

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION PANEL - 8 OCTOBER 2003

Licensing and Registration Panel

Wednesday 8 October 2003 at 3.00 pm

Present: Provost Rebecchi (for Councillor Gallacher), McCormick (M), McKenzie, Moran, Snoddy and Tucker.

Chair: Councillor Snoddy presided.

In attendance: Mr G Douglas (for Director of Legal & Support Services).

Apologies: Councillors Gallacher and Nimmo.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Panel.

695 Application for Permit for Amusement with Prizes Machines 695
Viva, 204 Dalrymple Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on an application for a permit for amusement with prizes machines by Basilio Gonzalez to situate 2 machines within the premises known as Viva, 204 Dalrymple Street, Greenock.

Decided: that the application be granted.

696 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence 696
17 Kempock Street, Gourock

There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on an application by Roslyn Ghareh to allow the operation of a take away facility at 17 Kempock Street, Gourock for the following hours: Thursdays 11pm to 1.30am; Fridays and Saturdays 11pm to 1.30am; Sundays 11pm to 1am; Mondays to Wednesdays 11pm to 12.30am and on 24, 26 December and 2 January in each year 11pm to 1.30am. The Panel heard Mr Gordon, agent for the applicant in support of the application who indicated that his client would accept an amendment to permit the premises to open on Fridays and Saturdays until 1.30 am in addition to the current hours of operation.

Decided: that the application be granted as follows:-

- (a) Thursdays - 11 pm to 12.30 am
- (b) Fridays and Saturdays - 11 pm to 1 am
- (c) Sundays - 11 pm to 12 midnight
- (d) Mondays to Wednesdays - 11 pm to 12 midnight and on 24, 26 December and 2 January in each year 11 pm to 1 am.

697 Street Traders' Licences 697

There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal & Support Services requesting the Panel to consider an amendment to its procedure in the licensing of street traders under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decided:

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(1) that a trader who already holds a Street Trader's Licence and who wishes to trade during an event submits an application for a variation of his Street Trader's Licence and it be delegated to the Director of Legal & Support Services to determine the application (including the fee to be charged) in consultation with the appropriate officers and the local member where appropriate; and

(2) where a street trader does not have a valid Street Trader's Licence the application shall be treated as an application for a licence but, notwithstanding that the trading is intended from a fixed site or sites, because of the temporary nature of the events there shall be no requirement to advertise the proposal.

698 Taxi Fares Review

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There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on the results of the statutory consultation exercise and subsequent action taken in respect of the taxi fares review.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Director of Legal & Support Services to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new taxi fares scales as follows:-

TARIFF 1	Hiring from ranks or "flag" hirings begun between 6 am and midnight	
	Initial charge (1,215 yards or part thereof)	£1.50
	Subsequent charge (each additional 151 yards or part thereof)	10p
	Approximate cost for first mile	£1.90
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.20
TARIFF 2	Hirings from ranks or "flag" hirings begun midnight and 6 am and all pre-booked hirings begun between 6 am and midnight	
	Initial charge (1,179 yards or part thereof)	£1.60
	Subsequent charge (each additional 147 yards or part thereof)	10p
	Approximate cost for first mile	£2.00
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.20
TARIFF 3	Pre-booked hirings begun between midnight and 6 am and hirings from ranks or "flag" hirings on 25, 26 and 31 December and 1 and 2 January	
	Initial charge (1,179 yards or part thereof)	£1.80
	Subsequent charge (each additional 131 yards or part thereof)	10p
	Approximate cost for first mile	£2.30
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.40
WAITING TIME	For each period of 35 seconds or part thereof	10p
SOILING CHARGE	Charge dependent on severity up to a maximum of	£15.00
VAT	The foregoing charges are inclusive of Value Added Tax.	

**699 Application for Taxi Licence
Inverclyde Taxis Ltd**

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Decided: that the application be refused.

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**Application for Taxi Driver's Licence
Alan Brown**

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There was submitted a report dated 15 September 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Alan Brown following an objection by the Chief Constable that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of his previous convictions. The Panel heard Mr Brown in support of his application. The Panel also heard Councillor Forbes in support of the application. Following discussion, Councillor Tucker moved that the application be refused. As an amendment, Councillor Moran moved that the application be granted. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the application be refused.