

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 11 December 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors J Coburn (Convener), B Ellis (Vice-Convener), R Brock, D Pover and M Roberts.

In Attendance: Mr B Kerr, Licensing Supervisor, Mrs S Michie and Constable P Blower (all Police Scotland); M McLaren, W Gibson, Y Oliver and N Storrar (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillors J Flynn and D Melloy.

J Coburn (Convener), Presiding.

805. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

806. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

807. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Licensing Committee of 11 September 2014 (Arts. 606-614) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

808. LICENSING SMART CARS FOR USE AS PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Mrs M McLaren, Solicitor, Perth and Kinross Council, advised the Committee that Report 14/536 had been withdrawn from the agenda at this time for further consultation and would be presented to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee.

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.

809. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1412

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/537), together with a letter of objection dated 17 November 2014 from Police Scotland regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1412.

The applicant was not in attendance.

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The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1412 be refused on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

810. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1400

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/538), together with letter of information dated 30 October 2014 from Police Scotland regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1400.

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 TD1400 be granted for a period of one year, with effect from 11 December 2014 subject to the usual terms and conditions of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

811. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1401

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/539), together with letter of representation dated 7 October 2014 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1401.

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1401 be refused on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

812. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1406

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/540), together with letter of information dated 31 October 2014 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1406.

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

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Resolved:

Taxi/Private Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1406 be granted for a period of 1 year, with effect from 11 December 2014, subject to the usual terms and conditions of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

813. SUSPENSION OF WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE – WC7

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/541) together with letter dated 11 November 2014 from Police Scotland requesting immediate suspension of Window Cleaner's Licence WC7.

Mrs M McLaren, Solicitor, Perth and Kinross Council, advised the Committee that the licence holder had surrendered his licence and therefore consideration of suspension of Window Cleaner's Licence WC7 was no longer necessary.

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