clarification of questions raised by Members.

No questions were asked of Mr D by the applicant's agent.

Mr S was then heard in support of his client's application.

Mr D asked questions of Mr S.

Questions were asked of the applicant's agent by Members of the committee.

Both parties summed up.

AGREED that a short adjournment take place to enable the committee to consider the submissions.

The applicant, his agent, wife and objectors left and were then recalled to the meeting.

Decision

The committee agreed to instruct officers to arrange for the applicant to undertake a medical; and should he fail the medical to remit the matter back to committee for consideration; should the applicant pass the medical, to authorise the Chief Governance Officer to grant the private hire car driver licence, subject to the standard conditions.

Councillor Ritchie re-joined the meeting.

CL28. APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF STREET TRADER LICENCE NO. 995

The applicant, Mr R, was in attendance.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the variation of a street trader licence no.995 (a) advising of the background to the application, including the proposed changes to the current trading schedule and proposed location plan set out in Appendices 1 to 3; (b) the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) attaching as appendices 4 to 5 the street trader's policy and street trader's conditions.

Mr R was heard in support of his variation application, the responses received and in clarification of questions raised by Members.

Decision

The committee refused the application for the variation of street trader licence No. 995 as there was no justification to depart from Council policy to allow trading within 500m of a school.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN APRIL 2015 AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS PENDING
Meeting: CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date: 17 June 2015
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 which were granted by officers under delegated powers between 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 along with pending Public Processions.

2. REPORT

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

April 2015 – Appendix 1

Application Type	Private Hire Operator	Private Hire Driver	Taxi Operator	Taxi Driver
New	1	5	1	3
Renewal	3	6	21	49

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

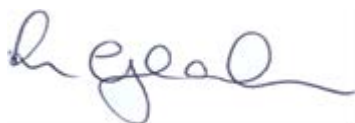
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Application	Type	Number
Itinerant Metal Dealer	New	1
Late Hours Catering	New	2
Late Hours Catering	Renewal	3
Market Operator	Temporary	1
Public Charitable Collection	Temporary	1
Second Hand Dealer	Renewal	1
Second Hand Dealer	New	1
Street Trader (Mobile)	New	1
Street Trader (Static)	Temporary	4
Street Trader (Static)	New	1
Theatre	Temporary	1
Window Cleaner	New	6
Window Cleaner	Renewal	3

- 2.4 Appendix 3 details 16 parades notified to the licensing authority which are currently pending. 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.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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



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Chief Governance Officer

Date: 8 June 2015

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	414	Private Hire Car Driver	New	03/03/2015	Delegate	01/04/2015	Summers, Lucy
2	415	Private Hire Car Driver	New	16/03/2015	Delegate	14/04/2015	McGuire, Steven Paul
3	417	Private Hire Car Driver	New	18/03/2015	Delegate	16/04/2015	Sturrock, John Neilson
4	416	Private Hire Car Driver	New	20/03/2015	Delegate	20/04/2015	Razzaq, Nouman
5	418	Private Hire Car Driver	New	27/03/2015	Delegate	27/04/2015	Campbell, Shona Helen
6	271	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	02/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	Middleton, Andrew
7	305	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	05/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	Sloan, James Michael
8	368	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	06/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Paterson, David George Rankine
9	386	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	10/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Khan, Javid
10	387	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	12/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Carr, Patrick
11	385	Private Hire Car Driver	Renewal	23/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Young, Mark
12	083	Private Hire Car Operator	New	03/03/2015	Delegate	01/04/2015	Hoehle, Veronica
13	036	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	12/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Fourways Taxis
14	079	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	17/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Jaffa, Graeme Charles
15	087	Private Hire Car Operator	Renewal	23/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Young, Mark
16	1994	Taxi Driver	New	16/01/2015	Delegate	14/04/2015	Mochrie, Steven
17	1998	Taxi Driver	New	28/01/2015	Delegate	01/04/2015	Ketchen, Philip
18	2005	Taxi Driver	New	24/03/2015	Delegate	23/04/2015	Padda, Harwinder Pal S
19	1599	Taxi Driver	Renewal	23/02/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	MacDonald, George Alexander
20	1777	Taxi Driver	Renewal	02/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	Brunyee, Paul Michael
21	1730	Taxi Driver	Renewal	03/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	Ritchie, David
22	0425	Taxi Driver	Renewal	03/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	MacDonald, Hugh
23	0360	Taxi Driver	Renewal	03/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	McKeever, James
24	1832	Taxi Driver	Renewal	03/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	Traynor, Paul
25	0200	Taxi Driver	Renewal	04/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	Eadie, David Allan
26	0966	Taxi Driver	Renewal	09/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Bahnsen, Fritz
27	1917	Taxi Driver	Renewal	09/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Wilson, Andrew Scobbie
28	0211	Taxi Driver	Renewal	10/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Lapsley, Robert
29	1589	Taxi Driver	Renewal	10/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Carroll, Edward Morton
30	0579	Taxi Driver	Renewal	10/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Parkes, Stephen MacRory
31	1916	Taxi Driver	Renewal	10/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Black, Seona Cunningham
32	1150	Taxi Driver	Renewal	12/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Pringle, Janet
33	1732	Taxi Driver	Renewal	13/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Brown, Kevin
34	1073	Taxi Driver	Renewal	13/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	McGuckin, Kevin
35	1471	Taxi Driver	Renewal	16/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Buchanan, James
36	1915	Taxi Driver	Renewal	16/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Singh, Tajinder Pal
37	1120	Taxi Driver	Renewal	16/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Floyd, William George
38	1862	Taxi Driver	Renewal	16/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Aitken, James Matthew
39	1720	Taxi Driver	Renewal	17/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Benton, Bryan Colin
40	0154	Taxi Driver	Renewal	17/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Ballantyne, John
41	0122	Taxi Driver	Renewal	17/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Ballantyne, Carole
42	0187	Taxi Driver	Renewal	17/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Craig, William
43	1299	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Geoghegan, Terence
44	0799	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	McBride, Leslie Hart
45	0296	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	McCurdie, James
46	1784	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	McDonald, William
47	1139	Taxi Driver	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Martin, Stuart Cowan Gillespie
48	1346	Taxi Driver	Renewal	19/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Servera-Gomila, Juan
49	1242	Taxi Driver	Renewal	19/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	MacLennan, Alistair Hendry
50	0008	Taxi Driver	Renewal	20/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Coleman, William
51	0916	Taxi Driver	Renewal	20/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Wright, Charles
52	1639	Taxi Driver	Renewal	20/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Turner, Colin Charles
53	1103	Taxi Driver	Renewal	23/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Gray, Stuart Cochrane

	Reference No.	Type	Type	Date Received	Status	Decision Date	Individual
54	0054	Taxi Driver	Renewal	23/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Dickie, Alexander Allan
55	1855	Taxi Driver	Renewal	24/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Nolan, Peter
56	1873	Taxi Driver	Renewal	24/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Friel, Gordon
57	1717	Taxi Driver	Renewal	24/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Irwin, Frank
58	1834	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Thomson, Alan
59	0344	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Daly, Patrick William
60	1729	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Hardie, Stuart James
61	0041	Taxi Driver	Renewal	25/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	McKellar, John Campbell
62	1536	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Stephen, Grant
63	1721	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Acheson, Francis King
64	1147	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Ferguson, Peter Murray
65	0040	Taxi Driver	Renewal	26/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Price, Vincent
66	0587	Taxi Driver	Renewal	27/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Paterson, William
67	1779	Taxi Driver	Renewal	27/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Quinn, Charles
68	072	Taxi Operator	New	09/03/2015	Delegate	07/04/2015	Findlater, William Lyon
69	377	Taxi Operator	Renewal	03/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	McKeever, James
70	403	Taxi Operator	Renewal	04/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	Eadie, David Allan
71	480	Taxi Operator	Renewal	04/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	McBlain, George
72	385	Taxi Operator	Renewal	04/03/2015	Delegate	02/04/2015	McBlain, George
73	221	Taxi Operator	Renewal	09/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Paterson, Kenneth
74	404	Taxi Operator	Renewal	09/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Bahnsen, Fritz
75	376	Taxi Operator	Renewal	10/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Leitch, Russell James
76	289	Taxi Operator	Renewal	10/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Kerr, Ian Robert
77	333	Taxi Operator	Renewal	11/03/2015	Delegate	13/04/2015	Geoghegan, Patrick Joseph
78	469	Taxi Operator	Renewal	17/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Ballantyne, Carole & John
79	405	Taxi Operator	Renewal	17/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Lapsley, Robert
80	431	Taxi Operator	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	McCurdie's Taxis
81	380	Taxi Operator	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	McBride, Leslie Hart
82	126	Taxi Operator	Renewal	18/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	DF Taxi Services Ltd
83	058	Taxi Operator	Renewal	19/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	MacKay, David Livingstone
84	455	Taxi Operator	Renewal	19/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Campbell, Ian
85	381	Taxi Operator	Renewal	20/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Coleman, William
86	517	Taxi Operator	Renewal	23/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	Dickie, Alexander Allan
87	394	Taxi Operator	Renewal	24/03/2015	Delegate	17/04/2015	Parkes, Stephen MacRory
88	410	Taxi Operator	Renewal	25/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	McKellar, John Campbell
89	246	Taxi Operator	Renewal	27/03/2015	Delegate	24/04/2015	McGrandles, David

	Licence No.	Type	Date	Name	Premises	Status	Date of Decision	Employee Name	Type
1	005	Itinerant Metal Dealer	27/03/2015	Stuart Robertson		Delegate	28/04/2015		New
2	247	Late Hours Catering	03/02/2015	Ennan Luo	The New Merlin 72 High Station Road Falkirk FK1 5QX	Delegate	28/04/2015		New
3	251	Late Hours Catering	11/02/2015	Four in One Fast Foods Limited	Four in One 356 Main Street Stenhousemuir Falkirk FK5 4BL	Delegate	28/04/2015	Samantha Duncan	New
4	231	Late Hours Catering	09/02/2015	Muhammad Akram	Tasty Grill 70 Ladysmill Falkirk FK2 9AU	Delegate	20/04/2015		Renewal
5	202	Late Hours Catering	19/02/2015	Mohammad Afzal	Naz Tandoori 5 Melville Street Falkirk FK1 1HZ	Delegate	20/04/2015		Renewal
6	154	Late Hours Catering	16/02/2015	Imal Pushtonzai	Hot Kebabs 20A Melville Street Falkirk FK1 1HZ	Delegate	07/04/2015		Renewal
7	062	Market Operator	25/03/2015	Falkirk Towns Ltd	Shopping Precinct Stenhousemuir Shopping Precinct Stenhousemuir	Delegate	22/04/2015	Mary-Jane Armstrong	Temporary
8	/0199	Public Charitable Collection	11/03/2015	Strathcarron Hospice		Delegate	20/04/2015	Angela Gillies	Flag Day
9	240	Second Hand Dealer	12/02/2015	Central Demolition Limited	Central Demolition Limited Chattan Industrial Estate Bonnybridge Road Bonnybridge FK4 2AG	Delegate	07/04/2015	Kevin Fitzpatrick	Renewal
10	396	Second Hand Dealer	15/01/2015	Forth Carz Ltd	Forth Carz Ltd Unit 1A Castle Laurie Industrial Estate Falkirk FK2 7XF	Delegate	07/04/2015	Colin Dennis	New
11	1256	Street Trader (Mobile)	12/01/2015	June Margaret McGaw		Delegate	20/04/2015		New
12	1282	Street Trader (Static)	27/04/2015	Alistair Crear Moodie		Delegate	28/04/2015		Temporary
13	1283	Street Trader (Static)	27/04/2015	Adele Margaret McGowan		Delegate	28/04/2015		Temporary
14	1284	Street Trader (Static)	27/04/2015	Ross James Frame		Delegate	28/04/2015		Temporary
15	1271	Street Trader (Static)	02/04/2015	Scott McCormick		Delegate	02/04/2015		Temporary
16	1262	Street Trader (Static)	20/02/2015	Patricia Braidwood	Sam's Diner Site South East Of 2 Castings Court Castings Road Falkirk	Delegate	20/04/2015		New
17	028	Theatre	06/02/2015	Young Portonian Theatre Company	Bowhouse Community Centre Bowhouse Road Grangemouth	Delegate	08/04/2015		Temporary
18	332	Window Cleaner	26/03/2015	John Francis Stephen Kerr		Delegate	28/04/2015		Renewal
19	447	Window Cleaner	27/03/2015	John Gibson		Delegate	28/04/2015		New
20	448	Window Cleaner	27/03/2015	William McLintock		Delegate	28/04/2015		New
21	451	Window Cleaner	25/03/2015	Allan Peter Davidson		Delegate	28/04/2015		New
22	452	Window Cleaner	26/03/2015	Harrison Crawford		Delegate	28/04/2015		New
23	446	Window Cleaner	25/03/2015	Stuart Black		Delegate	28/04/2015		New
24	450	Window Cleaner	26/03/2015	Gyula Hubert		Delegate	28/04/2015		New
25	327	Window Cleaner	25/03/2015	William Gibson		Delegate	28/04/2015		Renewal
26	027	Window Cleaner	25/03/2015	Alexander Watt Black		Delegate	28/04/2015		Renewal

APPENDIX 3

Ref Number	Notification Date	Organisation	Proposed Date	Expected No of Marchers	Comments Deadline	Status	Route1
31	14-Apr-15	Slamannan Bible and Crown Defenders LOL 227	11-Jul-15	70	27-Jun-15	Pending	7.30 am - Slamannan New Street, Main Street, High Street, Bennie Terrace, Culloch Road, Balcastle Road, Rumlie, Southfield Drive, Balquhatstone Crescent, Castlehill Avenue, Rashiehill Road, Bank Street, Blinkbonnie Terrace, disperse.
34	14-Apr-15	Slamannan Bible and Crown Defenders LOL 227	11-Jul-15	70	27-Jun-15	Pending	7.00 pm - Slamannan Blinkbonnie Terrace, Bank Street, High Street, Main Street, New Street, Avonbridge Road, High Street, memorial garden, disperse.
38	27-Apr-15	Sir William Wallace Grand Lodge of Scotland Free Colliers	01-Aug-15	100	18-Jul-15	Pending	12.00 noon - Braes Area Youth Community Hall Shieldhill, Elim Drive, Main Street, to Reddingmuirhead, Reddingmuirhead Road, Colliery Road, cross rail footbridge, Livingstone Terrace, Redding Cross stopping at memorial, Main Street. Redding stopping at Quoit Bar, Main Street, School Road, turn right onto Redding Road towards Laurieston Square stopping at the Tam Bain Bar. Leave Tam Main, Mary Street, Polmont Road, Westquarter Avenue, Dovecote Road, Woodburn Avenue, Redding Road, stopping at Unity Club. Leave Unity Club turning right onto Redding Road, Maddiston Road, stopping at Brightons Masonic Hall. Leave Masonic Hall, Maddiston Road, Wagon Road, Wallacestone Brae, Strandrigg Road, Wallacestone Monument for speeches, leave Monument turn left down Wallacestone Brae towards Reddingmuirhead, turn left onto Forthview Terrace, finish at Reddingmuirhead Institute.
45	06-May-15	Denny True Blues LOL 257	11-Jul-15	70	27-Jun-15	Pending	8.00 am - Denny Assemble at Orange Hall, onto West Borland Road, onto Nethermains Road, onto Duke Street, onto Stirling Street, onto Rosebank bus terminal.

46	06-May-15	Denny True Blues LOL 257	11-Jul-15	70	27-Jun-15	Pending	5.00 pm – Denny Assemble at Rosebank Bus Terminal, onto Stirling Street, onto Duke Street, onto Nethermain Road, onto Westborland Road.
47	08-May-15	Bonnybridge Sons of William Loyal Orange Lodge 211	11-Jul-15	60	27-Jun-15	Pending	8.00 am - Bonnybridge Assemble at Anderson Park, turn left into Falkirk Road, onto High Street, onto Dunure Street, onto Larbert Road, onto Peathill Road and concluding at car park at Masonic Hall.
48	08-May-15	Bonnybridge Sons of William Loyal Orange Lodge 211	11-Jul-15	60	27-Jun-15	Pending	5.00 pm - Bonnybridge Assemble at Foundry Road, onto Broomhill Road, onto Bridge Street, onto High Street, onto Drove Loan, onto Larbert Road, onto Peathill Road and conclude at masonic hall car park.
49	11-May-15	Bannockburn Orange & Purple District No.2	11-Jul-15	300	27-Jun-15	Pending	9.30 am - Airth Commence at Footbal park, proceed onto Netherby Road, onto Main Street, stop at Cenotaph, onto Shore Road, onto Paul Drive, onto Miller Place, onto Elphinstone Crescent, onto Main Street, onto Netherby Road and conclude at football park.
50	14-May-15	Gillespies True Blues Loyal Orange Lodge 231	11-Jul-15	70	27-Jun-15	Pending	8.00 am - Shieldhill Depart from Braeside football park, onto Paterson Drive, onto Parkend Crescent, onto Mavisbank Avenue, onto Greencraig Avenue, onto Herdshill Avenue, onto onto Mavisbank Avenue, onto Greenmount Drive, onto Elim Drive, onto Crosshall Place onto Main Street onto Anderson Crescent, onto Main Street and conclude at Welfare Hall.
51	18-May-15	Samuel Frickleton VC Memorial RBP 1917	08-Aug-15	50	25-Jul-15	Pending	7.30am - Slamannan Assemble at Fire Station on New Street, proceed to Main Street, High Street, Cenotaph at Bennie Terrace (to lay a wreath), proceed onto Station Road, onto Culloch Road, Balcastle Road, Rashiehill Road, The Rumlie, Southfield Drive, Balquiststone Crescent, Castlehill, Rashiehill Road, Bank Street, Blinkbonnie Terrace and disperse.

52	18-May-15	Samuel Frickleton VC Memorial RBP 1917	08-Aug-15	50	25-Jul-15	Pending	4.00 pm - Slammanan Depart from Blinkbonnie Terrace, proceed onto Bank Street, onto High Street and lay a wreath at the Remembrance garden, exit and disperse at the large lay-by.
53	21-May-15	Gillespies True Blues Loyal Orange Lodge 231	11-Jul-15	50	27-Jun-15	Pending	4.30 pm - Sheildhill Braeside football park, onto Paterson Drive, onto Parkend Crescent, onto Mavisbank Avenue, onto Greencraig Avenue, onto Herdhill Avenue, onto Mavisbank Avenue, onto Greenmount Drive, onto Elim Drive, onto Crosshall Place, onto Main Street, onto Anderson Crescent and then onto Main Street and conclude at the Welfare Hall.
54	21-May-15	Airth Highland Games	25-Jul-15	30	11-Jul-15	Pending	12.30 pm - Airth Community Centre turn onto A905 Main Street (towards Stirling), proceed along Graham Terrace, turn down Netherby Road, enter North Green Park (access from corner of Netherby Road and the Wilderness)
55	26-May-15	Royal British Legion	22-Aug-15	200	08-Aug-15	Pending	12 noon - Grangemouth Commence from Dundas Street, onto Wallace Street, onto Abbotts Road, onto Bo'ness Road, onto Service Road, onto La Porte Precinct , through the Precinct turning right onto Kerse Road, onto Dundas Street concluding at the Legion Building.
59	02-Jun-15	Slamannan Historical Society	01-Jul-15	80	17-Jun-15	Pending	6.30 pm - Slamannan Assemble at Slamannan Church , onto Main Street, onto High Street, onto Cenotaph, onto Memorial Gardens, return to Church via the Main Street.
60	04-Jun-15	Society of Sir William Wallace	18-Jul-15	100	04-Jul-15	Pending	1.30 pm - Falkirk Assemble at Old Churchyard Falkirk Trinity (Old Parish), proceed along Manse Place, onto High Street, onto East Bridge Street, across Corporation Street, along Eastburn Drive and Avenue onto the Memorial Cairn within Callendar Park.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – APRIL 2015
Meeting: CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date: 17 June 2015
Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Licensing Enforcement Officer undertook various aspects of enforcement in April 2015. 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/ Taxi-Private Hire Licence
- DVLA driving 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 April 2015, 20 taxis and 3 private hire cars were inspected by the Licensing Enforcement Officer. The majority of these checks were found to be in order with the exception of the following matters:-

Private Hire Car Driver 397 – was found not to be carrying a private hire car driver licence.

This is a breach of private hire car driver licence condition number 2.

Taxi Operator 514 – failing to display the front plate.

This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 5.

Taxi Drivers 449, 582, 1546 & 1801 – were found not to be carrying a taxi driver licence.

This is a breach of taxi driver licence condition number 2.

The operators were written to and requested to attend the licensing offices and provide evidence that the matters detailed have been attended to. They have now fully complied.

3. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT CHECKS

3.1 During April 2015, the Licensing Enforcement Officer undertook 16 civic licensing compliance checks and enquiries.

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

- Second Hand Dealers – one routine check of licensed premises was carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct, that the licence was being properly displayed and that the register of sales was being kept up to date. All was found to be in order.
- Late Hours Catering – three routine checks of licensed premises were carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct and that the licence was being properly displayed. All was found to be in order.
- Skin Piercing – three routine checks of licensed premises were carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct and that the licence and notices were being properly displayed. All was found to be in order. One check was carried out at premises which have applied for a licence to ensure that they are not operating before a licence is granted. The visit confirmed that they were not operating.
- Public Entertainment – one enquiry was made regarding a forthcoming event. A temporary licence application was subsequently made.
- Booking Office – one enquiry was made to identify a driver regarding a taxi complaint. A routine check was also carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct, that the licence was being displayed properly and that the booking register was being kept up to date. Everything was found to be in order.
- Houses in Multiple Occupation – three enquiries were carried out. It was established that one property was occupied by three unrelated people. The owner and Letting Agent were contacted and appropriate action was taken to remove the persons from the property. It was established that the other two properties were not operating as HMO's.
- Street Trader – one routine check of a licensed street trader (snack van) was carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct and that the licence was being carried. All was found to be in order. One other licensed street trader (coffee van) was checked and a variation form was issued in relation to a change of route.

- Knife Dealer - one routine check of licensed premises was carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct, that the licence and appropriate notices were being displayed properly and that the register of sales was being kept up to date. The premises were found to be fully compliant.

3.3 In addition to the above, the Licensing Enforcement Officer carried out 9 knowledge tests involving 12 candidates. 6 site notice checks were also carried out.

4. CIVIC LICENSING COMPLAINTS

A complaint was received from a male person alleging that a taxi driver had refused to take him as a hire as he had his guide dog with him. A second taxi driver was also alleged to have informed him that he could only take him as a hire if the car windows were open. Enquiry established that the first taxi driver has an allergy to animals and that he suffers from a severe allergic reaction when in close contact with them. He has since produced a letter from his doctor confirming this. The taxi driver has made a request for a notice of exemption which will be considered by Members later on in the agenda at today's meeting. The second driver when interviewed stated that he had informed the male that he would take him as a hire, but that the driver's window would be slightly open on the journey. This driver has previously been involved in conveying members of the Falkirk Blind Club along with their guide dogs and maintained that he always asks if he can drive with his window slightly open.

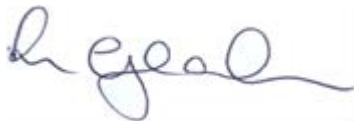
A complaint was received from a male person alleging that a taxi driver who attended for him did not know where Main Street, Larbert or Bothkennar was. The taxi driver was subsequently interviewed and claimed that he knew where Main Street, Larbert, was but that the hire had requested to go to a particular shop premises, that he had not heard of, and had not mentioned Main Street to him. He also claimed that he knew where Bothkennar was but that the hire had told him to go to Bothkennar Town, which he had not heard of.

A complaint was received from a male alleging that a taxi driver had been driving in what he considered was a dangerous manner and that the taxi driver had also made rude hand gestures to him when he had sounded his horn. The taxi driver was subsequently interviewed and denied the allegation. He claimed that his driving manoeuvre had been carried out in a proper manner and that he had been almost past the complainer's vehicle when he noticed the complainer indicate to pull out. He also added that when the complainer had sounded his horn he had raised his hand to acknowledge him and that he had not made any form of gesture towards him. The taxi driver also claimed that he had submitted a letter of complaint to the Police about the incident as the complainer had followed him to a taxi rank to remonstrate with him, but that he had ignored him.

The complainants were advised of the outcomes and were satisfied with the course of action undertaken.

5. RECOMMENDATION

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



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Chief Governance Officer

Date: 8 June 2015

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None