

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth, on Wednesday 4 October 2006 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors Cowan, Flynn, A Grant, E Grant, Mulheron and Wilson.

In Attendance: D Braidwood, L Brown and C White (all Corporate Services) and Superintendent I Bell (Tayside Police).

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

633. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in Article 637.

634. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 23 August 2006 (Arts. 522-530) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

635. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OF LICENCE FOR HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION, DALLERIE COTTAGE, DALLERIE, CRIEFF – HMO96

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/681) together with (1) two letters of objection, dated 19 June 2006 and 7 July 2006; (2) Fire Safety Inspection report from the Chief Fire Officer, Tayside Fire and Rescue, dated 6 September 2006; (3) Inspection Report letter from the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services to the applicant, dated 13 September 2006 and (4) applicant's staff accommodation policy, regarding consideration of application for House in Multiple Occupation Licence No. HMO96.

The applicant's representative, Ms Sarah Glen, was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. Mr Richard Anderson, an objector to the application, was also in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO DISCUSS THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Application for grant of Licence for House in Multiple Occupation HMO96 be deferred to the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 15 November 2006 in order that Council Officers, Tayside Fire and Rescue Service and the applicant provide further information on the application to the Committee.

636. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD169

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/682) together with a letter of representation from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 4 July 2006 regarding consideration of suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD169.

The applicant, Mr Charles Logan, was in attendance, accompanied by Mr Bob Band. Mr Logan and Mr Band addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The representative of the Chief Constable also answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD169 be not suspended.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6, COUNCILLOR WILSON DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DECISION THEREON.

637. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD372

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/683) together with two letters of representation from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 25 and 28 August 2006 regarding consideration of application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD372.

The applicant, Mr Donald Stewart, was in attendance and represented by Mr Stewart Hunter, Solicitor. The applicant and his representative addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The representative of the Chief Constable also answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No, TD372 be granted for a period of one year, with effect from 29 September 2006, subject to attendance at a Vernon Manfield training course.

COUNCILLOR WILSON RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

COUNCILLOR COWAN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

638. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD289

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/684) together with letter of representation from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 24 July 2006 regarding consideration of application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD289.

The applicant, Mr Naeem Ahmad Khan, was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members questions. The representative of the Chief Constable also answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD289 be granted for a period of three years, with effect from 4 October 2006.

639. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE NO. WC99

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/685) together with letter of representation from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 4 July 2006, regarding consideration of application for grant of Window Cleaner's Licence No. WC99.

The applicant failed to attend.

Resolved:

Consideration of application for grant of Window Cleaner's Licence No. WC99 be deferred to the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 15 November 2006 in order that the applicant may appear before the Committee in person.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973

640. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD325

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/686) together with letter of representation from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 1 August 2006, regarding consideration of application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD325.

The applicant failed to attend.

Resolved:

Consideration of application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD325 be deferred to the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 15 November 2006 in order that the applicant may appear before the Committee in person.

641. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF SECOND HAND MOTOR DEALER'S LICENCE NO. MD20

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/687) together with letters of representation from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 22 November 2005 and 26 June 2006 regarding consideration of application for renewal of Second Hand Motor Dealer's Licence No. MD20.

The applicant and his legal representative were in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The representative of the Chief Constable also answered members' questions.

THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO DISCUSS THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

The renewal application for Second Hand Motor Dealer's Licence No. MD20 be granted for a period of six months, with effect from 6 June 2006.