LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 26 June 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors J Coburn (Convener), B Ellis (Vice-Convener), J Flynn, D Melloy and M Roberts.

In Attendance: Chief Superintendent J Leslie (up to and including Art. 502), Mr B Kerr, Licensing Supervisor and Mrs S Michie (all Police Scotland); Mr B Farquharson, Station Manager for Dundee East (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) (up to and including Art. 502); K McNamara (The Environment Service) (up to and including Art 502); M McLaren, N Storrar and J Frawley (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillors R Brock and D Pover.

J Coburn (Convener), Presiding.

498. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies were submitted and noted as above.

499. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

500. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Licensing Committee of 15 May 2014 (Arts. 335-348) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

501. REVIEW OF THE CONDITIONS 1.1.9 AND 1.1.10 OF THE T IN THE PARK PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/313), regarding review of the conditions 1.1.9 and 1.1.10 of Public Entertainment Licence PE150.

Mr C Rodger, on behalf of DF Concerts, applicant, was in attendance accompanied by their agent Sir C Agnew. Chief Superintendent J Leslie, on behalf of Police Scotland, was in attendance accompanied by their agents Ms A Newlands and Mr S Blair. B Ferguson, on behalf of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, was in attendance. K McNamara, Head of Environmental and Consumer Services, was in attendance.

The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The representative of the licence holder addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Public Entertainment Licence PE150 be varied to (i) replace conditions 1.1.9 and 1.1.10 with the single condition as detailed in section 1.7 of report 14/313 and (ii) waive the 28 day approval period for the provision of necessary services for the 2014 event to 7 days, with effect from 26 June 2014.

502. PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: T IN THE PARK, BALADO AIRFIELD, KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/312), regarding variation of the number of camping tickets available for the Thursday of the event.

Mr C Rodger, on behalf of DF Concerts, applicant, was in attendance accompanied by their agent Sir C Agnew. Chief Superintendent J Leslie, on behalf of Police Scotland, was in attendance accompanied by their agents Ms A Newlands and Mr S Blair. B Ferguson, on behalf of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, was in attendance. K McNamara, Head of Environmental and Consumer Services, was in attendance.

The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The representative of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. K McNamara addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The representatives of the licence holder addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Public Entertainment Licence PE150 be varied to increase the number of camping tickets available on the Thursday of the event to 40,000, with effect from 26 June 2014.

503. DRESS CODE FOR DRIVERS OF PRIVATE HIRE CARS AND TAXIS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/305), regarding consideration of introduction of a Dress Code for Drivers of Private Hire Cars and Taxis.

M McLaren addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

(i) Adoption of the Dress Code for Drivers of Private Hire Cars and Taxis, as detailed in appendix 2 of report 14/305 and (ii) Amendment of Condition 7 of 'The Blue Book' to incorporate the Dress Code for Drivers of Private Hire Cars and Taxis, be approved, with effect from 26 June 2014.

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.

504. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - TD1369

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/306), together with letter of information dated 12 May 2014 from Police Scotland, regarding consideration of Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1369.

The applicant was in attendance. The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1369 be granted for a period of 3 years, with effect from 26 June 2014.

505. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - TD1365

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/307), together with letter of information dated 2 May 2014 from Police Scotland, regarding consideration of Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1365.

The applicant was in attendance. The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1365 be granted for a period of 1 year, with effect from 26 June 2014.

506. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - TD1373

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/308), together with letter of representation dated 28 May 2014 from Police Scotland, regarding consideration of Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1373.

The applicant was in attendance. The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1373 be granted for a period of 1 year, with effect from 26 June 2014.

507. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - TD1358

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/309), together with letter of representation dated 1 April 2014 from Police Scotland, regarding consideration of Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1358.

The applicant was in attendance. The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1358 be granted for a period of 3 years, with effect from 26 June 2014.

508. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - TD1368

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/310), together with letter of objection dated 19 May 2014 from Police Scotland, regarding consideration of Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1368.

The applicant was in attendance. The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered members' questions and tabled: (i) an email; (ii) historical weather reports; and (iii) a photo in support of their case which were subsequently circulated to the Committee.

FOLLOWING TWO SHORT ADJOURNMENTS, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1368 be refused, on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1368.

509. RENEWAL OF A SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - SD410

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/311), regarding renewal of Second Hand Dealer's Licence SD410.

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

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