

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 20 September 2012 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors Jack Coburn, Bob Ellis, Rhona Brock, John Flynn and Douglas Pover.

In Attendance: Inspector D Winter and S Michie, Licensing Supervisor (both Tayside Police); L Clark, W Gibson, M Baker and Y Oliver (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillors Dennis Melloy and Mac Roberts.

Councillor Jack Coburn, Presiding.

469. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

470. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the Licensing Committee of 16 August 2012 (Arts. 378-389) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

471. SUSPENSION OF SECOND-HAND DEALER'S LICENCE – SD370

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/408), together with (i) letter from W Gibson, Licensing Enforcement Officer, dated 17 July 2012, to the Clerk to the Licensing Committee; (ii) letters from W Gibson, Licensing Enforcement Officer, dated 26 March 2012, 12 March 2012, 7 February 2012 and 25 January 2012 to the licence holder; and (iii) letter from the licence holder, dated 24 March 2012, to W Gibson, Licensing Enforcement Officer, regarding consideration of suspension of Second-Hand Dealer's Licence SD370.

The Committee noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda as the issue had been resolved.

472. VARIATION TO CONDITION 7 OF STREET TRADER'S LICENCE – ST268

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/409), together with Location Plan indicating the requested trading area, regarding an application for Variation to Condition 7 of Street Trader's Licence ST268. Photographs of the area were tabled at the meeting.

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

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Resolved:

Variation to Condition 7 of Street Trader's Licence ST268 be granted for a period of 3 years, with effect from 20 September 2012.

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.

473. SUSPENSION OF STREET TRADER'S LICENCE – ST248

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/410), together with letter dated 23 August 2012 from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, requesting immediate suspension of Street Trader's Licence ST248.

The applicant was in attendance, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions. A representative from Tayside Police also addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Street Trader's Licence ST248 be suspended for the duration of the licence (i.e to 30 October 2014) on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Street Trader's Licence.

474. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1251

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/411), together with letters of objection dated 30 August 2012 and 19 December 2005 from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, regarding consideration of Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1251.

The Committee noted that this item had been withdrawn by the applicant.

475. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1236

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/412), together with letter of representation, received on 3 July 2012 from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, regarding consideration of Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1236.

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

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1236 be granted for a period of one year, with effect from 20 September 2012.

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476. SUSPENSION OF WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE – WC226

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/413) together with letter dated 14 August 2012 from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, requesting immediate suspension of Window Cleaner's Licence WC226.

The licence holder was not in attendance.

Resolved:

Window Cleaner's Licence WC226 be suspended for the duration of the licence (i.e. to 30 May 2013) on the grounds that the licence holder is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Window Cleaner's Licence.

477. GRANT OF SECOND-HAND DEALER'S LICENCE – SD382

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/414) regarding consideration of Grant of Second-Hand Dealer's Licence SD382.

The applicants were in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. A representative of Tayside Police also answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Second-Hand Dealer's Licence SD382 be granted for a period of 3 years with effect from 20 September 2012.

478. RENEWAL OF TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE – TO112

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (12/415) regarding consideration of Renewal of Taxi Operator's Licence TO112.

The Committee noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda as the issue had been resolved.

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