

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth, on Wednesday 12 July 2006 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors Cowan, Dow, Flynn, Mulheron and Wilson.

In Attendance: D Braidwood, L Brown and C White (all Corporate Services) and Chief Inspector R Ross (Tayside Police).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Grant and E Grant.

Councillor Mulheron, Vice Convener, Presiding.

480. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

481. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 30 May 2006

The Minute of Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 30 May 2006 (Arts. 343-344) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(b) Licensing Committee of 31 May 2006

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 31 May 2006 (Arts. 345-360) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

482. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – TAXI FARE REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/527) outlining the outcome of the review of the scale of fares for taxis in the Perth and Kinross area.

Resolved:

- (i) There be no change to the current level of charges.
- (ii) A further review of the scale of fares for taxis in the Perth and Kinross area be undertaken in 2007.

483. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – AMENDED LICENCE FEES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/528) recommending the adoption of a reduced licence fee for second hand dealers who trade exclusively at specialist fairs.

Resolved:

The adoption of a reduced licence fee for second hand dealers who trade exclusively at specialist fairs be approved as follows:-

- (a) The fee for second hand dealers at antique fairs be £50.
- (b) The fee for second hand dealers at stamp, record and book fairs be £25.

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

484. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD167

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/529) together with a letter of objection from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police dated 28 March 2006 regarding consideration of application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Driver's Licence No. TD167.

The applicant failed to attend. The Committee noted that the applicant had failed to attend the two previous meetings of the Licensing Committee. The representative of the Chief Constable answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Driver's Licence No. TD167 be refused on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

485. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE NO. WC97

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/530) together with letter of representation from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police dated 14 June 2006 regarding consideration of application for grant of Window Cleaner's Licence No. WC97.

The applicant was in attendance 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:

Application for grant of Window Cleaner's Licence No. WC97 be granted for a period of six months, with effect from 12 July 2006.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

486. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD184

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/531) regarding consideration of application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD184.

The applicant was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Consideration of application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD184 be deferred to the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 23 August 2006, in order that the applicant might produce written evidence prior to the next meeting regarding the arrangements which had been put in place with the Council's Revenue Division in respect of his Council Tax liabilities.

487. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD119

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/532) regarding consideration of application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD119.

The applicant failed to attend. The Committee noted that the applicant had failed to attend the two previous meetings of the Licensing Committee.

Resolved:

Application for grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD119 be refused on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

488. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD657

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/533) regarding consideration of application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD657.

The applicant was in attendance and accompanied by a colleague. The applicant answered members' questions and provided details of his Council Tax position.

THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO DISCUSS THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD657 be granted for a period of one year, with effect from 14 March 2006.

489. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. TD97

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/534) regarding consideration of application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD97.

The applicant was in attendance and accompanied by a colleague. The applicant answered members' questions and provided details of his Council Tax position.

THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO DISCUSS THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD97 be granted for a period of three years, with effect from 10 June 2006.

490. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF SECOND-HAND DEALER'S LICENCE NO. SD214

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (06/535) regarding consideration of application for grant of Second-Hand Dealer's Licence No. SD214.

The applicant failed to attend.

Resolved:

Consideration of application for grant of Second-Hand Dealer's Licence No. SD214 be deferred to the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 23 August 2006 in order that the applicant might appear before the Committee in person.