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.

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

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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.

Application for Late Hours Catering Licence 17 Kempock Street, Gourock

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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

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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:

- (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 | |
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| | 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. | |

Application for Taxi Licence Inverclyde Taxis Ltd

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There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on an application from Inverclyde Taxis Ltd who had omitted to make timeous application for the licence to be renewed before it expired on 31 July 2003. The report advised that the application had been granted following consultation with the Chief Executive, Councillors Snoddy, Nimmo and McKenzie.

Noted

700 Signage on Taxis

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There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on a proposal for a change in the signage issued by the Council for the exterior of vehicles licensed as taxis.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposal for signage on vehicles licensed as taxis as set out in the report be agreed; and
- (2) that the Director of Legal & Support Services submit a report on the current general position of taxi licensing in the Inverclyde area.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

701 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence William Derek Watson

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There was submitted a report dated 24 September 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by William Derek Watson 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 conviction.

Decided: that the application be refused

702 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence Joseph John Molloy

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There was submitted a report dated 23 September 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Joseph John Molloy 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.

Decided: that the application be refused.

703 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence William Patrick Bauman

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There was submitted a report dated 23 September 2003 by the Director of Legal & Support Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by William Patrick Bauman 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 conviction. The Panel heard Mr Bauman in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be refused.

704 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.